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St Bernadette's Sports Day

St Bernadette's Resource Centre for adults with learning disabilities have today held their first sports event at the Victoria Stadium Tercentenary Hall, an event which was very well supported by parents, carers, and friends. The event was made possible by the support of the Gibraltar Sports & Leisure Authority, the Authority staff and, in particular, the Sports Development Officers, Victor Hermida and Michelle Turner.

The service users from St. Bernadette's had been in training for their Sports Event since September 2012. They had trained hard to help to improve their coordination, motor skills, spatial awareness, listening skills and body awareness. At the Tercentenary Hall event they were divided into teams so as to promote team work and social skills as they participated in the Caterpillar race, Obstacle course and Parachute event – constantly encouraged by a cheering crowd.

The Minister for Equality & Social Services the Hon. Samantha Sacramento presented all the athletes with medals of achievement. In addition, the GSLA has provided the members of staff at St Bernadette's with training on physical activities and members of staff were awarded a Module 1 Achievement Award by the Minister.

Minister Sacramento said 'I am delighted to be presenting both the medals to service users and certificates to the staff. The services users at St Bernadette's have been training for this event for a long time. They have been very enthusiastic in their training and have thoroughly enjoyed the day. The staff at St Bernadette's have worked hard to make this happen and they have been greatly assisted by the sports development officer from the GSLA - another perfect example of agencies working together for the benefit of the service user.'