Wales is a principality of 2.9 million people which is divided into 22 local authorities. Disability Sport Wales (DSW) has been part of the sporting landscape of Wales since 1995, and now combines provision and development of community, academy and performance level sport, underpinned by appropriate education and training support. In 2002, Wales offered 1200 community participation opportunities a year, rising to 600 000 by 2009; talented athletes are fed into the DSW Academy which launched in 2006 and has so far provided services to 80 emerging athletes; at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Wales contributed 31 of the 212 athletes to Team GB.