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### Birmingham welcomes Sport England

On the 21st May Sport England's entire 'Place' team, led by Senior Director, Lisa Dodd-Mayne, were welcomed by Birmingham – there were over 20 in total. Sport Birmingham, along with Birmingham City Council and The Active Wellbeing Society were part of the welcome by Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, Councillor Mariam Khan.

After the introduction and discussion about how we are working together in Birmingham, there were 3 community visits to showcase the community connectivity in some of the places identified as focus areas based on their levels of inactivity and deprivation – where great community work is happening and is being further connected through the Sport England Commonwealth Games legacy investment. The Active Birmingham programme showcased Alum Rock and the work around the Naseby centre, where local providers and national partners are developing new community sport and physical activity offerings, as well as cycling hub at Omnia GP surgery, and the Ladywood Share-shack.

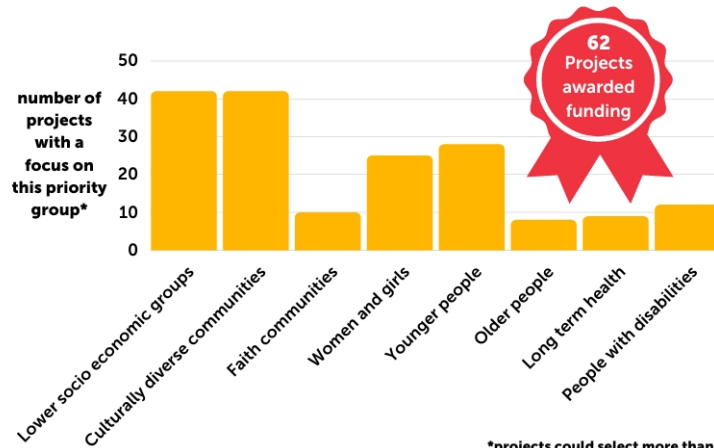
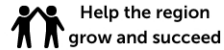
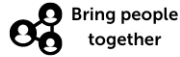
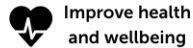
The visit gave the opportunity for our main national funder to meet and hear from a mix of local providers, and see the difference that the funding is helping to make at a local level.

### Small Grants Making a Big Difference

The Birmingham 2022 - Small Grants was a funding pot to celebrate the Commonwealth Games! Community organisations delivered events and activities across the city achieving at least one of the 3 Games Missions. Below are some key stats from the small grants roll-out.

## Birmingham 2022 - Small Grants

Funding for projects that are focused on delivering the Commonwealth Games mission to:



### Celebrating International Women's Day

#### Women's Tennis at Moseley Tennis Club

On 8th March, members of Moseley Tennis Club celebrated International Women's day, joined by representatives from Sport England and Sport Birmingham. The women's tennis group received funding from the Together Fund. Bracing games of tennis (in the snow!) were enjoyed, followed by tea and cakes in the warmth of the club house!

International Women's Day recognises the important role women play in breaking barriers and inspiring the next generation of young women to follow in their footsteps. Let's hear it for the women at Moseley Tennis Club who definitely know how to do this...even in the snow!

For more info on Women's Tennis at Moseley Tennis Club [click here](#)

For a video on the day's celebrations [click here](#)

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## Who's who!

In this issue we introduce Projects Officer Joe Dredge



Hi, I'm Joe!

