

I am immensely proud to share with you our journey through 2022. Our vision to Inspire, Engage and Empower has been at the forefront of our plans. We set ourselves challenging targets building on the successes of last year. Our aim was to increase our footprint to engage with more people, to improve physical wellbeing and making our community a safer place.

Our new revised volunteer programme has gone from strength to strength and has also led to full time and part time positions within the company. This has allowed us to develop our provision with local schools continuing to offer the children high quality PE and enrichment activities.

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games supported us and we delivered another volunteer led programme

giving young people hands on experience of the industry. The HAF provision has been another major step forward in cementing the good work that we can offer for our young people. Being part of the HAF inspection process through Walsall and the surrounding areas was another great piece of work enabling volunteers and full time staff to see all of the good practise that is going on in our local area; offering support and guidance to other providers.

The Inspire Group was recognised for our work in the community and we were successful in our bid for the CARE project. This involves mentoring and delivering physical activities for vulnerable young people using sport as the vehicle to break down barriers and forge relationships which has always been our passion.

We hope that you can share our success in 2022 and we can't wait to develop enhance and continue to help our community in 2023 and beyond.



Steve Clarke Director



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# **Bringing Sport to the West Midlands**

In 2022 Birmingham and the West Midlands played host to the world and welcomed athletes from around the globe for the Commonwealth Games. In the West Midlands we were selected as a pilot organisation for Gen22, an exciting youth led social action and volunteering project for young people to channel the spirit of the games in our community.

Before, during and after the games our Gen22 programme offered 17 young people the chance to take part in a range of volunteering activities including supporting our community sport work, acting as social action advocates and supporting other members of our community through mentoring and leadership.

Our project was visited by Assistant PCC Tom McNeill during the run up to the games and we are currently in talks with the Legacy team at Birmingham 2022 to further develop our project and extend the reach and power of sport and volunteering to our wider community.

Members of our Gen22 cohort also contributed to a consultation on the impact of Sport England's new "Uniting the movement" strategy in Walsall as part of their social action. We are also very happy to report that the vast majority of our cohort have now taken on more regular volunteering or paid roles with us at The Inspire Group.







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Gen22 candidates have taken on roles with us at Inspire following thier placement

Young People from Walsall supported within our Gen22 **Programme** 

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More than 510 hours contributed in social action projects as part of the wider commonwealth games impact in our region







As part of the lead up to the games we partnered with Streetly School Games orgniser to support the delivery of mutli-sports events across Walsall to engage children and young people in the games. Some of our Gen22 participants were able to take part in this provison and it was succesful in raising the profile of the games for those across our communties.





Each week the young people on our CARE project have the chance to take part in positive activities on 5 seperate days.



Some of the positive activities that the CARE project has hosted since August 2022. Young people had the chace to take part in upwards of 10 hours per week of provision across a range of locations and times.

# **Keeping our Young People Safe**

In August The Inspire Group were commissioned to deliver a pilot programme in Walsall entitled CARE (Community Activities to Reduce Exploitation) across 3 of our 4 locality areas in Walsall. The programme sought to provide young people in need with positive, pro-social engagements, support and activities to help them thrive.

Since this commission we have worked with a caseload of up to 39 young people in the borough, offering weekly youth clubs, weekend activities and mentoring in community settings to improve the aspirations of these children and young people, and support them into safe and healthy lifestyles.

# Tracking Impact

Within our CARE programme, we measure the progress of our young people by using the Staronline platform. This tool is completed alongside the young people we are mentoring and tracks key criteria such as feelings and emotions, family and relationships and healthy lifestyles.

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Hours of mentoring delivered during 2022 to our young people attending the CARE programme

### **Data & Future Plans**

Due to the ongoing nature of the CARE project, the data we have is limited however we are working alongside partners to hopefully extend the programme into 2023 and beyond, giving us the chance to make an even bigger impact on the lives of our young people in Walsall.

