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London Sport Headlines

NEWS: London Sport commits to being anti-racist

London Sport have joined Active Partnerships across England in committing to being an anti-racist organisation and tackling inequality. CEO Tove Okunniwa shares her reflections on our #RacialEqualityCommitment [here](#).

NEWS: London Sport welcomes return of indoor sport

With adults indoor sport permitted for the first time in 2021, London Sport CEO [Tove Okunniwa shares her thoughts](#) on the move into Step 3 of the government's roadmap and it's implications for physical activity and sport in London.

NEWS: Inspiring programmes and communication development

London Sport's Head of Insight Dan Stracey considers how the pandemic might have impacted certain less active segments within London and how the research can continue to inform ongoing work across the capital. [Read his blog here](#).

NEWS: Safe and familiar facilities can get young people active

London Sport's Strategic Advisor for Children and Young People, Gary Palmer, looks at how [opening up school facilities can play a major role](#) in getting London's young people active post-pandemic and the data behind London Sport's funding priorities.

CASE STUDY: Children's mental health benefits from activity

There is no shortage of evidence to the fact that physical activity can have a hugely positive impact on the mental health and wellbeing of adults and children. We spoke to [OPAL](#), [The Daily Mile](#), [Evolve](#), [Fulham Reach Boat Club](#) and [Mini Mermaids](#) to see what they've been up to.

NEWS: How tech can support a safe return to activity

With concerns over sustainability and growing inequalities across the sector, Spond CEO Trine Falnes shares her belief, in an exclusive guest blog for London Sport, that technology can be a vital tool to help bridge gaps and rebuild. [Read more](#).

NEWS: Sport England publish action plan to kick-start new strategy

On 12 May the [one-year action plan](#) covering now until March 2022 sets out key goals for the next year and outlines investments and actions being taken over the coming months including investment in workforce, communities and launching of new programmes including Studio You.

London Sport Calendar

Date		Location	Notes
	June		
w/c 07/06 - 16/07	Nominations for the London Sport Awards	Online	More info
Tuesday 29 June	Sport and Physical Activity Network	Online	More info
	July		
Thursday 1 July	Primary School Co-ordinators on Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing	Online	More info
	September		
w/c 20 th	Active London		More info
	December		
6 th December	London Sport Awards	Guildhall	More info

London Sport Updates

Funding

LONDON SPORT: Opening School Facilities funding

[See Children and Young People](#)

FUNDING: Inspiring active communities

Versus Arthritis have Tackling Inequalities funding from Sport England to reduce the negative impact of covid-19 and the widening of the inequalities in sport and physical activity through increasing availability of exercise opportunities in local communities. [The fund](#) will be available to organisations to help support people with long-term health conditions to get active via grants of between £1,000 and £5,000.

FUNDING: Designing London's Recovery Programme

The Mayor of London, with the Design Council, has launched a programme placing design-led innovation at the heart of London's covid-19 recovery. Organisations can apply for a share of £500,000 to help respond to three key challenges. The [deadline for applications](#) is 15 June.

OPPORTUNITY: Sustainability and fundraising support

StreetGames have organised a programme of eight different learning webinars for the sector covering; investment, demonstrating the need, writing fundraising plans, budget plans and terminology, monitoring and evaluation and more. The free sessions have been devised to cater for different levels of experience. [Email Emma](#).

FUNDING: Funding for Black-led charities and social enterprises

Organisations can apply for unrestricted grants of £5,000 or £12,500 to help them, develop new enterprising activities and earned income strategies, test the viability of specific propositions and develop clear implementable action plans. The people benefitting should identify as Black or Mixed with Black. [Deadline 25 June](#).

FUNDING: Sporting Capital Fund

A [social investment fund](#) operating with the objective of helping organisations that make a difference by developing people and communities through sport. The fund provides loans to support organisations become financially sustainable by creating new, or retaining and expanding existing, revenue streams. Loans up to £150,000.

FUNDING: Henry Smith, Strengthening Communities

This [fund](#) focuses on funding small charitable organisations working at grassroots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty. Between £20,000 and £60,000 can support work for one to three years. Rolling deadline.

FUNDING: Opportunities through sport fund

The Peter Harrison Foundation seeks to support sporting activity or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. They will consider applications for capital, revenue or project funding. [Apply here](#).

