



PRESS RELEASE

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- Wasps Legends donate £5,000 to The Change Foundation.
- Donation will support the development of blind rugby in England.

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, the past players network of Wasps, men and women, amateur and professional announced today that they have issued a small grant award of £5,000 to The Change Foundation.

The Change Foundation uses the power of sport to transform the lives of disadvantaged and at risk children and young people. The Change Foundation has been at the forefront of engaging with marginalised and at-risk young people for over 35 years. Using the power of sport and dance they deliberately target and create lasting change in the lives of young people facing some of the world's toughest challenges. In London they work with a range of vulnerable, young people who are at risk from social isolation, including; young NEETs at risk from gang involvement, young women leaving the care system, young offenders, young unaccompanied asylum seekers and young people with a disability. Their international work has taken them to 35 countries and they are currently using sport to achieve social impact outcomes with young people in Lebanon in Syrian refugee camps, in South Africa in townships and in India with disabled street children.

The £5,000 donation award will support two blind rugby training camps each year. The aims of the camps are to: give players the opportunity to learn the game; give coaches the chance to coach the game and develop their expertise and experience; to give officials the chance to referee the game and develop their expertise and experience; to give players, coaches and officials the opportunity to take part in a planning workshop aimed at creating clubs and competitions across the country. The camps will also be used to select an England squad to take part in the tri-series showcase event planned for October 2019 in Japan during the Rugby World Cup and will be run with the help of former England Coach, Andy Robinson OBE.

Andy Sellins said of the grant: "We are delighted to be partnering with the Wasps Legends to develop this new form of the game for visually impaired players. We hope that the Legends team will help us promote the game and the Legends network will help us grow the rugby family to include visually impaired players for the very first time."

Genevieve Glover, Chair of Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation said of the announcement: "Rugby is the only major sport which does not provide opportunities for blind and visually impaired players to play. We are proud to be supporting The Change Foundation as they engage with a new format of the 7-a-side touch game to allow even more players to be involved in the sport we love. We'll be watching with interest to see how the inaugural internal tri-series goes."

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Notes to editor

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation

Wasps Legends was founded in 2005 with the aim of bringing back past players; men and women, amateur and professional to raise funds for their chosen charities. In 2012, the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation was established with the aim to raise funds to support a specific project each year that is close to the hearts of the Wasps Legends family.

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