

What is the Together Fund?

The Together Fund was a continuation of the Tackling Inequalities Fund, initially set up in April 2020 as part of Sport England's support package to help the sport and physical activity sector through the coronavirus (Covid 19) crisis. It aimed to reduce the inequality gap across our communities.

National insight reinforced that those disproportionately affected by the pandemic were also significantly impacted when it came to being physically active. Therefore, a further £20 million of National Lottery funding was committed to reducing this inequality gap, and the funding prioritised supporting those most in need to become more active.

This report tells the story of how the funding was spent and the impact it has had across the two counties.

“ We received £440,302 allowing us to work with organisations in South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire who support: People with long-term health conditions, disabled people, lower socio economic groups, culturally diverse communities, women and girls. ”



Our approach

We adopted a hybrid approach based on what insight told us would work best in each district. We had a solicited bid process meaning we could work with the communities that needed it the most, and we worked with a variety of partners to generate new connections locally.

Our communities team distributed the funding between districts based on data related to inactivity, Indices of Multiple Deprivation and knowledge of other funding available at the time. We also considered any current investment through partners across our nine districts.

Due to the size of the investment, we were unable to support every community. Projects in Calderdale received a small amount of funding, and there was none provided to Doncaster. This is due to both districts being one of Sport England's local delivery pilots.

All applications were assessed by an internal panel and scrutinised to ensure funding was going to projects that could make the biggest difference.

We recognise every community is unique with different local assets/organisations and therefore the reach into the target audience will be different. Whilst we aimed to reach as many people as possible and ensure the biggest impact of this funding, applications were not assessed solely on size or scale.

By talking with our local partners to understand where investment is most needed, we were able to find new community based groups to work with.



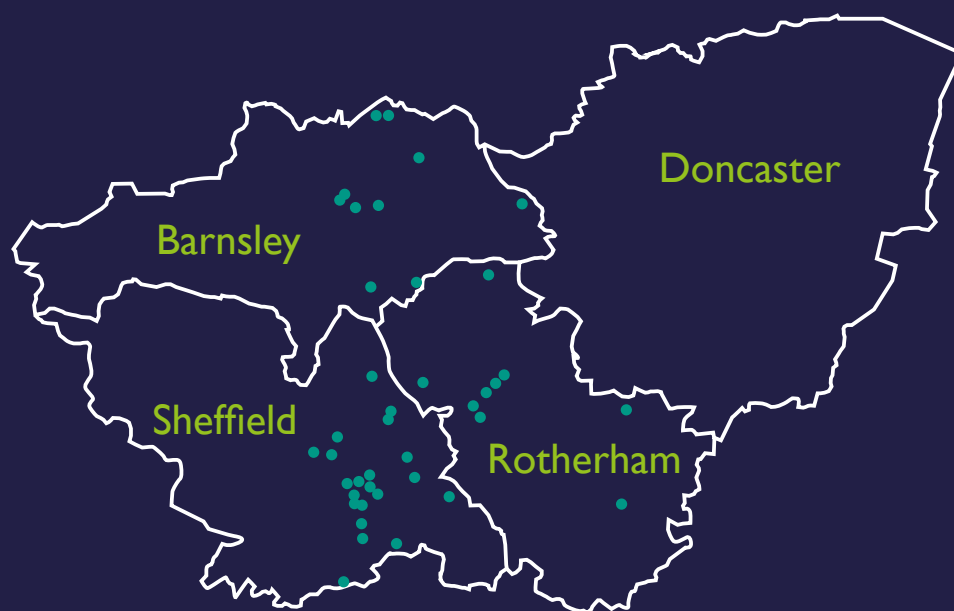
Principles

When assessing applications, our panel considered all of the following points.