FUNDING: Kits for Kids funding

The [Poundland Foundation](#) is looking to support local sports clubs or organisations looking to support their teams with kit of equipment up to a cost of £750.

FUNDING: Central Social and Recreational Trust fund

Grants are available for sports clubs and organisations to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure for the benefit of disadvantaged children who are under 21. [Funding is available](#) for equipment for club members, or maintenance of properties, as long as the property is owned by the club or there is a significant lease period.

FUNDING: Tesco Community Grants

Up to £1,500 of Tesco funding is available to support good causes that focus on supporting children and families, including, breakfast and holiday clubs, activities to support mental health, activities or equipment to reduce social isolation, equipment/kit for sports teams, services or equipment to support health issues such as cancer or dementia and equipment for village/community halls. [Apply now](#).

FUNDING: DWF Charitable Foundation

[One-off funding](#) for projects that address issues of homelessness, employability, education, health and well being by tackling a specific community issue, helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient encouraging the involvement in the community of those too often excluded, enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community.

Children and Young People

LONDON SPORT: Opening School Facilities funding

London Sport are offering schools the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help open or re-open their school facilities outside of school hours for local young people. Learn more about our [priority boroughs on our website](#). Funding opened on a rolling basis on June 1 and closes on Sunday 4 July.

OPPORTUNITY: Sign up for StreetGames Conference 2021

StreetGames virtual conference will look at [The Power of Place](#) – stronger communities and brighter futures through Doorstep Sport. The importance of locally trusted organisations, providing positive activity in their neighbourhoods is becoming increasingly recognised as a means of tackling inequalities. This subject will be explored across six themes with all 30 sessions accessible for £20.

OPPORTUNITY: Explore Boing playgames through Zoom

Boing, a high-quality, Sport England-funded, learning-through-play programme that helps young people discover the joy in physical activity are offering virtual coaching courses. All courses are delivered in partnership with Sport England and are CIMPSA endorsed. Join the [next Boing training day](#) on Monday 21 June at 3.30pm.

CASE STUDY: London Sport fund YCAG to get children active post-lockdown

The Young Citizen Action Group (YCAG) received £10,000 of funding from London Sport to deliver youth activities to young people, which would be decided by the participants to get them active after lockdown. More than 700 young people completed a survey to understand more about their lockdown experiences with the results informing what activities were offered. [Find out more](#).

OPPORTUNITY: Nominate your Active School Hero

Nominations are now open for Active School Hero. Do you know a primary school teacher or staff member that has kept children active throughout the covid 19 pandemic? If you do, [nominate here](#) to have their achievements recognised.

RESOURCE: New Activity Recovery Hub launched

Sport England have teamed up with Youth Sport Trust to develop and launch a new Activity Hub. [The Active Recovery Hub](#), which has been funded by the National Lottery, provides schools, local authorities, and families with easy access to free resources that'll help children reach 60 minutes of physical activity a day.

NEWS: New London Youth Games Chair shares her ambitions

The youngest ever Chair of the London Youth Games says she is determined to inspire more young women and girls from under-represented backgrounds to step forward and take up positions of responsibility and leadership following her appointment. Watch the [short film](#) broadcast by Sky Sports.

OPPORTUNITY: Supporting children with autism to be active

[See Inclusion and Disability](#).

Inclusion and Disability

FUNDING: Inclusive outdoor sports sessions for disabled people

Disability Sports Coach have launched their 2021 summer programme of inclusive outdoor sports sessions for disabled people. The sessions, which are available across nine boroughs, can be booked [via this link](#).

INSIGHT: Diversity in Cycling, pathways for Muslim women.

Diversity in cycling is a collaborative grassroots project written by cyclists for cyclists asking the question why, even in a multiracial city like London are cycling clubs and the cycling scene so white? This [interview with Carolyn Axtell](#) looks at the work she and others are doing supporting Muslim Women to take up cycling.

RESOURCE: Active at Home resource from Sense

The national charity Sense has released [new resources](#) aimed at supporting people with multiple or complex disabilities to be active at home. The [Making Sense of Mini-Games](#) resource includes step-by-step instructions and activity cards including games that can be enjoyed with little or no equipment, or in any sized space.

RESOURCE: Guidance for clubs to improve access for disabled people

Activity Alliance, working with access expert Jean Hewitt, have put together a guide to support sports clubs to improve access for disabled people. The [downloadable resource](#) will take you through main areas of physical access and signpost you to sources of further information and support.

