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Pride in our Lionesses

Building on the fantastic achievement of the Women's England football team last month in the FIFA World Cup, we are determined to continue to support and encourage girls to realise their sporting dreams and ambitions. From September onwards, Sport Birmingham will proudly become an official Barclays Girls' Football School Partnership (BGFSP). The BGFSP is a nationwide scheme that aims to mainstream football in schools for girls. Supported by the Youth Sport Trust the initiative will create a network of 300 BGFSPs by 2024, each with a dedicated education expert with knowledge and understanding of education and girls' football in their local area. For more information click [here](#)

With the Women's Super League set to start in October, you can also gain support through Barclays who are offering grants aimed at encouraging and supporting more girls into football. For more information click [here](#)



IBSA World Games 2023

Birmingham was honoured to host the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games in August. Part of the event included the British Blind Sport's Activation Zone. The Sport Birmingham team got involved in the various taster sessions on offer including our chief executive Mike Chamberlain who can be seen below taking part in one of the judo taster sessions. The games involved a broad range of adapted sports including archery, blind and partially sighted football, cricket, tennis, para judo, powerlifting and showdown. Showdown is a fast paced and increasingly popular sport, similar to air hockey which uses an audible ball and paddle. Everyone was invited to take part in the fun and have a go!

Sport Birmingham coordinated the volunteer program working in partnership with the volunteer collective, utilising the skills and experience of volunteers from the Commonwealth Games. In excess of 400 volunteers were involved of which 16% had a declared disability / health condition, and 3% a declared visual impairment. Over 10,000 volunteer hours were delivered. If you are interested in volunteering you can email volunteers@sportbirmingham.org for information and signposting, you can also check out volunteering opportunities on Sport Birmingham's careers page [here](#). For more information about the IBSA World Games click [here](#).

Another sport featured at the world games was Goalball, where players try to score goals by quickly and precisely firing a ball across the court and defending shots from the opposing team using their bodies. Birmingham Goalball Club are currently looking for coaches. For more information about their coaching vacancies click [here](#).



Training Course and Webinar Update

Upcoming Club Matters workshops and webinars:

25th September - Volunteer Experience Workshop
27th September - Raising money to sustain your organisation
27th September - Developing a Marketing Strategy
28th September - Financial Planning

For more information and a full list of upcoming Club Matters workshops click [here](#)

Free Open University Sport and Fitness Courses

The Open University is currently offering a free online course 'Exploring Sport Coaching and Psychology'. For more information click [here](#)

The Open University offer a range of free sport and fitness related courses exploring a broad range of topics including sport psychology, coaching and mental health. For more information click [here](#)

Summer Camp

More Make a Difference summer camps continued throughout August at sites including Chilwell Croft Academy, Archbishop Ilsey School and Holyhead School. The camps were a fantastic opportunity for young people to come together, get active and have fun!

The young people and volunteers were invited to fill in feedback cards and were unanimous in their praise of the activities on offer and the coaching and support they received. Particularly popular activities included dodge ball, football, bowls, ackie trackie and giant outdoor board games.

Sport Birmingham is one of the providers for Bring it on Brum, part of the governments HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme. For more information click [here](#)



Steps towards supporting Mental Health!

Sport Birmingham are taking part in Mental Health UK's 20km night walk event,

At some point or another we will be affected by ill mental health, whether this be personally or a close friend/family member. Through our work across Birmingham and partnerships with Mental Health Charities, we have seen first hand the increase in the number of both young people and adults requiring support.

Please help us to raise as much money as possible to enable the charity to continue supporting people across the UK to better understand and manage their mental health. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by the whole team. Donate [here](#)



Team members taking part in GLOW left to right: Jacky, Hayley, Nikki, Ciara & James

Funding Update

Community Football Fund

The programme offers community groups the opportunity to access funding, resources and training, to make football more accessible in communities across the UK. Grantees of the Barclays Community Football Fund will also have exclusive access to Premier League and Barclays FA Women's Super League match tickets, opportunities for mascot and player appearances, as well as the chance to take part in exciting promotional activities!

- £500 Access Grant
- Female Coaches for Girls
- Disability Football
- LGBTQ+ Inclusion

The fund is currently open until the end of 2023 but may close earlier if a large volume of applications are received. For more information click [here](#)

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

The trust offers grants of up to £1500 to clubs who support people with all disabilities, (e.g. physical and learning disabilities, sensory impairment etc) to play tennis. For more information click [here](#)

Asda Foundation

Asda offers a range of grants for community oriented organisations. For more information click [here](#)

The Shackleton Foundation

The Shackleton Foundation supports social entrepreneurs with a creative vision to

Proud to Pitch

Proud To Pitch In is an initiative from Greene King IPA, paying cash grants of up to £4000 to grassroots and community sports clubs across the United Kingdom. For more information click [here](#)

Jordan Sinnott Foundation Trust

The Jordan Sinnott Foundation Trust offer grant funding to sport related charities. For more information click [here](#)

Carbon Literacy Training ❤️

Check out this link to [Carbon Literacy Training](#) offered by West Midlands Combined Authority and the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, part of the Games' sustainability ambition to create a carbon neutral legacy for the region.

The Carbon Literacy training has been developed to empower participants to make a positive impact on climate change and help to influence others around them to drive action.

On completion of the course and having successfully committed to carbon-reducing actions – participants receive accreditation as formally Carbon Literate. This is a well-recognised certificate, with the Carbon Literacy Project organisation being celebrated by the United Nations as a worldwide Transformative Action Programme.



We Are Undefeatable wants to inspire and support more people with long-term health conditions to become physically active. A long-term health condition is considered a physical or mental health condition lasting 12 months or more, that affects your ability to do daily activities. Their website features a range of activity ideas, digital tools and resources. For more information click [here](#)

We Are Undefeatable are gathering ideas from the public and professionals on the resources and support that are most needed. This will shape what they provide in future and how they work with national and local partners. For more information on the consultation and to take part click [here](#). The consultation runs until the 30th September.

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and smarter than you think."*

A. A. Milne



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