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What is Law Enforcement Torch Run?

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics started in 1981 and has since grown into a global movement. It is a public awareness vehicle and “grass-roots” fundraiser for Special Olympics assisting to create a global sporting community transforming the lives of people with an intellectual disability.

Raising Awareness, Funds & creating opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities in Victoria



One of the goals of LETR is to champion acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement personnel and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into the Opening Ceremony of local, State, National and World Games. More than 110,000 dedicated law enforcement personnel carry the “Flame of Hope” annually. Since its inception LETR has raised more than a billion US dollars to support Special Olympics. There are over 132 LETR Programs in 40 countries across the world.

Since its formation in 2008, the Victoria LETR program has raised more than \$1.5 million for Special Olympics in Victoria.

How do law enforcement officers raise money?

Diverse fundraising strategies are used to meet the Torch Run’s annual fundraising goal including t-shirt and merchandise sales, corporate partnerships and a workplace giving program within Victoria Police.

Where do the funds go?

100% of the funds raised go directly to benefit Special Olympics Victoria athletes, their clubs, sporting events and other Special Olympics Programs like the Athlete Leadership Program and Tertiary Scholarships.

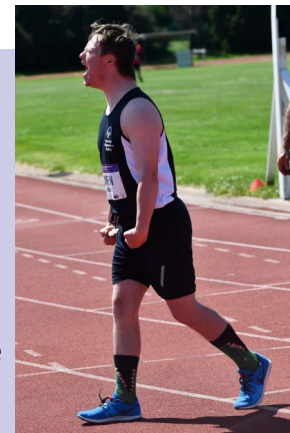
What is the Athlete Leadership Program?

The Athlete Leadership Program (ALPs) provides an opportunity for athletes to showcase their talents and interests, build confidence, and learn new skills. ALP’s encourages and supports various development opportunities for athletes through a tailored learning and mentoring program.

“No matter who we are, no matter our challenges, we all have a right and an ability to work.

It is our strengths that must be the focus”

Carlo Manolitsas, athlete & scholarship recipient



Tertiary Scholarships

LETR Victoria provides scholarships to athletes enrolled in Work Education (Sport) The courses offer participants the opportunity to gain valuable workplace awareness and skills in simulated and authentic workplace settings, improving confidence in job seeking, work place expectations and personal development. Already underpinning the ALPs LETR are excited to support Special Olympians in their educational and vocational opportunities by providing full scholarship on successful completion of the course.