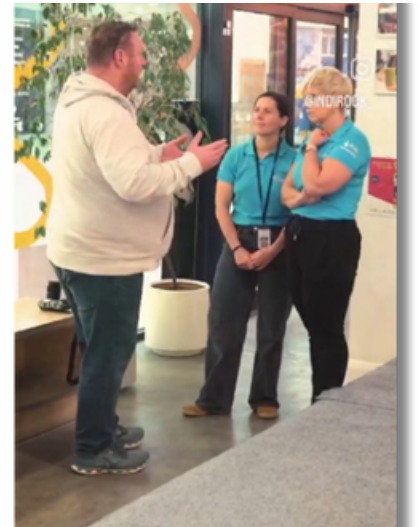


Welcome to your quarterly newsletter from the Sport and Youth Crime team at The Active Essex Foundation. Here you will find news and updates, upcoming training and about any funding opportunities.

## Southend Networking Event

Thanks to all of the organisations that attended the Southend Networking Event. We had representation from 25 organisations including the Police, Probation and the local authority, along with providers who we had not met before; this is why the exercise was so helpful for us as we wanted to get to speak to the people who do the great sport and activity work within the Southend area. A lot of learning taken away, and hopefully some connections made, and not too many bruises from climbing. Thanks again for attending. We are looking forward to our next networking event, this time, to be held in Thurrock on Monday 4th March.



LOCATION  
The Beehive Resource Centre,  
West Street, Grays, RM17 6XP



DATE AND TIME  
4th March 2024  
Starts: 1pm

We want to talk to organisations about the work that we do, the network that we already have, and the advantages of becoming a part of it. Hear about how Sport and Activity can play a key role in engaging young people in crime and exploitation reduction, chat to others about the work they do, learn about our free training and development sessions, and find out about a new fund being launched for the Thurrock area.

Please email [jim.white2@activeessex.org](mailto:jim.white2@activeessex.org) if you are interested in attending.



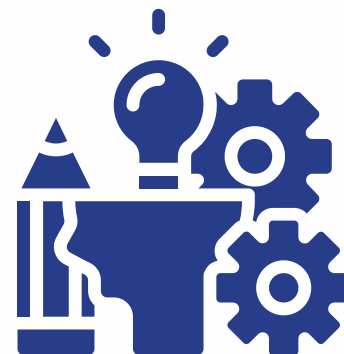


## ONLINE SESSIONS

Small Business Generic Support - Designing & Delegating Roles  
Tuesday 27th February 12:15-13:00pm, [link here](#).

Every Contact Counts  
Tuesday 5th March, 9:30-11:30am 12pm-2pm & 2:30pm-4:30pm  
More information and to book on visit [ESCB - Every Contact Counts](#)

Workforce Journey - Recruitment, Onboarding, Leaving -  
Tuesday 12th March 12-12:45pm, [link here](#).  
Tuesday 26th March 12-12:45pm, [link here](#)



## Welcoming Jamie Impey to the AEF Team!

We would like to welcome Jamie Impey as our latest team member who is taking on the role of Sports Enabler and will be working with many of you to ensure that young people referred into the Sports and Lifeskills projects are matched to suitable provisions. Jamie is an experienced PE teacher with a passion for transforming the lives of children aged 5 to 16 through sports. With a special fondness for rugby league, Jamie's journey in sports has been truly remarkable.



With a solid background in physical education, Jamie has dedicated 8 years to shaping the lives of young individuals. His commitment extends beyond the classroom, delving into the world of competitive sports. Jamie's love for sports, particularly rugby league, is evident in his personal and professional life. Having played for various teams, including a notable stint with Montpellier in France, he brings a wealth of practical knowledge and experience to the table. For Jamie, sports are not just about competition; they are a platform for equality. He firmly believes that every child, irrespective of their background, ethnicity, or gender, deserves equal opportunities in life. This philosophy fuels his teaching approach, creating an inclusive and empowering environment.

In Jamie's view, sports have the transformative power to change lives. Beyond the physical benefits, he emphasises the values of teamwork, discipline, and resilience that sports instill in young minds. These values, he believes, contribute to the holistic development of students.

