

Hi Everyone,

Here are this week's updates and opportunities which we put together to support our Sports Clubs & Organisations.



Activate Your City, Lives and Neighbourhoods

Physical Activity, Leisure and Sport Strategy

2018 – 2022

1. Following the recent success of #Game4Grenfell, the Women's National League (previously Women's Premier League) have dedicated their annual charity match in support of the Grenfell Tower community.
There will be meet & greet opportunities for sponsors, family & friends and fans on the day (look out for player reveals & celebrity guests) and full details are available in the attachment 1.

Humanity for Grenfell is an organisation working towards ensuring Truth, Justice and Restitution for bereaved relatives, survivors and the local and wider effected community of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Following the impact of the Game4Grenfell months after the events, Humanity for Grenfell are proud to be partnering with the FA Women's National League (formerly the FA Women's Premier League) to support local charity organisations in providing day trips and retreat opportunities for those affected.

The charities of choice are Cornwall Hugs Grenfell, The Harrow Club and The Grenfell Foundation, all of whom have been ever-present supporters within the community before, during and after the tragic event.

The monies raised will continue to focus on the mental health and wellbeing to offer the much-needed respite and continuing opportunities to leave the area and the ongoing visuals of the tower.

2. Run For Your Life!

Fight heart disease

Raise money

Jubilee Hall Trust's 4th annual Run for your Life has been confirmed this year for Saturday 15th September on Hampstead Heath.

The event is now in its fourth year and features 2k, 5k and 10k trail runs, so that everyone can join in!

[REGISTER TO RUN](#)

314 runners took part last year, with some completing their first ever 2k, families participating for the 3rd year in a row, and more than 50 Parkrunners entering.

There was a great atmosphere on the day, and lots of positive comments from those taking part.

The event was started by Athlete Ambassador, Team GB Triple Jumper, Nathan Fox, who was also there to provide inspiration to the runners.

Wellness services, including very welcome post-race massages, were provided by our event partners, Breathe London, and their tent was packed throughout.

Entries for this year's event are now open online, and funds raised go to the British Heart Foundation's Move It: Beat It campaign.

All the money raised will be used to help get local residents and **disadvantaged groups more active, fitter and healthier!**

Training Support: Your entry fee includes a complimentary 5-pack of visits (or guest passes to train with a friend if you're already a member) to any of our 3 gyms in Covent Garden, Hampstead and Southwark.

run@jubileehalltrust.org



3. **WESTMINSTER** There are now a number of **Apprentice Relationship Assistant vacancies** within the Physical Activity Leisure & Sports team here at Active Westminster and full details are available here: [Westminster Adult Education services](#) .

4. Clarion Futures Community Grants Programme is now open again for applications until **Friday 21st September (12 noon)** to community, voluntary and charity groups and we would like to ask you to promote it through your networks, emails and social media.

<https://www.clarionhg.com/> (formed following the merger in 2016 of Affinity Sutton Group Limited and Circle Housing Group) is the largest housing group in the country and one of its

biggest housebuilders. Through its Community Grants Programme - managed by Groundwork - it awards grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to charities, community organisations and voluntary groups for projects which primarily benefit its residents.

To download the guidance document, eligibility quiz and application form and to see the criteria, please visit <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/clarion-uk>

If you do have any further queries about the grant please contact Julie Bustos – Groundwork - Partnerships and Programmes Coordinator- info@groundwork.org.uk



5. **LondonFA**

The London FA are very happy to announce that their 2018/19 funding pot is now live.
[Growing Grassroots funding pot key information:](#)

There are two funding streams as part of this:

- Growing Grassroots – For **any clubs** establishing **new teams** that are to be affiliated to London FA. £700 per team available
- Sustaining Grassroots – For **Charter Standard Clubs** with **existing teams** looking for financial support. £500 per club available

Deadline for applications is midnight **Sunday 12th August**.

Link to find out more and apply is here:

<http://www.londonfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/charter-standard-growing-grassroots-2018-19>



6.

Club Matters have relaunched their website, making it even easier to find and use their range of great resources.

The [new website](#) brings together all of our previous support for clubs: Club Leaders, Help for Clubs and the Clubmark website - which should be a huge help to those of you involved in running a club.

The updated layout will help you find what you want with less clicks, as well as making new content like the Club Natters podcast and our upcoming online training videos easier to find.

7. Access to the **Funding Central** website can be found [Here](#)
8. To access the **London Sport Funding Search Tool** click [Here](#)
9. The latest weekly newsletter from **London Sport** is available [Here](#)
10. The latest updates on the **NSPCC Child Protection in Sport website** and how to sign up for their Newsletter are available [Here](#)



11.

Team Westminster Active currently have 48 volunteering opportunities available on their website and these can be accessed [Here](#).