RESOURCE: Sense Active launch new virtual training with UK Coaching

Sense Active has partnered with UK Coaching, to launch '[Connecting Differently Through Sport](#)', a new online learning classroom to ensure anyone facilitating activities for those with sensory impairments or complex disabilities feel better equipped and more confident. The course is accredited by CIMSPA.

OPPORTUNITY: Supporting children with autism to be active

Zimizam supports the mental wellbeing and physical literacy skills of young children with autism through fun, digital games. Already piloting in schools, Zimizam is looking for community groups, schools and organisations who would like to use the technology to support children in their community. Email [Matthew](#) for more.

NEWS: England Touch Association launch first LGBTQ+ strategy

In publishing its first [Transgender, Non-Binary and Gender Diverse Policy](#), the England Touch Association is taking a big step forward in its ambitions to make their sport even more inclusive. This policy, published as part of the Association's Pride Month activities, is part of their strategy to remove all participation barriers.

Facilities & Space

RESOURCE: Swim England to help develop aquatics businesses

Swim England has launched an innovative project to help develop aquatics businesses and increase the opportunities for people to go swimming. The business solutions initiative aims to incorporate industry leading insight, experience and best practice to help leisure providers create sustainable solutions. [Find out more.](#)

INSIGHT: One in three councils expect to close leisure centres forever

A new survey reveals for the first time the devastating impact of the pandemic on leisure centres. Over 100 leisure centres could go bust due to coronavirus crisis, some within three months. [Councils have called on government](#) for urgent rescue funding to combat the escalating mental health and obesity crisis.

INSIGHT: Latest Green Index finds green space not equally accessible to all

The [Green Space Index](#) is Fields in Trust's annual barometer of publicly accessible local park and green space provision. Despite their value for health, wellbeing, community and environment, some parts of Britain have access to half the green space as others and the standard is below optimum.

NEWS: Half of pools, gyms and leisure centres in England at risk

More than half of public leisure facilities in England could close in the next six months unless the government provides greater financial support, the prime minister has been warned. Around 400 gyms, pools and community centres have shut since the start of the pandemic. [Read the full story.](#)

INSIGHT: The social benefits of blue space: systematic review

An Environment Agency [report](#) presents the findings of a systematic review of the social benefits of Blue Space carried out by the Environment Agency's Social Science team between April and September 2018. The work sought to build on evidence already produced across government as part of the Blue Space and Green Space research agendas to inform policy and practice.

INSIGHT: Townscapes, the value of social infrastructure

The [policy report](#) from the University of Cambridge Bennett Institute for Public Policy argues that investing in social infrastructure (physical spaces and community facilities) may as important as physical infrastructure for rebalancing the prospects of the UK's nations, regions, cities and towns.

INSIGHT: Challenges faced by Leisure Providers

Kirsty Cumming, CEO of Community Leisure UK, [shares her thoughts](#) on the challenges being faced by leisure centre operators as they work to reopen with the Club Matters programme from Sport England.

EVENT: Delivering multi-functional green infrastructure across Europe

Over the last four years, the PERFECT project has built a strong economic case for investment in green infrastructure by demonstrating the multiple benefits that these assets provide for communities. [Watch](#) the conference back.

People, Places and Communities

LONDON SPORT: Women and Physical Activity research launched

London Sport together with AudienceNet have complete the research stage of a project designed to change how physical activity and sport is perceived, delivered and led by women in East London. The new [research resources](#) explore the role of local influencers (people/places/platforms) in reaching and engaging less active women in physical activity and sport, focusing on diverse communities.

OPPORTUNITY: Sustainability and fundraising support

[See Funding.](#)

RESOURCE: 'FREEdom bike project' - cycling solutions for social prescribing

Peddle My Wheels run cycling schemes including a social prescribing scheme called the [FREEdom bike project](#). The project provides a free bike to the prescriber complete with lights, lock and helmet, insurance and maintenance cover. All staff are qualified instructors to build confidence during cycle sessions.