# **Multi-Sports Fun Camps**

Our multi-sports camps took place at Pelsall Community in everyone of the school holidays throughout 2022. We were delighted to see an increase in attendances throughout the year as more children and young people were able to enjoy more sports and activities.

**56** 

Hours of activities for our children and young people to take part in during camps

Days of multi-sports fun camps taking place at Pelsall Community Centre during 2022

336

# Cycling & Bikeability -

During 2022 we sustained our commitment to active travel and being an eco-aware organisation by offering cycling provision to our community in Walsall.

In partnership with the Bikeability trust who funded our work, we delivered a community based project to enable our children to become more confident and competent at cycling. This had the knock on effect of more of our families using active travel in order to access our community sessions and thus reducing the reliance on cars in our local area.

Early in 2022 we also hosted a partnership workshop with cycling organisation Sustrans who offered our children the chance to learn more about cycling in their local community as well as taking part in a fun cycling art activity.

800+

Healthy meals, snacks and drinks served during our HAF provision in 2022

# WALSALL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME 2022

HAF 2022

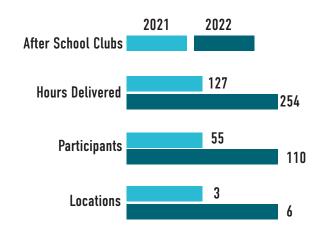
As has been the case for the last few years, we were again delighted to be a part of Walsall HAF 2022 during the Easter. Summer and Christmas school holidays. Our provision ran from our base at Pelsall Community Centre and we delivered over 100 hours of activities on our multi-sports camp during the summer.

Our Easter and Christmas offer also included the chance for our young people aged 12–16 to engage with leadership, coaching and self-improvement sessions as part of HAF.

#### PE & Enrichment

At The Inspire Group we believe that physical activity should be placed at the heart of education and all children should be in receipt of high quality, well planned and professionally delivered PE lessons and extra curricular clubs.

We would like to extend our thanks onto our education partners this year who have helped us live out this mission and extended these opportunities to the children in their schools and colleges to benefit from our Inspire, Engage, Empower philosophy of activity.



Curriculum topics that we have delivered our PE support to during 2022. We work extensively with our school partners to help them meet the required standards and topics within school.



PE hours delivered during 2022 using our #InspireEngageEmpower methodology to ensure the highest standards of PE for our school partners





36 Matchdays Supported in both League & Cup



# Reintegration to Education \_

For the first time in 2022, our philosophy has now extended not just to children and young people who are in school – but those who are currently not attending and need support to reintegrate into education.

We have successfully worked in a one to one, mentoring capacity with young people during 2022 to help them understand the importance of education, build strategies for coping with their challenges and successfully integrate into school life to ensure consistent attendance.

# Walsall College Football Academy

During 2022 we continued our long standing relationship with Walsall College Football Academy. Our team provided coaching, player development and matchday staffing to the academy.

We also worked with the academy to provide work experience and placement opportunities to academy students looking to further their knowledge of careers in sport.

"I am pleased to say our youngster is now back in school

**full time** and The Inspire Group have played a huge part in that"

Commissioning Officer for our Reintegration to Education programme









Walsall Health & Wellbeing



KICSTERS

Inspire Group.

Tonight's #KICGaming stations for The

#MetaQuest? #NintendoSwitch & #SpheroBolt.

Thank you for having us @weareinspire

Active Black Country @ @BCbeactive

Objective 3: Creating an Active Black

Tonight young people enjoyed everything



Streetly SGO @StreetlySGO

@StreetlyAcademy

16:22 - 28/02/2022

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Regardless of the poor weather we are

ready for action, working in partnership

with @ShelfieldCA and @weareinspire to

create more opportunities for Girls to get

#GirlsFootballPartnership @BarclaysFooty

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**FEB** 

into Football in @WalsallCouncil

















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