

Purpose	Development & Participation Sub-Group
Date/Time	1800-19:20 28 th October 2024
Attendees	Tom Overton (TO) Chair Laura Mason (LM) – WA Board Member Jo Bohannan-Walker (JB-W), Rachel Bowen (RB) Rhys Jones (RJ) Ali Abdi (AA) Chris Moss (CM) – Welsh Athletics – Head of Development and Participation Hannah Baulch (HB) – Welsh Athletics – Head of Participation
Apologies	Josie Rhisiart (JR) Run Wales – Adults Engagement Chris Pratt (CP)
Secretariat	Tom Overton (TO)

Key Points/Decisions:

1. Welcome, introductions and scene setting by the Chair.
2. Welcome to Laura Mason – new NED for Welsh Athletics who will be joining the WA Dev & Participation Subgroup

State of the Nation – Key discussion points

3. Three new WA Board Members have joined the WA Board – Laura Mason, Philip Draper, Catherine Lewis
4. New staffing structure with Dev & Participation across CM and HB roles
5. Good example of sharing resources across NGBs – inclusion role shared with DSW
6. Strong agreement that more pressure needs to be put on WG and SW regarding the cuts in funding
7. Annual report
 - highlights include increase in coaches and officials and coach progression
 - Club membership increase but concerns over young member numbers
 - Over £1.8million capital grants accessed
 - Daily mile growth (600 schools) and fantastic partnership with Mind Cymru
8. Opportunities –

- social prescribing (use examples from England (RJ))
- look at building capacity at grassroots outside clubs (FAW huddle type model)
- lobby (again) to show the impact that the sport can have on wider population outcomes

Provisional Date of Next Meeting:

January 28th, 2025- via MS Teams (17:30-19:00)

Actions	Owner	Due Date
CM to share JW 'funding response letter' to WG	CM	04 11 2024
CM & HB to shape and share updated 2024 /25 road map 6-month review	CM & HB	13 01 2025
CM & RJ to follow up conversation regarding examples of social prescribing from an England perspective – What can we learn?	RJ & CM	13 01 2025
Meeting notes to be shared amongst the wider group	TO	29 10 24
Circulate date for next online meeting	TO	29 10 24