

Virtual Learning & Networking Session - Wednesday 24th June

Sport Birmingham Team	
Amy Bird - Senior Partnerships Manager (Wellbeing)	Helen Corrigan - Senior Partnerships Manager (Community)
Adam Warden - Workforce Development Manager	Alice Trevallion - Community Projects Manager
Sam Payne - Children and Young People Officer	Becks Byrne - Project Coordinator
Tom McIntosh - Operations Director	
Delegates - Group A Hosted by Adam, Alice and Amy	
Name	Organisation / Club
Hannah Green	Run Brum
Steve Jewell	Ackers Adventure
Owen Lamprey	Clifton Primary school / Continental Start Table Tennis Club
Jacqui Bull	Aquarius
Clare Mike	Birmingham BMX Club
Richard Evans	Warwickshire Cricket Board
Juliette Gerald	Victoria Road Cadets (VRECCA)
Ann Mangan	Barr Beacon
Delegates - Group B Hosted by Helen, Sam and Becks	
Name	Organisation / Club
Virginia Bailey	British Fencing
Zahida Kahn	Birmingham Mind
Joanna Baker	Moseley School

Chris Watts	Cycling Projects
Nora Ma	Envolve Wellness
Sue Peach	Barr Beacon

Hannah Green – Run Brum

Run Brum is a Birmingham based running club involving runners from all over coming to join

Actions:

- Running virtual sessions
- Competitions – Although seeing almost too many now with the space a bit saturated

Challenges:

- Attention is waning with increasing lack of engagement

Steve Jewell – Ackers Adventure

- Steve is the CEO at Ackers Adventure, an activity centre offering skiing, canoeing, tobogganing, climbing, archery etc

Actions:

- A phased re-opening from the 4th July – Starting with Skiing & Tobogganing (number limits) and eventual canoeing
- Hopeful for a possible summer camp

Positives:

- Ackers have received funding from Sport England's fund

Ideas:

- Ackers would be willing to explore the idea of opening up their space to smaller groups and clubs struggling for venues and facilities to use when starting up delivery and coming out of lockdown
 - Possible future partnering work to be benefited from
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Owen Lamprey – Clifton Primary School & Continental Stars TTC

- Owen is involved in a few external clubs which use the Clifton Primary site as well City of Birmingham Basketball Rockets and Continental Stars Table Tennis Club

Actions:

- There is now a virtual competition running for children to take part in, put together by School games Organisers

Positives:

- Lockdown has provided the opportunity to make new contacts and strengthen existing ones
- Meetings have been more productive and time has been given to thinking outside the box

Challenges:

- No external clubs will be operating on school grounds for some time
- Clubs are struggling to keep volunteers who may have been vital to the running of the club as there is little to no support for them to offer to them
- It has been consistently difficult to engage with parents

Idea:

- Taking the opportunity to put more time and attention into engaging with the SEND community
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Jacqui Bull - Aquarius

Supporting people affected by Alcohol, drugs and gambling

Actions:

- Jacqui has been continuing engagement through the best means suitable for their users, this includes phone calls and letters
- The team provide videos for users to access which includes armchair exercises and activities like recipes to follow
- They also send worksheets through the post and find that the anticipation of receiving mail has been met with real joy

Challenges:

- Users are less inclined to use technology, however there may be scope if needed that they could have some introduction to online sessions and see whether they worked for them
- Hopefully face to face engagement will be able to take place in some means soon

Positives:

- They have found that with many of their users being vulnerable or elderly they have been less inclined to use virtual sessions as a means of regular interaction, with the more personal touch of a phone call or letter through the post being really beneficial
- Users have enjoyed getting the videos from the team's volunteers and being able to join in

Ideas:

- They are considering Zoom sessions and want to see how the groups interact and whether it works for them to have live sessions and be able to see each other too
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Clare Mike – Birmingham BMX Club

- The BMX Club are hoping to reopen this weekend coming

Actions:

- The club have kept up some engagement through some virtual circuit training sessions held by national coaches, to keep muscle strength up.
- Were offered the chance to apply to British Cycling for funding

Challenges:

- Difficult to keep the participants involved as the sport isn't one easily kept going without the right facilities and peer involvement
- Expecting to lose participants

Positives:

- All participants have access to tech due to BMXing being such a online involved sport, for viewing tricks and competitions