- Any project/ investment needed to be delivered by a local organisation and driven by community need.
- Where the investment was made needed to be clearly evidenced as a YSF focus community, and/or reach the target audience.
- The organisation needed to have a track record in delivering to the target audience within that community.
- Has the requirement arisen as a direct result of this community group or audience being adversely affected as a result of COVID 19?
- The need for funding came from the community group or audience having been affected by COVID 19.
- The funds are for the provision of physical activity or to support the delivery of physical activity in the immediate future.
- The funding goes directly into the trusted community organisation.
- Supported groups to put on new opportunities for their community, set up workforce development and become sustainable.



South Yorkshire: £181,996



 Together Fund project

Some projects reached multiple focus groups, so is counted multiple times in the graphic above.

Key headlines*

2497 participants

818 sessions

16,707 attendances



20 Groups

£87,025

Groups for lower socio-economic groups



14 Groups

£47,359

Groups for disabled people



14 Groups

£67,272

Groups for culturally diverse communities



17 Groups

£70,653

Groups for people with long-term health condition



12 Groups

£48,795

Groups for children and young people



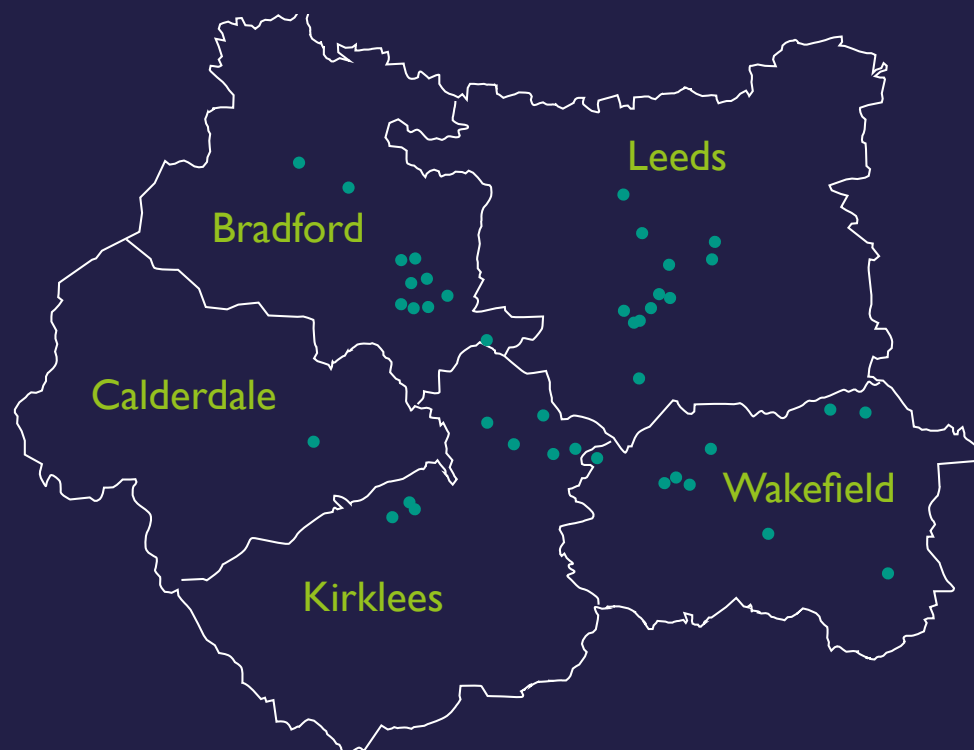
Six Groups

£33,416

Women and girls



West Yorkshire: £254,186



● Together Fund project

Key headlines*

1650 participants

717 sessions

14,618 attendances



34
Groups

£197,424

Groups for lower
socio-economic groups



