

To all IPC member organisations and athlete representatives

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Sport for Mobility: Para Athlete Professionals

Dear IPC members and athlete representatives,

We are thrilled to announce the call for applications for the Para Athlete Professionals course, part of the Sport for Mobility (SfM) project. Now in its second cohort, the initiative is designed to support retiring Paralympians in their transition from elite sport to impactful professional careers, equipping them with skills and confidence to become leaders, advocates, and changemakers within the Paralympic Movement and beyond.

Each year, up to 20 retiring Paralympians will be selected through a competitive process to participate in a structured, multi-phase training. The course includes a **five-day immersive session** at the IPC Campus in Bonn, Germany, **ten bi-monthly virtual modules**, followed by a **final project presentation week** back at the IPC Campus in Bonn, Germany. To learn more about the 2025 Cohort, please visit the [Para Athletes Professionals webpage](#).

Throughout the training, participants develop core competencies in leadership, career readiness, public speaking, digital and financial literacy, and long-term planning. The course culminates in the development and presentation of a personalised **Athlete Transition Action Plan**, delivered at the IPC Campus during the final project presentation week.

To be eligible, applicants must be Paralympians who have recently retired or plan to retire before Los Angeles 2028. **Proficiency in English and a high school diploma are required.**

Applications must be submitted by the individual using the [Para Athlete Professionals 2026 - Application Form](#), the link to which is also included in the Para Athlete Professionals Guidelines attached to this letter. Each application must also include a short video introduction and a letter of endorsement from an IPC member organisation.

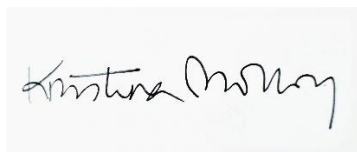
Key dates for the 2026 cohort:

- **Application period:** 25 June to 24 July 2026
- **Communication of results:** by end of August 2026
- **In-person training:** 17-21 November 2026
- **Virtual modules:** December 2026 to May 2027
- **Final project presentation week:** May 2027 (exact dates TBC)

More information on the application requirements can be found in the Para Athlete Professionals guidelines attached.

We warmly encourage you to share this opportunity with eligible athletes. Together, we can empower a new generation of Paralympians to become leaders and agents of change within the Paralympic Movement and their communities.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kristina Molloy", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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