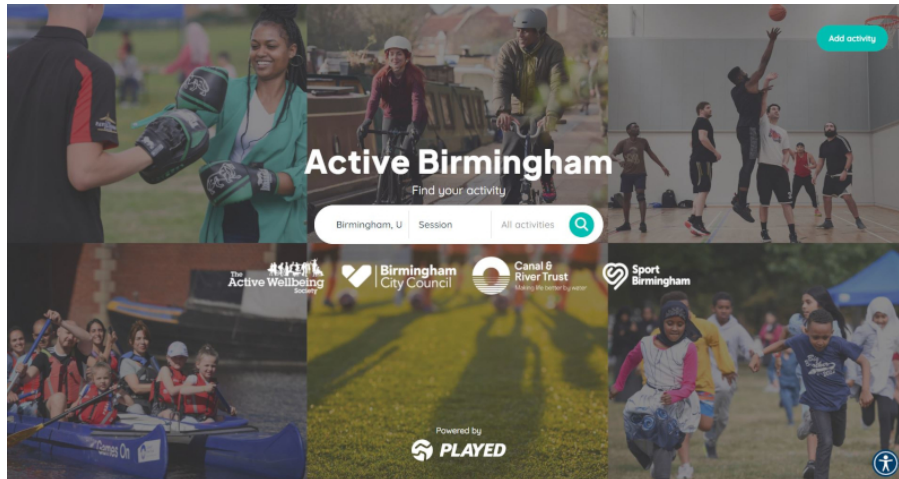
This is my first job after studying Sports, Exercise and Health Sciences at the University of Birmingham for 3 years. My specialism is in project management and marketing, and I play a central role within Sport Birmingham to keep operations running smoothly, while ensuring we produce work to a high standard. Providing insightful information to the team across different projects helps to create cohesion and improve team bonding. Outside of work I watch my local team Middlesbrough play football, albeit not very well. I regularly keep fit in the gym and my next ambition is to try powerlifting.

To meet more members of the team [click here](#)

## Celebrating six months!

It has been 6 months since the launch of Active Birmingham. With this fantastic online resource, anyone can search for opportunities to engage with sport and be active across Birmingham. Share the below link with club members, colleagues, friends and family. Lets get Brum moving!

[Click here](#) for the activity finder.



## 3x3 Legacy Fund

As part of building a lasting legacy from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Basketball England have created a 3x3 Legacy Fund to support the growth of 3x3 Basketball in communities across England.

This 3x3 Legacy Fund contains activation packages that clubs, community interest groups and schools can apply for to support the running of a 3x3 event or project. This may be a series of coaching sessions, a one-day tournament or series of tournaments. The Bronze, Silver and Gold activation packages are scaled in size to help support communities engage with 3x3 basketball.

Applications for the 3x3 Legacy Fund are opening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March and it would be great if you would be able to share the information of the fund and activation packages with your network. Basketball England would love to see as much activation as possible in the communities close to where the games happened.

Full information on what is contained in each package, along with the prerequisites to apply can be found on the funding pages of the Basketball England website or by clicking the link below.

[Click here](#) for the 3x3 legacy funding page.



Check out this video of the brilliant School Games Basketball 3x3 Tournament held last month!



### Keith is lacing up his running shoes!

We are excited to announce that our very own Sport Birmingham board member Keith Fraser will be running the London Marathon this year! This is his first marathon and he is raising money for Cure Leukaemia. To find out more about Keith's Marathon run and to donate through his Just Giving page click [here](#). We wish Keith all the very best!



### Active Birmingham Join the Charter

The charter forms part of Active Birmingham, a Birmingham 2022 legacy project. Active Birmingham supports Birmingham community networks to connect and work together better, increasing opportunity for participation in sport and physical activity. The charter was co-created by youth providers in October 2022 and launched in February 2023. Since then, the following partners have joined:

*19 Community providers*

*4 National Governing Bodies*

*1 Housing Association*

*2 Secondary Schools*

2 Councillors from Active Birmingham wards.

The charter is an agreed set of values all partners share to use monthly meeting time to share opportunities, talk about local challenges and barriers and how all organisations can collectively support the Active Birmingham communities.

For more info on how to sign up please contact our Youth Operations Manager Callam - email: [callam.dunne@sportbirmingham.org](mailto:callam.dunne@sportbirmingham.org)



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**“Strength does not come from physical capacity.  
It comes from an indomitable will.”**

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Mahatma Gandhi



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