Eight
Groups

£34,058

Groups for disabled
people



18
Groups

£105,718

Groups for culturally
diverse communities



Nine
Groups

£48,818

Groups for people with
long-term health condition



23
Groups

£120,694

Groups for children
and young people





















11
Groups

£55,766

Women and girls

Barnsley: £53,677

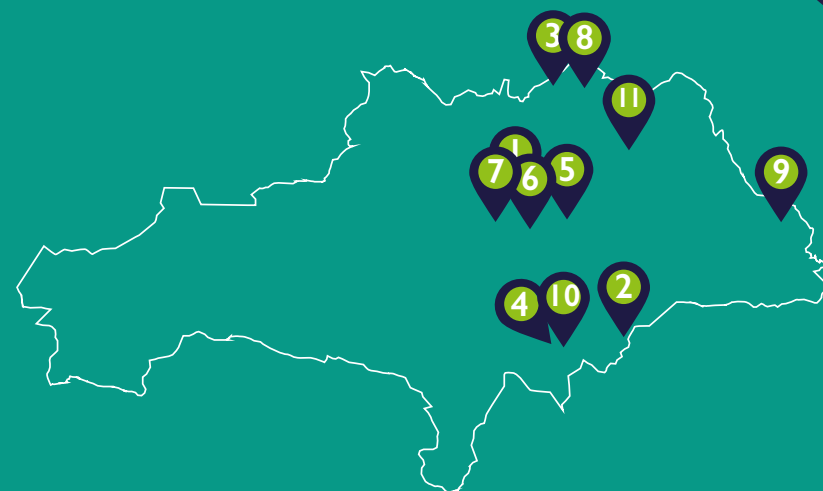
	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	TargetAudience
1	DIAL Barnsley	£3,150	 
2	Westwood 2015	£6,620	
3	Gentle Touch Therapy Training College	£2,800	
4	Rockingham Centre Hoyland	£1,835	 
5	South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust NHS	£3,960	 
6	Education Learning Support Hub	£8,022	  
7	The Shaw Lane Foundation	£6,912	
8	Grassroots	£6,922	
9	See Sporty Be Sporty CIC	£8,660	 
10	MST Academy	£3,560	 
11	Barnsley Premier Leisure	£1,236.40	

Key headlines*:

461 participants

158 sessions

3179 attendances



Disabled People



Children and Young People



Lower Socio Economic Group



Long-term Health Condition



Culturally Diverse Communities



Women and girls

Bradford: £75,905

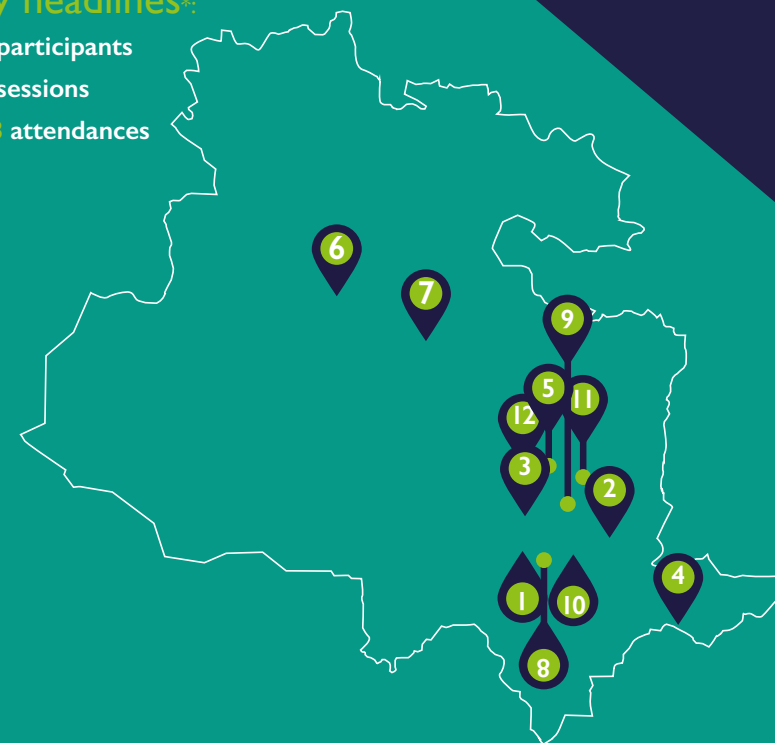
	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
1	Physical Impact Kickboxing Academy CIC	£5,235	  
2	Vanzies Boxing Academy	£6,560	  
3	Hollings Youth Association	£8,491	  
4	Bradford Bulls Foundation	£6,442	
5	Wilsden Badminton Club	£2,952	  
6	SCAR Sports Campaign Against Racism	£6,355	  
7	Yorkshire Sharks Dragonboat Club	£10,000	 
8	Bradford District Care Trust	£4,325	 
9	BEAP Community Partnership	£6,020	 
10	Windrush	£8,960	
11	Bradford Youth Development Partnership	£6,180	 
12	SS Active Community Interest Company	£4,385	  

