



Funding support

Ardwick Community Football Consortium (A.C.F.C)

Two independent football clubs based in Ardwick had an idea to use football to bring organisations and communities together through a programme of fitness and training ending with mini tournaments played with teams of mixed ages and abilities.

They wanted activities to be free and delivered at varied times and venues so as many people as possible could take part. The only problem was that they were relatively inexperienced at fundraising.

They decided to contact Macc for support with funding the free community sports programme and they were offered a bespoke support package that helped them to develop the partnership and write a successful funding application.

With the help of the funding they secured the consortium are now able to offer free community sports on Wednesday's 8pm-10pm, Thursday's 6pm-8pm, Saturday's 10am-12pm and Sunday's 2pm- 4pm. Those taking part in the sessions need to register and complete a baseline assessment to identify what they would like to achieve by taking part.



Mike and Darren said: “Families in Central Manchester are more likely to face unemployment and deprivation, a high proportion are on benefits or are on a low income. In Ardwick alone over 50% of young people are in poverty or experience deprivation. As a result, members of these communities seek positive outlets for physical activity and rely heavily on subsidised public and/or voluntary sector services to maintain their well-being as they do not have the resources for gym membership. This data was the inspiration for the project”.

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