Happy New Year! Welcome to 2020...

...This newsletter highlights some of the activities, events and opportunities across the county in Sport and Physical Activity. It will include items such as funding, job vacancies, Learning Academy courses, support for sports clubs & organisations, and lots more...

This Girl Can Festival

Our This Girl Can Festival is an exclusive event for Mid Wiltshire Schools and takes place on Tuesday 3 March, 10am-2pm. Offering a female-focused, inclusive experience of physical activity the This Girl Can Festival invites year 7 girls to try out 3 different non-competitive, non-traditional activities delivered by local providers.

Please get in touch if:

• You run sessions for girls aged 11-12 (particularly yoga, martial arts or glow-dance)

• You have opportunities for girls to volunteer at your club/group

• You would like to be involved in future festivals (e.g. running a taster session)

• Your school is outside Mid Wiltshire but interested in taking part in a future event

Please email molly@wiltssport.org to get involved or find out more about the This Girl Can Festival!
Job Vacancies

Please click the link on the right to view a range of local job opportunities in the field of sport and physical activity, including:

- Gymnastics coach
- Fitness & Friendship volunteers at Age UK Wiltshire
- Swindon disability volunteers
- Cerebral Palsy football volunteers
- Gymnastics Coach

Active Lives Survey Local Data
WASP has published a summary of the Active Lives Survey for Children & Young People data for Wiltshire and Swindon, comparing the outcomes to national averages.

The report covers both 2017-18 and 2018-19 and shows that the Wiltshire and Swindon area has the second highest percentage of ‘fairly active’ children and young people across all Active Partnerships and that a greater number of children are becoming more active in both areas. Something we can all be very proud of!

Free Fencing Sessions for Schools

Did you know that 4 hours of fencing sessions are available for FREE to every Primary School in Swindon to boost heart health – have you had yours?

Funded by a Heart Research UK and Subway® Healthy Heart Grant, pupils in Years 5 and 6 in all Swindon primary schools have the opportunity to experience 4 hours of the exciting sport of sword fencing. The sessions are specifically designed to promote heart health and the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle as children also learn to duel with swords.
Join the Swindon Sports Forum

Are you a club or physical activity group in Swindon that would like some additional support?

Swindon Sports Forum aims to help sport clubs and physical activity providers so more people in Swindon can be more active:

- Offering small grants up to £1000 for small projects, equipment and other club development needs
- Helping bid writing for big applications to funders such as Sport England
- Training and Workshops helping to improve your knowledge and help your club/group grow

There are currently over 60 clubs/groups as members of the Sport Forum, and there are regular meetings where you can have your say as to how sport and physical activity should be run in Swindon. The Forum works with partners to help make a real difference to sport clubs and groups in Swindon with the ultimate aim of getting more people active in the community.

Guidance for Swim Mark Element 14

In order to meet the requirement for element 14 of Swim Mark, clubs are required to submit a minimum of four safeguarding certificates from the Swim England approved course list. These certificates should represent the people who have the most regular contact with young people within the club and one of these certificates must be that of the Club Welfare Officer.

For full and detailed guidance on this requirement, please click here. To book onto a course, please use the 'book now' button above.
We have a great range of courses available, including our new First Aid at Work training course, which is 6 hours long and accepted by a wide range of NGBs including the RFU, England Netball and the FA.

Please click the link above for the full list of dates and venues, or to book online. For your information, our next courses are:

**Safeguarding & Protecting Children:**
- Thurs 6 Feb in Swindon or Weds 18 March in Trowbridge (£40pp)

**First Aid:**
- Tues 14 Jan in Swindon or Weds 4 March in Trowbridge (£45pp)
- Time to Listen: Thurs 2 April in Trowbridge (£40pp)

**Emergency First Aid at Work:**
- Sat 8 Feb in Wootton Bassett (£70pp)

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