



Active Schools Edinburgh News and Updates



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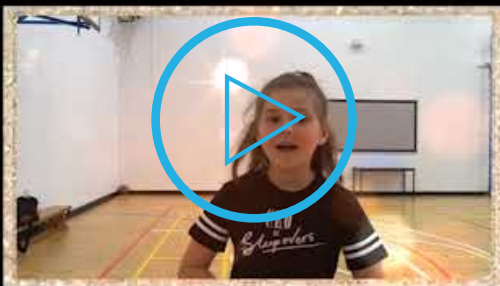
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The Impact of Lockdown

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Watch our video of pupils sharing the impact that lockdown has had on them and how sport and physical activity returning has helped them get more active and socialise.

Volunteering with Active Schools

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Netball in the east of the Edinburgh has always struggled as there is no pathway beyond school netball. Most of the clubs are based in the west Edinburgh. Despite having only been involved as a recreational netballer Linsay threw herself into her new, and at the beginning, unknown role. She got involved in coaching alongside several Edinburgh University coaches but had bigger ambitions of formalising a club and entering the City of Edinburgh Netball Association Leagues. She also became one of two parents to volunteer at Duddingston Primary School to ensure netball at the school didn't stop when the existing coach moved on. Linsay organised an end of term parent's and pupil's fun tournament to try and promote the new club, Portobello Panthers, and had just under 50 people in attendance.

Linsay Brassington



Thanks to Linsays ongoing efforts the club has since gone from strength to strength and have now played in the Edinburgh Junior League with 2 squads (which was unfortunately suspended due to Covid). Another volunteer parent coach was recruited as well as some junior coaches. The club offered Zoom coaching and outdoor coaching in line with restrictions during lockdown while Summer camps have also been organised in partnership with the University of Edinburgh. The club has bought performance netball dresses for matches for high school players, as well as t-shirts and hoodies and there's now a real club identity growing. Portobello Panthers now have 4 competitive squads, plus a Sunday morning Primary session, with over 70 girls taking part. Next year they plan to have 5 or 6 high school squads. Many of these girls wouldn't play sport if it wasn't for the club which Linsay has been instrumental in setting up and growing over the last few years.



If you want to make a difference to children's lives as shown in both our videos, please get in touch to find out more about volunteering with Active Schools.

<https://www.joininedinburgh.org/sports/active-schools/contact-list/>

Summer Camps

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Summer Sport and Physical Activity Camps are available to book at various venues across Edinburgh. Find out more and book at

<https://www.joininedinburgh.org/sports/active-schools/holiday-activities/>



Future Editions

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