

Consortium Leadership Team

Dave Hembrough – Chair

Organisation: Mettle and Sheffield Hallam University

Role: Head Coach and Research Fellow



“Sport, physical and cultural activities have the potential to change lives, improve life experience and enhance life outcomes. Unfortunately, those who need this the most are often the last to access it. There are social and systemic barriers in place, with finance being a main detractor, which prevent meaningful activities from being provided and accessed where most needed.

“As the chair of the Sheffield Childrens, Youth and Families Consortium, I am proud to collaborate with others to address these challenges and help enrich the lives of people in Sheffield through enhanced provision and increased access to these important, transformational and meaningful experiences.”

Amy Cooper – Vice Chair

Organisation: Onboard Skatepark Ltd.

Role: Education Manager, Deputy Lieutenant South Yorkshire

“I am both excited and privileged to be involved with Sheffield Children Youth and Families Consortium. It is made up of well-distributed organisations that contribute and support Sheffield young people and families - basically good people doing good things!

“Onboard Skatepark, and me personally, want to be part of the collaboration of these people and organisations as I am confident that it is giving a wider reach, more sustainable outcomes and ultimately engaging some of the most deprived areas/ vulnerable young people in Sheffield. Plus, it is always great to catch up and share common themes, interests and opportunities.”



Chris Cutforth – Operations Group Chair

Organisation: Sheffield Hallam University

Role: Senior Lecturer and Course Leader, BSc Sport Development with Coaching, and researcher



“Sheffield is a great city for people interested in being physically active, playing sport and engaging in arts, culture and heritage activities. We know that participation in these activities can significantly improve people’s quality of life and life chances. Sadly however, some population groups and communities find it harder to access these opportunities than others, for a variety of complex reasons. This provides the rationale for the Consortium – helping to make the Sheffield more of a level playing field for access and opportunities.

“The work is challenging but rewarding and requires high levels of collaboration. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful people and organisations who are committed to the Consortium and what it aims to achieve.”

Dr Charlotte Coleman – Research Advisory Board Chair

Organisation: Sheffield Hallam University

Role: Deputy Head of Psychology, Sociology and Politics

“I lead the Consortium’s Research Advisory Board, supporting the Consortium and its members to carry out and facilitate research to promote and meet its aims and outcomes.

“I research the development of young people, desistance from crime, and the beneficial role of sport. My key research focus is understanding what works to prevent young people from becoming involved in violent crime, either as a victim or as an offender. The role of sporting and cultural activity has importance in providing positive experiences in settings promoting personal growth, which can serve to lead young people away from crime involvement.”



Operations Group Members

Adam Fuller

Organisation: Yorkshire Sport Foundation

Role: Development Manager, Children and Young People

“Having worked in Sheffield for a number of years, it is amazing to see how well the city works together in collaboration to get people more active. The Sheffield Consortium allows Yorkshire Sport Foundation to understand what is happening through a community focused approach across the city, as well as collaborate with key sports, physical activity and voluntary & community sector partners to get young people moving more.

“It is amazing to share good practice through the Consortium and see some of the fantastic work happening across communities in Sheffield to overcome barriers to being active.”



Katie Glossop

Organisation: Sheffield United Community Foundation

Role: Senior Manager, Health and Well Being



“Sheffield is made up of fantastic organisations delivering incredible work across the city and supporting our communities. The Consortium is a collective group of likeminded partners who want to collaborate and work together to support children, young people and families to become more active and engage in sport, arts and cultural activities.

“The Consortium’s goals align with our strategic goals at Sheffield United Community Foundation, and therefore it is important I support the work of the Consortium in achieving our mutual goals to create lasting impact for our communities in Sheffield.”

Tom Hughes

Organisation: Yorkshire Sport Foundation

Role: Development Manager – Sheffield



“I have worked in Sheffield for 15 years and have spent the vast majority of that time helping people to Move More in one way or another. My current role in Sheffield allows me to support partners and stakeholders to explore ways of how we help people to become more physically active.

“The Consortium provides a space and a network of key stakeholders that focus on the needs of families and young people in Sheffield and how by working collaboratively we can overcome the barriers that prevent people from living active lives.”

Laura Travis

Organisation: Create Sheffield

Role: Manager

“So much arts and culture happens in Sheffield, but often it happens in isolation and not everyone knows about it or thinks it is for them. Great arts and culture needs to be by everyone and for everyone; that’s why I am delighted to be part of the Sheffield Children Youth and Families Consortium which focuses primarily of the communities of Sheffield with the greatest needs.

“By working together, we aim to extend access and opportunities by removing barriers that prevent young people and families from getting involved.”