If you are also looking for volunteers as well as wanting access to free workshops to develop your volunteers TWA **hold a fortnightly surgeries in the borough for organisations.**

We use the London Volunteer Management Charter as a framework, which is a tool established by the Greater London Volunteering network. This is a free hour-long session dedicated to the needs of your organisation. So, if you have any questions or support needs, you can meet with our staff to discuss:

- volunteer roles
- recruitment
- management reward / recognition
- any other volunteer programme needs.

These surgeries are completely free and to book one please contact Anna.Jones@groundwork.org.uk

Introducing weekly drop-in sessions for people interested in volunteering:

Are you interested in volunteering but not sure where to start? Wondering what opportunities are out there? Come and have a chat at one of our drop-in sessions, which will give you the chance to come and chat about volunteering in Westminster:

Alternate Wednesdays

3.30 - 6pm

Pimlico Centre, Lupus Street London SW1V 3AT

When do you need a DBS check?

We hear organisations tell us frequently that DBS checks can be an obstacle to recruiting volunteers. But you don't always need one. [This fantastic free tool](#) from GOV.UK explains clearly and easily whether you need request a DBS check from your volunteer.

These surgeries are not walk-in events, and must be booked beforehand, though they are entirely free. Please note that **bookings close 24 hours prior** to start of the surgery.

Let us know if you would also like to take part in these training sessions.

What else would you like to see? Tell us by replying to this email or giving us a call: 0300 365 9910.

12. [Greenhouse Sports](#) are based in the beautiful surroundings of a Grade II listed deconsecrated church on Cosway street Marylebone and are looking for organisations that would be interested in delivering sports and wellbeing activities from the facility.

The Greenhouse Centre acts as:

- A sports hub for local schools delivering the Greenhouse model
- A performance centre for Greenhouse table tennis participants
- A focal point for community integration
- A national table tennis coaching hub working in partnership with Table Tennis England
- A centre of excellence for leadership, coaching and coach development

The Greenhouse Sports flagship head office.

And in addition they are looking at hiring out space to sports based providers and if you are interested and would like to know more, please contact

Charlotte.Gilsenan@greenhousesports.org

13. Over the course of the last two months I've had the opportunity to issue **5 more AWM certificates** to Westminster sports clubs meaning that they can take advantage of the following existing benefits:

- a. 25% discount on fees, and priority bookings at Westminster facilities for junior provision or 15% if you're a private organisation;
- b. Increased access to training and development for your workforce;
- c. Development support from Westminster Sports Unit, Volunteer Centre Westminster, Westminster Action for Voluntary Organisations and Pro Active Central London;
- d. Opportunities to be involved in Westminster initiatives including the London Youth Games, holiday camps, on-going community sports work and other Active Westminster Mark organisations;
- e. Inclusion in Westminster-wide marketing and communications to raise your organisation's profile;
- f. Enhanced links to the local community and national governing bodies for sport;
- g. The opportunity to be involved in the delivery of wider partnership objectives.

The new website will also actively promote the sessions and services provided by organisations holding the Active Westminster Mark and will be the “go to” place for the community wanting to get active in Westminster!

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to meet at a time and venue convenient for you to go through the process with you.

Please note that in order to take advantage of the fees discount, you just need to provide a copy of your valid AWM certificate or ask Everyone Active to contact me and I will confirm.

Please remember that your accreditation lasts 2 years and clubs can contact me directly to start the re-accreditation process.

14.The [City of Westminster duke of Edinburgh awards scheme \(for 14-24 year olds\)](#)

Holding a D of E qualification is one of the first achievements that a prospective employer looks for on a young person's CV and the WSU have teamed up with the Council's Duke of Edinburgh Awards Team to help our Borough's young people find opportunities with the aim of also supporting our Sports clubs.

If you feel that your club would like to get involved to support your young members, please don't hesitate to contact me & we can arrange a meeting with the Council so that you can hear more.

15.Sport England are in the process of introducing a **code of Governance** for those clubs looking for funding meaning **Clubs looking for funding need to satisfy new criteria** when applying:

<https://www.sportengland.org/about-us/governance/a-charter-for-sports-governance/>

This could have serious implications for our clubs & organisations looking to access Sport England funding in the future so to help we are updating our Active Westminster Mark accreditation process to take into account the new code of Governance funding requirements meaning that in future Clubs & Organisations achieving the AWM will automatically have satisfied the new criteria and will be able to apply for funding without any delay.

For further information regarding the Active Westminster Mark and to find out more about the associated benefits, please contact me on ibannister@westminster.gov.uk or 020 7641 5889.

Don't forget to visit our [new website](#). The site offers you the chance to find all kinds of activities, places and spaces to help people to get and remain active. You can also find out about volunteering opportunities across Westminster.

Finally, feel free to email us your feedback or ideas at active@westminster.gov.uk .

If you have any news that you would like us to include in the Newsletter going forward and share with our Club / Organisation community please let me know

Thanks for your time and if you would like to know any more about any of the items in this week's Newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me