

Sussex Disability Sports Network - online forum 08.06.2021

1. Activity Alliance's Strategy 'Achieving Fairness' - 2021 to 2024

- Well received - very clear strategy based on insight
- Interesting to see how they plan to monitor and evaluate progress
- National to local – How can the SDSN can support the four strategic objectives.
 - Perhaps we can we look at how we can embed the framework locally at a future forum?

2. Equality & your work

- Disability specific compared with general inclusion and perhaps less focus on other characteristics
- How do we reach the whole community, taking provision to a wider community?
- Parkinson's UK Magazine - looking at diverse imagery = is there an opportunity to share more localised diverse imagery?
- Training courses around particular characteristics - not always best done in house, often
- external providers are better placed to deliver and challenge and bring lived experiences to the table
- Lord Taverners is progressive in their approach to wider diversity
- AITC - intermediate standard, have an equality working group, looking at how they are best servicing community
- Even if disability is a key focus for an organisation we need a peripheral vision to ensure we are picking up a wider understand of the other characteristics and inequalities that lie in our communities
- Will provide great opportunities to connect with more people in the community
- Gather different experiences, learn from others = VOICES
- Intention is key and it's the fundamentals of what they are doing

3. Partner updates - What have you been doing/planning

Rix & Kay, Bruce Hayter

Keen to hold another event to bring partners together to network and talk about strategic objectives - happy to commit funding to support Active Sussex to do this for the SDSN. Crawley Rugby Club very progressive and have been doing some excellent pieces of work with the South Asian community to encourage use of their social space. Supporting new Cricket hubs and also representing the Sussex Football league.

Sussex Cricket, Aroop Tanna

4 key Cricket clubs running sessions for people with a disability.

Sept 16 - DiscoverABILITY date - Details TBC and will share in due course.

Transport can still be an issue, and will reflect on the first session as many of them are in the evening and may face challenges compared to organisations being buses of participants in the day. Keen to link up with Community Transport Sussex again.

Sound Tennis Sussex & East Sussex Vision Support, Paul Gillett

Tennis is back and hoping to be back to doing outreach work soon.

Transport an issue – would like to connect with Community Transport Sussex.

Volunteers not as comfortable supporting at the moment.

East Sussex Vision Support - TIF activity with Defiant sport - reaching out to older people who may have lost confidence.

AITC, Paul Brackley

Nearly all programmes back up and running - really good attendance and everyone positive and receptive to coming back.

New SEND provision in development at moment – will keep network posted.

Sussex Bears, Ricky Perrin

Training back up and running but not physical games due to restrictions under GBWB.

Inspire a generation = 6 free sessions (Moulsecoomb, Falmer and Eastbourne)- have connected with youth workers to get them linked in. Will send info to share with network once available.

Hoping to run a Coaching qualification in Sussex - Looking to train up around 50 L2 coaches to deploy into the community and schools.

Sports chairs gifted to children at schools so they can participate with their peers.

Getting around 3 or 4 calls a week from NHS/Health professionals about signposting in to Wheelchair basketball and activities – promoting wider provision.

Parkinsons UK, Janine Starling

Meet up with groups again after 21 July.

Blended approach - as many people's symptoms have increased due to covid so this offers a good option to keep people engaged.

Online educational training course for Sports & fitness professionals around Parkinson's awareness – Will share with the network once available.

Action plan for Sussex – get in touch if you'd like to support jstarling@parkinsons.org.uk

Neurokinex, Sean O'Sullivan

Neurological conditions, spinal injury, stroke, brain injury.

Neuro rehab - maximising function.

Want to link more people into opportunities so please get in touch.

Active Sussex, Gemma Finlay-Gray

This Girl Can week – 12-19 June = Please get involved.

Active Sussex Conference/AGM – SAVE THE DATE - 23 September 2021. There will be a session focusing on Equality.

Will share details regarding Community Transport Sussex.

Workforce Investment learning event - for more information and bookings please [click here](#).

4. Next SDSN forums

- Hopefully outside face to face informal get together with some covid safe activities at University of Brighton on Thursday 12 August 10-12 - SAVE THE DATE
- Another virtual forum will also be arranged in the coming months.