

# Kimahrie Lee

## England Deaf Futsal Player

“I am profoundly Deaf and I am currently a teaching assistant at a Deaf School. I have played football and futsal, both at club level and also with England and GB, something which I am proud to have achieved.

These achievements comes at personal sacrifice – I have had to juggle my personal commitments, work commitments and family commitments to train, travel to matches, attend training camps and participate in championships. I am proud – it has been really hard.

I don't know if I can continue much longer if I don't have access to funding or high level coaching, nutrient support, and performance advice – all which are not cheap and not accessible for me.

I know I can achieve more with funding and I know this will be same for others who I know – and have not yet been able to achieve playing at same level of me, particularly as they are not as fortunate as me, financially, to be able to train and attend matches.

I participate in championships over last 3 years, Israel, Italy and Brazil – all which I have had to cover my own cost for travelling, accommodation and other expenses – my hearing peers have been lucky to have all their cost and accommodation covered. I am lucky I can get coaching, and support through individual and volunteers who give up their time to coach us, and the interpreter, allowing me to understand communication and express myself, ask questions and gain confidence. This is important and I know I can achieve much more with better provision, environment and structure to enable me and many others, achieve successes.”



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