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Reclink Australia’s Victorian Football and Cricket League is available to people of all genders, ages, cultural groups, and abilities who have experienced or are experiencing disadvantage. Direct feedback from participants has shown that being part of these leagues has created life-changing experiences. La Trobe University’s report on the effectiveness and strategic return on investment for these programs explores this in detail and can be read here [2].

Participant outcomes include better physical and mental health, greater social connectedness, less involvement with the corrections system, and improved employment outcomes and lower incidences of harmful behaviour such as problem gambling.
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