

Executive Profile

Diane Modahl (MBE)

Olympian & Commonwealth Gold Winner, Athlete & Motivator

Diane is one of Britain's most accomplished and admired middle-distance runners having represented Britain at a staggering four Olympic Games, and won Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals at the Commonwealth Games. She is also the co-founder and Chief Executive of the Diane Modahl Sports Foundation which supports young people from disadvantaged backgrounds across North-West England.

Diane is passionate about ensuring that young people from diverse and BAME backgrounds are given opportunities to lead. She says: "There is still a misconception that people from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds are predisposed to be athletes, entertainers or to work within the public sector in comparison to their non-BAME colleagues."

"Until this myth is dispelled many of us will never be seen as intelligent or having the ability to lead. You change this by having authentic and diverse representation at strategic level. If the playing field of opportunity isn't levelled, society will continue to incorrectly weight the balance of opportunity in its own likeness. The danger then becomes that we don't grow, we don't learn and we don't progress so that everyone can effectively contribute to society."