OPPORTUNITY: Support for clubs coming out of covid-19

[See Workforce and Club Development.](#)

OPPORTUNITY: Train to become a swim teacher or an RLSS lifeguard for free

[See Workforce and Club Development.](#)

INSIGHT: Left behind? Understanding communities on the edge report

The foundational research published by Local Trust and Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) suggests that places to meet, connectivity – both physical and digital – and an active, engaged community are vital to secure better social and economic outcomes for people living in deprived neighbourhoods. [Read the report.](#)

NEWS: Football unites police and local community in Croydon

A year-long partnership between community influencers, charities and the Met Police created by community activist Anthony King has been working to increase trust between the police and young black males through developing constructive activities that divert young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour. [Read more here.](#)

RESOURCE: Sustainable community development - TEDx

Leading Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) expert Cormac Russell explores how we can help people to live a good life by shifting our focus away from trying to right what's wrong within a community, and instead starting with what's strong. Recorded in 2016 the principles hold true today, [watch here.](#)

NEWS: Sported release new 4-year strategy

Sported's new strategy [Reach. Include. Empower](#) aims to strengthen the local workforce and build the resilience of community sports groups. Working through the network of 2,500 grassroots groups they aim to improve wellbeing, tackle inequalities and connect communities.

Physical Activity for Health

LONDON SPORT: Physical activity update for social prescribers/link workers

A new London Sport workshop is designed for link workers who have attended our one-day training session, or those working in social prescribing or referral programmes, who would like to top-up their knowledge about the latest physical activity offers around London. [Find out more.](#)

INSIGHT: Social prescribing helps people's long-term health and wellbeing

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson talks about the challenges she's faced throughout her career and how she's motivated herself to get to where she has. With Dr Radha Modgil, they also [discuss the ways social prescribing](#) helps people's long-term health and wellbeing and the important role link workers have to support this.

OPPORTUNITY: Free e-learning for moving health programme

Public Health England's [free e-learning](#) module on physical activity and health familiarises learners with physical activity guidelines, the underpinning evidence base for physical activity's role in preventing and managing a range of common conditions, how to incorporate the guidelines into their daily clinical care, motivational interviewing techniques. The suite also includes a pregnancy and postnatal module developed in partnership with ukactive and the Active Pregnancy Foundation.

INSIGHT: Supporting Adult Learning Service users to get active

London Plus, who co-ordinate the National Academy for Social Prescribing's 'Thriving Communities' programme in London, are showcasing how Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service are using social prescribing to support services users to get active. [Learn more here.](#)

OPPORTUNITY: Versus Arthritis seeks fitness professionals

Versus Arthritis are looking to support and train six physical activity champions to deliver sessions for people with arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions. Interested individuals should be qualified to level 2 personal trainer or equivalent, live in or near Merton, Camden or Southwark. The charity provide training into the conditions and how to deliver to people with arthritis and mentoring. Apply [here.](#)

NEWS: National ReferAll Database seeks to unlock best practice for referrals

Ukactive, the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine and ReferAll have developed the NRD to bring together data captured from 123 exercise referral schemes across the UK and using this to identify good practice and improve experiences and delivery in future. [Read more.](#)

Technology for Participation

LONDON SPORT: How technology can support a safe return to activity
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NEWS: SportsTech Startups to Aid The Roadmap Out of Lockdown
Sport Tech Hub have highlighted five exciting SportsTech start-ups within our community that aim to make managing and finding facilities and sessions easier out of lockdown. As restrictions continue to lift and people's confidence increase, more in-person and group sessions will be taking place. [Read more here.](#)

NEWS: Academics and entrepreneurs give evidence to House of Lords
Academics and entrepreneurs have given evidence on the role of technology in getting more people active to The House of Lords Sport and Recreation Committee. [Two evidence sessions](#) examined the role of technology in encouraging healthy and active lifestyles with the Committee exploring how technology, often blamed for encouraging sedentary lifestyles, can instead be harnessed to get people active.

CASE STUDY: Playfinder and GLL partner to fill spare capacity
This case study shows how by sharing data with Playfinder, GLL has generated over £1 million in revenue, attracted new customers and tackled underutilisation at their sport facilities. [Read more here.](#)

CASE STUDY: Playfinder and Pitchero agree partnership
Playfinder and Pitchero have agreed on a partnership to allow for Pitchero clubs to move to online bookings by integrating with Playfinder's booking system, Bookteq. Bookteq is an intuitive booking software that helps clubs to manage bookings and customers, and take payments online. [More here.](#)

CASE STUDY: Five ways to stay healthy when you return to the office
Racefully are excited to announce their collaboration with Feedr, the food tech startup that delivers healthy individual meals to office workers. The partnership provides Racefully clients with an exclusive £100 discount when they sign up for a trial on Feedr. [Find out more.](#)

Workforce & Club Development

LONDON SPORT: Next Workforce Network to focus on recovery

The next [Sport and Physical Activity Workforce Network](#) will focus on sharing the data from UK Coaching's State of Coaching Survey to provide a deeper understanding of what coaches are saying they need to return to play and support their participants.