Key headlines*:

319 participants

145 sessions

5418 attendances



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Calderdale: £5,712

Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
 Calder Community Squash	£5,712.00	  

Key headlines*:

38 participants



Kirklees: £38,290

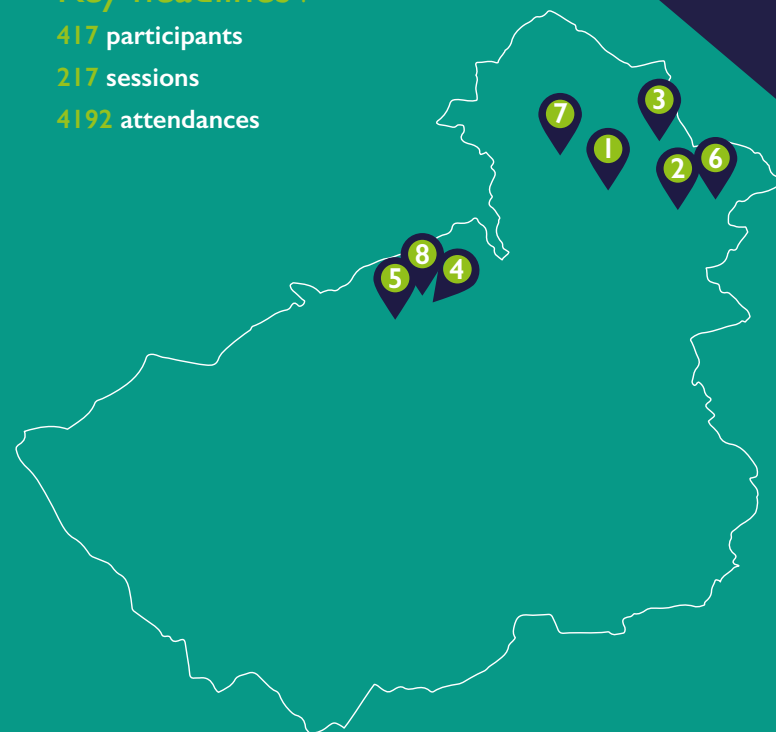
	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
1	Fencing Warriors	£10,000	  
2	G2M Fitness & Wellbeing Ltd	£2,830	 
3	Umbrella Yoga	£4,950	
4	Huddersfield Community First	£5,280	 
5	Premier Taekwondo	£3,550	  
6	S&G Community Sports	£5,430	 
7	Street Bikes	£3,000	     
8	Empower Leaders Of The Future C.I.C.	£3,250	 

Key headlines*:

417 participants

217 sessions

4192 attendances



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Leeds: £70,085

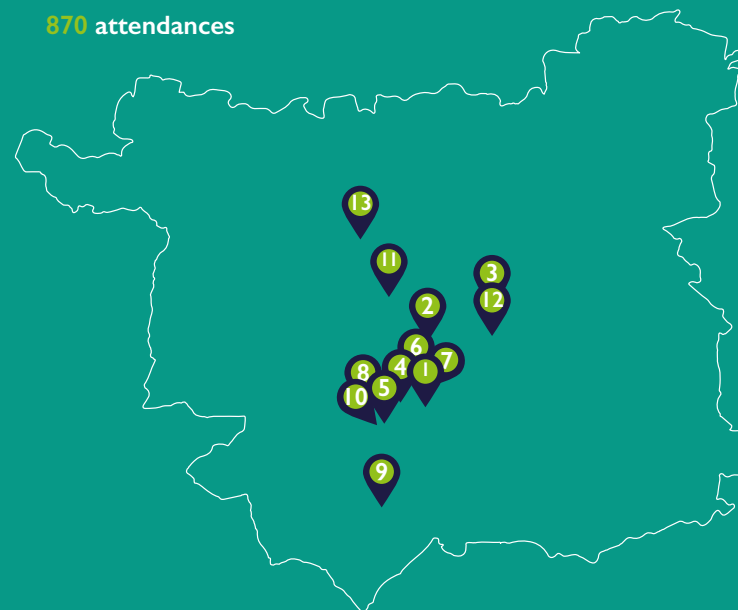
	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
1	Bridge Community Church FC	£3,240	  
2	Junior Sports Hub	£5,125	 
3	Leeds Athletic	£2,400	 
4	LS-TEN Charity	£6,290	
5	Groundwork Yorkshire	£4,607	  
6	Bethlehem Boxing Club	£7,284	
7	Leeds Dock running club	£1,615	 
8	Womens Health Matters	£9,454	  
9	Aces Health for all	£4,000	  
10	South Leeds Valkyries	£3,510	 
11	Calder Community Squash	£2,830	
12	Seacroft Community On Top	£4,730	
13	City of Leeds Basketball Foundation	£5,000	 
*District wide	Action for Sport	£10,000	 

Key headlines*:

470 participants

73 sessions

870 attendances



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Culturally Diverse Communities



Women and girls

Rotherham: £53,567

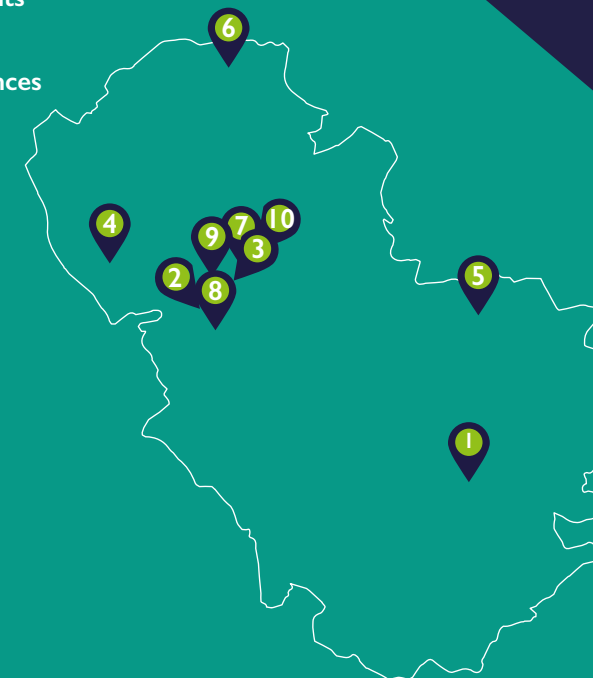
	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
1	CEAD (Community Education Adults Disabilities)	£5,558	 
2	Saifs Boxing & Fitness Gym CIC	£4,975	 
3*	Rotherham Healthy Lifestyles	£7,562	 
4	MeMo Fitness	£2,300	
5	Active Regen	£10,000	 
6	Community Connect CIC	£2,200	
7	Active for Life Solutions	£10,000	
8	Friends of Boston Castle, Parklands and Moorgate Cemetery	£1,000	
9*	Rotherham Healthy Lifestyle (women's project)	£5,000	 
10	Unity Boxing Centre CIC	£4,972	 

Key headlines*:

398 participants

382 sessions

6094 attendances



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Culturally Diverse Communities



Women and girls

Sheffield: £74,751

	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
1	Israac Somli Community Association	£5,000	  
2	Roundabout Ltd	£5,002	 
3	Firth Park Boxing Club	£4,985	 
4	Heeley City Farm	£3,480	  
5	Ben's Centre	£5,027	 
6	Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association	£4,000	 
7	City of Sheffield Hatters Basketball Club	£2,681	 
8	Darnall Football Academy	£4,634	  
9	Sheffield Otters	£4,180	 
10	Shipsape Health & Wellbeing	£4,000	  
11	Andalus Community Centre	£4,980	 

Key headlines*:

1676 participants

352 sessions

8226 attendances



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Culturally Diverse Communities



Women and girls

Sheffield: £74,751 (continued)

12	FURD (Football Unites Racism Divides) Education Trust	£4,917	 
13	Sheffield Handball Club	£1,650	 
14	Handsworth Zumba	£1,050	  
15	Sheffield Disability Basketball	£2,143	
16	Cycle Happy Club	£5,087.20	 
17	Derek Dooley Club	£2,200	   
18	Caribbean Sports Club	£4,975	 
19	Meersbrook Park Bowling Club	£1,493	 
20	Sheffield Family Support Group	£1,192	 
21	The Terminus Initiative	£2,075	  



Wakefield: £64,194

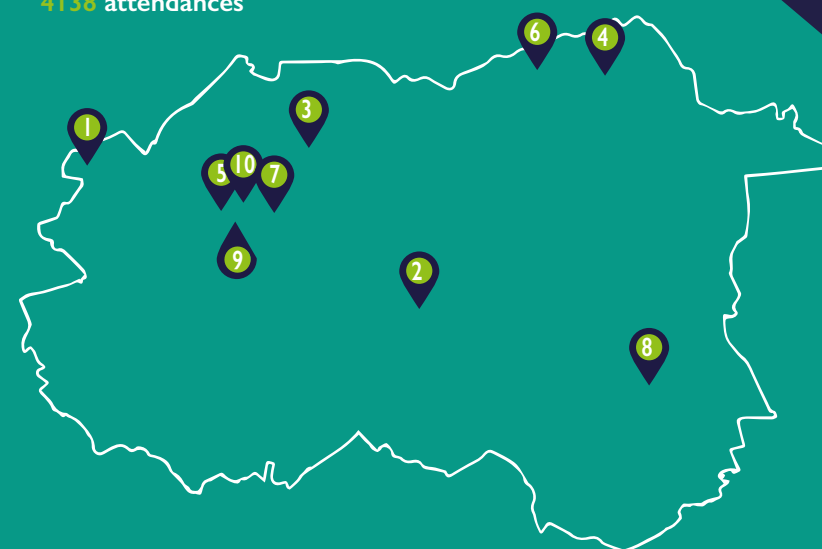
	Organisation Name	Funding allocated(£)	Target Audience
1	Mid Yorkshire Community Foundation	£8,572	
2	NLY Community Sport Ltd	£4,000	
3	Our Roots Inner City Lives	£9,922	
4	Elite Sports Coaching CIC	£5,205	
5	Luv2MeetU	£8,854	
6	Reflections Yorkshire CIC	£8,722	
7	Humanity 1st	£6,460	
8	Frickley Athletic in the Community	£4,800	
9	West Yorkshire Sport and Social Club	£1,374	
10	Evergreen Active	£6,285	

Key headlines*:

406 participants

282 sessions

4138 attendances



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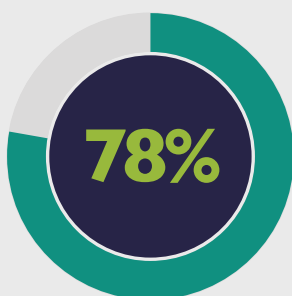
Culturally Diverse Communities



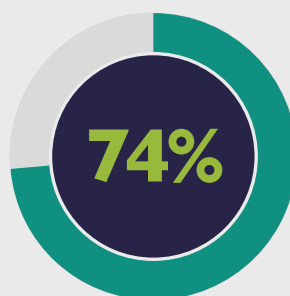
Women and girls

Participant surveys headlines

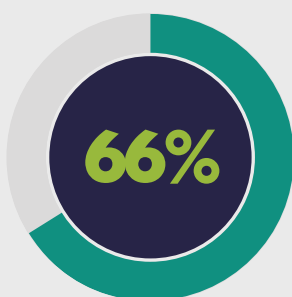
As part of the monitoring and evaluation requirements, Sport England asked us to support the completion of surveys from both organisations receiving funding, and those people who took part in activities. The surveys were used to help understand what had been achieved, as well as demonstrating the scale of the impact to others.



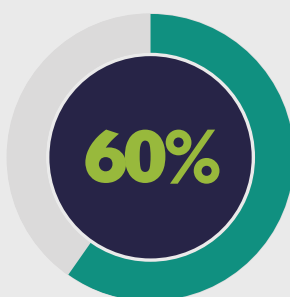
said that they enjoyed participating in the activity as part of the project



said that the project helped them to manage their physical health



said that the project enabled them to try new activities



said that the project enabled them to do more activity than they would have done, without the project

72% said that the project helped them to build new friendships

59% said that the project helped them to feel more connected to their local community

59% said that the project increased their confidence to be more active

75% rated the enjoyment of their sessions as 9 or 10 (1 is not at all and 10 is very much)

*579 participants completed the survey

Organisational surveys headlines

Community



69%

said that the **funding provided** them **with recognition** for the work they do for the community

82%

said that the **funding helped individuals connect/reconnect** with their local community

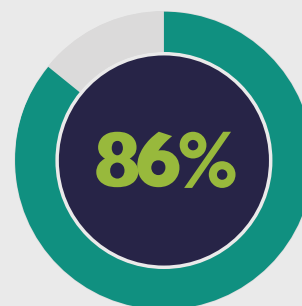
85%

said that the **funding helped create a local community** with more confidence to be active

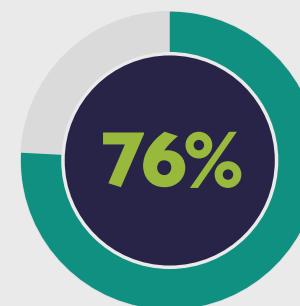
78%

said that the **funding provided** the community with **more opportunities** to be active

Physical and Mental Health



said that the funding helped the local community manage their physical health



said that the funding helped your local community manage their mental health

Impact Stories



LS-Ten (Leeds)

LS-TEN were funded to continue providing roller skate sessions on a Saturday morning at CrossFlatts Park in South Leeds.

Free skate hire was available for anyone who is new to the group and does not own a pair of skates, and the sessions regularly attracted up to 100 people.



The Israac Centre (Sheffield)

Israac Somali Community Association supports people from deprived communities to access services and improve their overall health and wellbeing.

Many members of the community feel unable to access city-wide provision and lack the confidence to do so, with the funding allowing the centre to provide accessible activity.



Grassroots and Dearne Lea Park (Rotherham)

Grassroots provided functional fitness classes to support residents at Dearnlea Park Care Home to be active and help prevent falls.

It included chair exercises, basic movement classes, walking, as well as dancing.

Additional support for funded groups

In addition to the funding distributed to groups, we were awarded £15,000 to support the long-term sustainability of the activity that was provided.

The use of this funding included:

- In partnership with StreetGames, we produced a training needs analysis that is providing ongoing results of the confidence of volunteers.
- A report presenting a range of recommendations was produced by Growing Circles following a series of Action Learning Sets that brought together funded groups to discuss the process, successes and learning.
- In partnership with StreetGames and Sported we hosted the Moving Forward Community event which included workshops on themes including: Funding, mental health, and sharing good practice.
- The Yorkshire and Humber Learning Community have added British Sign Language overlaid onto their modules to make them more accessible.
- An additional module has been added to the Yorkshire and Humber Learning Community based around health and physical activity.
- Safeguarding Children and Young People course
- Multi-skills Activator course, provided by StreetGames.
- Mental Health First Awareness with UK Coaching.
- 'A community organisation for all' event by Club Matters.
- Impact of Sport on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour workshop
- Understanding Young People from Underserved Communities workshop



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What did Together Fund groups tell us about the process?



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