Richard Evans – Warwickshire Cricket Board

- Supporting cricket clubs and providing information as available to help through lockdown
- Looking to learn from any best practice

Actions:

- Currently providing support and information – mainly financial signposting and accessing
- Starting phased openings with some 1 to 1 sessions
- Providing online activity through-out lockdown period

Positives:

- Have spent 2/3 months using Sport England / NGB funding and have managed to fund £1.1 million to clubs or to access funding

Challenges:

- Clubs lacking knowledge

Juliette Gerald - VRECCA

- Cadets academy supporting young people through life challenges and education in New Town

Actions:

- Regular zoom sessions keeping young people engaged and providing some routine
- Sessions include – physical activity, challenges, topical conversations and inspirational talks from older members of the community

Positives:

- They have seen continued engagement with only a few not getting involved
- Space for the young people to express themselves

Challenges:

- Lack of access for some within the community to join in, due to not having the technology or wifi/data
- This creates further disadvantage and bigger divides for those left out

Ideas:

- Continued working with Sport Birmingham and potential linking with other projects or initiatives to help lesson these gaps and continue engaging these young people and their community

Ann Mangan – Barr Beacon - Netball Club

Actions:

- Zoom sessions have been provided

Positives:

- Suggestion from England Netball to apply to then for funding, however with no facilities to cover the costs of, this hasn't been necessary.

Virginia Bailey - British Fencing:

Actions:

- Immediate response was to ensure core programmes were looked after – moving big projects online.
- Have taken learnings from this to feed into possible changes and how we move forward.
- Looking at events and possibility of using Birmingham as a hub to run events including Senior National Championships.

Positives:

- Zoom sessions not just used for fencing – encouraging the importance of staying connected and the sharing of resources
- Keeping in touch with members to ensure they have all the information they need.

Challenges::

- Decrease in membership throughout lockdown – concerns about membership and the future.
- Still no clearer on what we can do moving forward – confusion from government but hopeful to see something soon and hopefully fencing back up in September.

London Youth research about impact of COVID on the youth sector and issues around accessibility to tech and accessing online materials. Shared report here - <https://londonyouth.org/running-on-reserves-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-londons-youth-sector/>

Zahida - Birmingham Mind

- just starting back as a team and getting connected again.
- Was previously working with AVFC and BCFC doing lots of projects but have all been on hold.

Actions:

- beginning to start back up and establishing links again and seeing where we can get back into the community and linking up with organisations.
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Joanna - Moseley School

- Now looking at how to get re-established with staffing models and focus on the importance of information gathering.

Challenges:

- Lots of queries from football about using facilities etc – but how do we explain the information to clubs?

Are school facilities due to open in summer??

- Filling in lots of risk assessments for openings of school facilities.
 - Noted that a lot of primary schools are considering opening in summer but only for pupils of that school – not looking like the typical community summer camps that have run in previous years.
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Chris Watts - Cycling Projects

- joint working between Midland Mencap and Cycling Projects. Have been supporting Midland Mencap with online information and content.

Positives:

- zoom meetings with families to keep in touch and stay connected.
- some new family enquiries in lockdown and restarting of delivery on a 1-1 family basis.
- Midland Mencap are working with a wider network and have accessed funding for tablets etc for families who may not have access to tech.
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Actions:

- Looking at delivery protocols as to what this delivery may look like especially with groups.
 - Using the opportunity that the walking and cycling profile has been raised in this time to highlight importance of cycling – also for those with disabilities and wider accessibility.
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Nora Ma - Envolve Wellness

Positives:

- converting a number of projects online including an elderly session for people with high risk of falls to get them moving and Autism friendly Boxercise.
- Connecting with North Birmingham – use to only be able to deliver in Central Bham and Solihull and connecting with other groups (gardening groups).
- Different types of online materials – zoom, Facebook live and pre-recorded sessions and YouTube

Challenges:

- Engagement has been up and down throughout lockdown.

Actions:

- Thinking of starting new sessions weekends or afterschool
 - focus on remaining present on social media.
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Sue - Barr Beacon Netball Club

Positives:

- Zoom training sessions for the girls and manager sessions focused also on wellbeing to make sure all girls are doing okay
 - Lots of support from England Netball
 - Hasn't been as bad as others so staying positive!
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A number of sessions moved online –important not to focus on the numbers, even 4/5 is still good to be attracting and engaging with people. More a focus on keeping in touch and connected in this time.

