

JULIE GRAY

PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICF PARACANOE COMMITTEE



Personal Details:

DoB: 14.10.62

National Federation: British Canoeing - GBR

Occupation: Retired Paediatric Physiotherapist, now Carer for parent with Alzheimers

Aims & Objectives

To continue the development of the classification system for upper limb, and its implementation, until it can be accepted by the IPC and Upper limb is included in the Paralympics.

To continue work on the provisional combined upper, lower limb and torso classification. Both the above projects will enable more athletes to compete in Paracanoe, and help to complete the first 3 impairment categories.

To continue working with the ICF Committee on the Paracanoe development project in Africa, to enable more African federations to take part in Paracanoe and to reach international standards.

Sport Information

ICF Paracanoe Committee member 2010-2021.

Also part of the Paracanoe Classification Sub-Committee

ICF Head of Classification from the time Paracanoe was first accepted by the IPC until the Rio Paralympics, 6 years.

Level 5 international classifier for the last 10 years, working at Continental and World Championship level.

Trained as a classifier in 2009, and classified athletes at the first World Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Paddling Background

British Canoeing Level 2 coach for sprint and marathon.

Run my own canoe club for young people with additional needs for 30 years – 4As won the 2019 British Canoeing Impact on Equality & Diversity Award. Through 4As, have introduced numerous young people with additional needs to canoeing both for sport and recreation.

Been involved with Paddle-Ability in the UK for 20 years. Coach both Paddle-Ability and Paracanoe athletes in the 4As club.

Highlights of my own paddling, probably doing the Liffey Descent, and a 3 day canoe trip on the Zambezi. I have competed in marathon racing, at a low level (Div 9-7) both in kayak and sit 'n switch canoe

Career Background

Paediatric physiotherapist working in the NHS for 35 years.

Experience in working with a very wide range of impairments, both physical, sensory and intellectual