# ≡ Welcome ≡



## Recently published reports confirm what we thought..

We would just like to highlight a couple of reports that we feel are particularly helpful for the sector of sport and youth crime prevention, those being the Centre for Social Justice' 'Game Changer', published in September 2023, and the Sport for Development Coalition's report 'Getting on Track' published this month. Both of the reports are very unequivocal in their conclusions that sport and activity really do work as amazing engagement tools for young people. The Centre for Social Justice write in their report 'The evidence is resounding: sport is more than a game. Yet for too long, the power of sport has been underappreciated, particularly the role it can play in both reducing crime and protecting young people from it. In this report, we propose a new plan to put this right – and transform young lives through sport. The Sport for Development Coalition say 'The brief has.. been designed to support and inspire public bodies, funders, commissioners and policy-makers to deliver against the recommendations presented, as well as support community-based programme providers aiming to better utilise the impact of sport and physical activity on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour to advocate for their work.'

Well worth a read, they have statistics and information which are very useful when formulating bids for future funding.

Read more:

[Game Changer: A plan to transform young lives through sport](#)  
[Getting On Track](#)



## Wider Opportunities

### ESSEX COMMUNITY GOALS CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Supported by Active Essex Foundation, we want to see as many of you entering teams to this event as possible.

Read below for full details:

Date: 22 June 2024

Location: Essex Police College, St Margaret's Road, Chelmsford, CM26DT

Age ranges: 11-13

Format 7-a-side with single or mixed gender teams.

There will be a boys and girls tournament.

Cost £25 per team registered.

Timings: 8:30am for registration and 9am Kick off

Register your team by emailing [positive.action@essexpolice.uk](mailto:positive.action@essexpolice.uk)





## YOUTH VOICES

The new Youth Voices Project (YVP) to help the Essex Violence & Vulnerability Unit set their priorities for work in 2024-25, is now OPEN for groups to take part!

The VVU listens and collates views from children to help shape priorities to make young people feel safer in their communities.

This year, the project is open to 5 groups in each district, who will participate in 45 minute - 1 hour sessions. These will involve answering questions and take part in games that promote discussion.

### Application and Incentives

Youth sessions must run in Essex, Southend or Thurrock and include at least \*15 young people aged 11-25yrs.



Each organisation will receive £90 as a donation per 'slot' and if your organisation works across districts and wants to run in multiple areas, then you may receive up to £1,260.

Please email [nicole@ecvys.org.uk](mailto:nicole@ecvys.org.uk) to enquire for a space and a session plan.

## COMMUNITY WALL BALL COURTS- FREE TO YOU!

UK Wallball are looking to create more community courts across the UK, and have a focus on Essex. We would look to work with local authorities, and local delivery partners and designers to create a fun, engaging Wallball court/s that can serve the community and be used by all. All you need is a ball and a wall and you can have hours on endless fun, playing Wallball, a sport which is played globally!

It would be a Jack Petchey community court, so ideally a location where schools and communities can access easily would be ideal.



UK Wallball have a budget of up to £8,000 to either cover costs in part of full to design, create and build this court. If you are interested, please get in touch with Daniel Thackeray, UK Wallball Development Officer, Email - [Dan.Thackeray@ukwallball.co.uk](mailto:Dan.Thackeray@ukwallball.co.uk), web - [ukwallball.co.uk](http://ukwallball.co.uk), WhatsApp - 07441445745

And let him know you saw it in our newsletter!

## Funding Opportunities

### THE LANDSEC FUTURES COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

- Delivered by: Braintree Village
- Available funding: Between £1,000 and £3,000
- Apply by: 19th February 2024

To support local voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations in the community which are already creating value in the places they know best.



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## U18 BETTER STARTS GRANTS

- Delivered by: Asda Foundation
- Available funding: Between £400 and £1600
- Apply by: 1st March 2024

To support a wide range of activities for children under 18 years old to improve their lives and transform the community.

## THE WEAVERS COMPANY FUNDING

- Delivered by: The Weavers Company
- Available funding: Small Grants Up to £5,000 and Uncapped for main grants
- Apply by: 14th March 2024

Work with organisations that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally.

## HOLIDAY GRANTS FOR CHILDREN

Grants available to schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities to provide access to recreational trips or holidays for groups of children aged 13 years and younger who experience disadvantage or disability and live in an area of high deprivation.

- Delivered by: Henry Smith Charity
- Available funding: Between £500 and £2,800
- Apply by: 19th March 2024



## PROUD TO PITCH IN

Grants for registered charities, community groups, social enterprises, community amateur sports clubs, and other organisations across the UK to deliver grassroots sports activities that positively impact local communities.

- Delivered by: Greene King
- Available funding: Up to £4,000
- Apply by: 1st November 2024

For more information about these and other funding opportunities go to: [Active Essex Foundation | FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](https://www.activeessexfoundation.org/funding-opportunities)

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