OPPORTUNITY: Support for clubs coming out of covid-19

Club Matters' ['Building Back Stronger' workshop](#) offers clubs support and ideas to cope with the impact of Covid and return to play. This free, two-hour workshop takes clubs through a process of assessing their current situation, tackling identified issues and implementing recovery strategies to plan for the future.

OPPORTUNITY: Instructors wanted for This Girl Can Classes

EMD UK are launching This Girl Can classes, in partnership with Sport England's This Girl Can campaign, aimed at less active women. If you're an instructor who is passionate about getting women active then become a This Girl Can instructor. EMD are also keen to speak to operators, local authorities and venues who would like to put this on your fitness timetable. [Register your interest](#).

OPPORTUNITY: Train to become a swim teacher or an RLSS lifeguard for free

Courses by Triton Training are available to London residents, aged 16+ who have the right to work in the UK, are economically inactive or unemployed and not in education or training. Courses are being run online, via a live webinar with a tutor for theory. Practical sessions will be planned with learners at a later date. [More here](#).

NEWS: Community coaching structure expected to be severely hit by Covid

[Research](#) commissioned by the Sport and Recreation Alliance has shown that organisations are expected to lose a significant number of their paid coaching workforce as physical activity re-emerges from lockdown.

RESOURCE: New #SaferCultureSaferSport campaign from Ann Craft Trust

The new campaign supports organisations to focus on their culture and consider ways to create an environment where people are confident that their concerns will be listened to, continuous learning is encouraged and the organisation is led with positive values. You can explore the [dedicated resources](#) and [podcast](#) series.

NEWS: Supporting, safeguarding and regulating the workforce

CIMSPA are inviting sport and physical activity sector to engage with phase 2 of the Sporting People work within Sport England's new ten-year strategy through [online focus groups and/or online questions](#). Suitable for frontline delivery workforce, safeguarding leads, CEOs, senior leadership teams, board members, elite sport staff and human resources.

NEWS: CIMSPA and UKCoaching give evidence to House of Lord's

The Lord's Sport and Recreation Committee held an evidence session with the CEO of CIMSPA, Head of Policy and Impact at UK Coaching and Director of The Magic Academy to hear about the current state of coaching and volunteering. [Watch back](#).

General News

INSIGHT: Learn to lobby and influence with the Alliance

The Sport and Recreations Alliance are launching [The Policy Playbook](#), an event on Wednesday 30 June which will support attendees to understand and engage with Whitehall, Westminster, local government and effectively lobby for change learn from ourselves, The three sessions are delivered by SRA, MPs and sector leaders.

OPPORTUNITY: Join us at House of Sport

Looking to downsize your office but not your office experience? Or perhaps you are looking for a desk space away from the work-from-home? [House of Sport](#) have a number of opportunities to join our co-working space in Borough alongside other organisations harnessing the power of physical activity and sport for social good.

Jobs

Head of Marketing and Partnerships (Surrey FA)

Surrey FA are seeking to recruit an inspiring and motivated individual to join them as their Head of Marketing & Partnerships who will lead a team and be responsible for managing and developing our marketing operations and communications plan to deliver our strategy and enhance the image, profile and reputation of the Surrey FA.

New River Sports Centre and Football Manager

Haringey Council need a manager to proactively run the New River Sports Centre and the Council's other key outdoor sports facilities at locations in Haringey. You will deliver both a strong commercial performance as well as achieving the Council's social value ambitions. Deadline: 13 June.

New River Sport and Physical Activity Officer

Reporting to the New River Sports Centre Manager, this role will focus on increasing participation and improving income generation at the centre. You will also lead on growing football both at the centre and in other locations within Haringey. Deadline: 13 June.

Keeping up to date with London Sport

These updates are sent on the first week of each calendar month. If you would like us to consider content for inclusion, ensure this has been sent by the first of each month.

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