



Active Black Country Inclusion Forum minutes

7th June 2019

No	Item
1	<p><u>Welcome / Introductions</u></p> <p>Dan Allen chaired the meeting, welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance</p>
2	<p><u>Previous Forum headlines</u></p> <p>Daniel Allen updated forum members of the key topic discussed at the last forum meeting (March 2019), which centred around Inclusive cycling. Clear need for disability cycling provision in the Black Country as there is currently no provision. Sport England have launched a capital investment programme entitled “places to ride” which provides an opportunity to purchase capital items such as a large storage container and wide range of mainstream and adaptive bikes. Plans are to work with partners such as Transport for West Midlands, Cycling projects U.K, Midland Mencap , Local authorities and other local organisations to potentially create “wheels for all centres” in appropriate parks across the Black Country. We are currently in a consultation phase of these developments with a planned “Wheels for All” Inclusive cycling day at Hadley Stadium (Sandwell) on 13th June 2019 10am – 3pm.</p>
3	<p><u>Accessibility Games</u></p> <p>Dennis Kennedy ran his organisations first accessibility games which is a multisport event for people with adaptive needs. The event was delivered in Birmingham and was very successful with good take up of participants and a wide range of sports on offer. Dennis has provisionally booked Addersley Stadium (Wolverhampton) for 18th October 2019 for a Black Country Accessibility games. ABC will be supporting this event and will be coordinating a steering group in lead up to the event and will be sending out invites to partners.</p>
4	<p><u>Mind</u></p> <p>Unfortunately, Sandra Vaughan was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>
5	<p><u>Rethink Mental Illness</u></p> <p>Luke Pilot-Rethink mental illness- Offer various different services/advice/support groups of people who are experiencing mental health experiences and peer support to improve social isolation with 3-year project, pilot has been done They require 20 groups each year to do sport and physical activity what constitutes as a group? = has to have gone through registration DBS, venue check etc</p>
6	<p><u>Birmingham F.A</u></p> <p>Jasbir Batt- Birmingham FA- 2 projects- wellbeing and recovery festivals & think football various different platforms in trying to get people with mental health experiences to engage with their programme. Asking groups what they want and putting on tailored sessions to suit their needs i.e. 5v5/7v7 tournaments. Also incorporating life skills support through football i.e. consistency within programmes</p>
7	<p><u>Coach Core/Menu of training</u></p> <p>Sanjay Bensal- Active Black Country (Workforce)</p>

	<p>Menu of training available to partners based on demand- i.e. behaviour change, managing challenging behaviour, Inclusive Activities programme. As well as minimum operating standards first aid training/safeguarding/mental health awareness in sport and physical activity</p> <p>Bursary support via our satellite club programme- Dependent on demand of workforce audiences in existing and new satellite clubs we are able to support via a bursary covering some of the costs for a specific qualification. Candidate is then expected to put back voluntary hours into the sat club to ensure sustainability.</p> <p>Coach Core Apprenticeship- level 2 in community activator qualification/level 2 multi skills. Funding support of up to £5000 from Royal Foundation with employer costs. Looking for black country employers who are keen to take on an apprentice in sport and physical activity.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Mark Knight- Activity alliance</p> <p>Mark Knight is covering Mark Fosbrook’s role as he has been seconded over to West Midlands Combined Authority. Mark Knight will be working with partners across the West Midlands on key projects. Activity Alliance are currently working with ABC to deliver Inclusive Activity Programme (IAP) workshops across the Black Country.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Sense- sport England project extension - football sensory projects taking place at sense in its infancy. Organising Connecting Differently Through Sport workshops which focuses on the wider skills around delivering a session, for example communicating with participants who are deaf, blind, and have various different needs. Working with ABC workforce lead to deliver workshops within Black Country.</p> <p>Greg Southall - Aston Villa Foundation run sociable blind and visually impaired football sessions. The needs of every participant are met as planning focusses on including everybody. These sessions don’t focus on becoming elite they prioritise enjoyment and friendship through football. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners to take up the game.</p> <p>When: 1.30pm-2.30pm Thursday’s fortnightly (term time only)</p> <p>Where: The Academy Building, Aston Villa Football Club, North Stand Car Park, Villa Park, B6 6QE</p> <p>Contact: debby.rawson@avfc.co.uk / 0121 327 2299/ Cost: Free of charge</p> <p>Birmingham F.A – They are launching a refugee and asylum seekers football initiative and would like to work with partners who have reach into these audiences. please contact Mizran Rahman (Inclusion Lead) - Mizan.Rahman@birminghamfa.com</p> <p>Forward planner of future meetings</p> <p>The next Inclusion and Diversity Forum meeting will be on Friday 7th June 2019 (Theme tbc) and a doodle poll for timings will be sent out.</p> <p>Future forum meeting dates are as follows:</p> <p>Friday 16th August 2019</p> <p>Friday 8th November 2019</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>The next Inclusion and Diversity Forum meeting will be on Friday 20th September 2019 (Theme tbc) and a doodle poll for timings will be sent out in due course.</p>