What Is Unified Leadership?
Unified Leadership is an approach being pioneered by Special Olympics that empowers leaders with and without disabilities to take on new challenges and roles. It focuses on creating the best possible environment for everyone to succeed as leaders.

Unified leadership values each individual for their unique gifts, challenges stereotypes and celebrates difference. Unified leaders change unjust systems and create environments that welcome and include all in a meaningful way.

Why Is Unified Leadership Development Important?
Leading without bias and creating an empowering environment where everyone can thrive is no easy task. Equipping leaders with effective leadership skills and advanced inclusive leadership tools is very important for any forward-looking organization.

Investment In Unified Leadership Development Has A High Return
The leaders participating in the Special Olympics Leadership Academy have reported concrete, measureable results stemming from their enhanced leadership skill and confidence.

NEW ATHLETES
NEW PARTNERSHIPS
NEW RESOURCES
INNOVATIVE CAMPAIGNS
IMPROVED TEAM PERFORMANCE
INCREASED ROLES OF LEADERS

The Future
We have a bold vision for the Future of Unified Leadership as we build more inclusive communities all around the world. We continuously look for partners to reach our goals:

• Triple the number of leaders enrolled in the Academy
• Reach leaders in all of the 172 countries where we operate
• Contribute to thought leadership on inclusive learning
• Enhance our curriculum and methodology

Interested in revolutionizing leadership? Contact us!
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Commitment To Exemplary Leadership

The Leadership Academy is a strategic initiative to strengthen our global capacity and cultivate our leaders’ abilities.

With skilled leaders at the helm, we are able to impact more people with intellectual disabilities and their families, execute high quality sports and deliver on our promise of driving inclusion in society.

ACADEMY FEATURES

- Blended learning technologies
- Corporate cutting-edge curriculum
- Interactive, experiential learning
- Application via action planning
- Guest facilitators and presenters
- Individual coaching

ACADEMY FEATURES

365 leaders from 107 countries have been trained to date

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Leadership Foundations
- Influencing People
- Team Leadership
- Inclusive Leadership
- Sustainability
- Project Management

OUR LEADERS

Special Olympics works in 172 countries. Our leaders have different cultures, educational backgrounds, professional affiliations and ability levels:

- National and State Leaders
- Athlete leaders (leaders with an intellectual disability)
- Youth leaders with and without an intellectual disability

“It takes a lot of preparation, work, skill and will to deliver such a high caliber learning experience. Over the years I have attended many programs with different organizations and this Academy ranks at the top”

- Matt English, National Director, Special Olympics Ireland