

Hertfordshire CSNs (Broxbourne, Dacorum & St Albans) Seminar Feedback

Headline Points

- More work to be done between partners across the county in getting support and clarity moving forward
- Existing structures across the county are mixed –some strong local sports councils in a few areas and good sports infrastructure across the county as a whole
- Good potential to use the messages from 2012 to increase participation – the potential to build upon the impacts through the CSN are strong.
- