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Support for Sports Clubs and Organisations



Safeguarding and welfare key contacts

National and regional support

- [Deal with a sport safeguarding concern](#)
- [Greater Manchester Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Greater Manchester Police](#)
- [Childline](#)
- [NHS trusted partners](#)
- [The National Council for Voluntary Organisations](#)
- [Sport England](#)
- [UK Coaching](#)
- [Anti-bullying Alliance](#)
- [NSPCC Bullying and Cyberbullying](#)
- [Activity Alliance](#)
- [LGBT Foundation](#)
- [Mind](#)

[Not sure where to start? Click here to see the range of safeguarding and welfare support available for your club.](#)

Upcoming Workshops

We regularly add new events, workshops and trainings.

[Click here for latest upcoming opportunities across Greater Manchester and beyond.](#)

Partner Support for Clubs

Manchester FA

Geographical Remit: Greater Manchester



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FOOTBALL**

Here to help your club thrive! Our team are here to support clubs with their future ambitions and any challenges across governance, workforce, facilities, playing opportunities and community engagement. We're encouraging all football clubs to get in touch now for a club development review meeting.

<https://www.manchesterfa.com/book-a-call>

support@manchesterfa.com

UK Coaching

Geographical remit: UK



UK Coaching Club Partner Pack and Assets: [UK Coaching Club Promotional Pack - UK Coaching](#)

[Time to Learn](#). Delivered by subject matter experts, our free monthly Time2Learn webinars on vital coaching topics are jam-packed with practical advice, invaluable tips, and ideas you can use right away in your coaching.

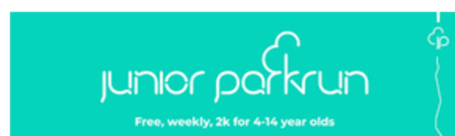
View our range of workshops and eLearning [courses HERE](#). With everything from coaching craft to Safeguarding, inclusion and much more!

<https://www.ukcoaching.org/>

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Junior Parkrun



Geographical remit: UK, with 14 junior parkrun events in Greater Manchester.

- Junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.
- 2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings in the UK starting at 9.00am with a fun warm-up at around 8.45am
- Junior parkrun is a great introduction for all the family to be physically active outside together. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate with us. Taking part is easy! Once you have registered your child, their account will have a barcode to bring along on Sunday morning to take part in junior parkrun.
- Our junior events offer an opportunity for the whole community to come together and get involved. We want to encourage people to walk, jog, or run and volunteer together – junior parkrun is for everyone!
- We have also recently launched an exciting initiative called parkrun primary, which connects schools with their local junior parkrun event
- Promoting junior parkrun within your school can support pupils' health and wellbeing, create more opportunities for physical activity, and strengthen links with the local community.

For more info:

<https://www.parkrun.com/about/join-us/junior-parkrun/>

Parkrun primary introductory brochure:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10w2Jv1NKR41Ysw8F9ciDTo6Y6rCnL3bS/view>

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Wigan Council, Be Well



Geographical remit: Wigan

I am responsible for the development and delivery of key projects to support community sports clubs. Supporting clubs with development plans, helping them connect with wider opportunities where appropriate. A focus of my role is to promote external funding opportunities, support volunteers with training opportunities to support clubs with their club development.

Additionally, I project manage the Believe Sports Awards, which is one of Be Well's most prestigious events of the calendar year, which recognises the contribution and success achieved by local clubs, volunteers and athletes. Awards nominations open May each year and the Awards take place in October. For more information on nominations please visit – [Be Well - Leisure and wellbeing services \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://bewellwigan.org/)

The Believe Talent Fund is another key area of work, where young athletes aged 11 to 24, have the opportunity, to access a small funding pot to help support their potential at a national level in their sport. For more information on the fund please visit the following link:- [Believe Talent Fund \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://bewellwigan.org/)

<https://bewellwigan.org/>

Steven Edwards - Be Well - Club & Talent Officer
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Your Trust Community Network, Rochdale



Geographical remit: Rochdale

Your Trust Community Network provides an opportunity for local sports clubs and groups to connect, grow and develop. This is done by club visits, hosting network workshops and events for clubs to attend and strengthening links between clubs and their National Governing Body. The Community Network helps clubs access resources for growth and development, whilst promoting volunteering, participation and overall wellbeing in the Rochdale Borough whilst encourage the wider community to lead active, healthy lifestyles.

<https://www.rochdaleboroughcommunitynetwork.co.uk/>

Matthew Howells - Community Network Coordinator
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Bury VCFA

Geographical remit: Bury



Bury VCFA is the local infrastructure organisation providing volunteering and development support to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. This includes the diverse range of sports clubs within the borough. We support clubs and groups to enhance and improve their effectiveness with a range of services, including:

- One-to-one support from our team
- Training and networking opportunities
- Volunteer recruitment and support
- Access to local funding opportunities

We help clubs and groups with a diverse range of topics from governance and policies through to facilities and funding. Simply get in touch for a chat to see how we can help.

For more information: <https://www.buryvcfa.org.uk/fundinganddevelopment@buryvcfa.org.uk> / 0161 518 5550

England Boxing

Geographical remit: Greater Manchester



As the NGB for England Boxing, we are here to support clubs to thrive within their community.

For more info: <https://www.englandboxing.org/>
Alexandra.vass@englandboxing.org / 07590 600 333



MCRactive



Geographical remit: City of Manchester

MCRactive can assist sports clubs and community organisations in various ways. We offer support with volunteers, funding, governance, training, and more. If a club needs help, we are committed to providing assistance. Additionally, we oversee Sport and Activity Alliances where clubs meet quarterly to share ideas and best practices. These meetings feature guest speakers and workshops, all designed to support clubs and their communities.

For more information: <https://mcractive.com/>

Contact the Neighbourhood Sports Team: NST@mcractive.com

Sported

Geographical remit: Greater Manchester



Our focus is on those who need us most in areas of deprivation or in underserved communities.

Our programmes and projects connect people and organisations.

We deliver funding, capacity building, training & education, and learning & advocacy programmes to meet community needs. All Sported services are offered FREE of charge for groups.

For more information: <https://sported.org.uk/>

June Kelly MBE (NW Regional Development Officer):

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Access Sport

Geographical remit: Greater Manchester



Changing Places which is our place-based, multi-sport programme delivered in Birmingham, Bristol, London, Greater Manchester, Oxfordshire, and Sheffield. It's tailored to the unique needs and dynamics of each community. Local teams work directly with clubs and volunteers to address inclusion gaps, strengthen existing provision, and build inclusive opportunities in sport. - [Changing Places](#) | [Access Sport](#)

Changing Sports which focuses on embedding inclusion within specific sports at a national level. Working with governing bodies like British Cycling, we support the creation of accessible programmes for disabled, neurodivergent, and disadvantaged young people. The initiative helps upskill coaches, adapt delivery, and establish sustainable, inclusive models of sport. - [Changing Sports](#) | [Access Sport](#)

Our Young Leaders programme which is a free, nationwide initiative that empowers young people—especially those at risk of exclusion—to become future leaders in community sport. It offers flexible, tailored support for personal growth, improved wellbeing, and the development of valuable life and professional skills. - [Young Leaders](#) | [Access Sport](#)

We also offer training and learning to help make community sport more inclusive. Our goal is to build a confident, knowledgeable workforce that supports inclusive environments by sharing lived experiences and expert insights. We specialise in Disability Inclusion and Neurodivergence Inclusion, aiming to empower those at the heart of community sport and physical activity.

[Inclusive Training and Learning](#) | [Access Sport](#)

For more info: <https://www.accesssport.org.uk/>
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Join GM Moving groups and programmes

Marketing:

Sign up for our monthly newsletter which has the latest news and opportunities about sport, physical activity and movement across Greater Manchester.

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/newsletters/>

marketing@gmmoving.co.uk

Trans Inclusion:

Want to know more about how to include trans communities in sport? Check out our guidance: [trans and non-binary inclusion in sports, movement and exercise: a guide for sports and leisure organisations.](#)

Reach out to Emily for more info and support on trans inclusion: emily@gmmoving.co.uk

Volunteering:

Do you manage volunteers and want to learn and share top tips, data and insight, and work through challenges with others? If yes, join GM Moving's Volunteering Community of Practice!

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/get-involved/leadership-and-workforce/volunteering/>

emily@gmmoving.co.uk

Tackling Inequalities:

Are you passionate about tackling inequalities in sport, physical activity and movement? If yes, we'd love you to join our Tackling Inequalities Network. We bring together a wide range of VCFSE and sport/physical activity groups to learn more about inequalities in sport and work together to tackle them.

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/news/breaking-barriers-how-our-tackling-inequalities-network-is-driving-change/>

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Women & Girls:

A workshop to understand barriers faced by women and girls, and what actions are required to open more opportunities.

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/commitments/in-place/right-to-the-streets/>

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/commitments/people-families-and-communities/women-and-girls/>

For more information reach out to:

kelly@gmmoving.co.uk

Health:

If you're a welcoming club with inclusive opportunities for new members, connect with your nearest Active GP Practice.

A quarter of people are more likely to be active if it's recommended by a healthcare professional. This makes it a great opportunity to promote your club.

Find your nearest Active Practice on this map:

[Active Practices base map](#)

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Live Well:

Greater Manchester has a commitment to ensuring great everyday support is available in every neighbourhood; it's called GM Live Well.

Sports clubs, like yours, are critical to GM Live Well.

You bring people together and, provide opportunities to train, play, and compete.

This creates powerful social connections as well as physical and mental health benefits – support which helps everyone to live well.

Live Well is led by communities, so find out more about how to get involved: www.gmmoving.co.uk/key-partners/greater-manchester-combined-authority/live-well/

Opening School Facilities:

GM Moving are committed to supporting education establishments from across GM to open facilities outside the school day to school and community users (Afterschool, evening, weekend and holidays) providing access to local trusted spaces.

If you have schools you would love to be able to deliver from and need support engaging with them, please get in touch. Equally we would love to continue to share from learning of success relationships from sports clubs utilising school grounds.

More info can be found:

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/commitments/people-families-and-communities/active-children-and-young-people/active-education/opening-school-facilities/>

openingschoolfacilities@gmmoving.co.uk

Youth Voice - Lundy Model Training:

To increase the partnership between sport/leisure and youth work we are currently in partnership with Youth focus northwest to offer training courses in the Lundy Model of participation. The training is funded by GM Moving, delivered by youth focus and free for people wanting to attend.

More info can be found:

<https://youthfocusnw.org.uk/youth-voice/lundy-model>

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Events / Training Opportunities:

We have a range of upcoming training and events for organisations and people involved in physical activity. We continuously update and add to our opportunities so do keep checking back.

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/get-involved/workshops-and-events/upcoming-training-and-events/>

Environmental Sustainability:

Does your club support the planet's health as well as people's health? Could you do more to support environmental sustainability and help people to take part in your sport now and into the future? Find resources to help on Buddle, and apply to The Movement Fund's Green investment to support this work.

<https://buddle.co/learning-and-support-resources/environmental-sustainability>
<https://www.sportengland.org/green-investment>

louise@gmmoving.co.uk

Welfare Support:

Our Sport and Physical Activity Welfare Leads are here to support sports clubs and activity providers across Greater Manchester to create safe, inclusive environments for children, young people and adults. They are part of a national Sport Welfare Officers Network, who work closely with national governing bodies (NGBs) and local partners in every Greater Manchester borough.

Find out how they can support your club/group:

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/commitments/participation/sport-and-physical-activity-provision/sports-welfare-network/>

sportswelfare@gmmoving.co.uk

Jobs within Greater Manchester:

You can find the latest jobs in the sport and physical activity sector in Greater Manchester, and advertise your relevant jobs for free.

<https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/get-involved/jobs/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/GreaterManchesterMoving>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/greatermanchestermoving>

BlueSky

<https://bsky.app/profile/gmmoving.co.uk>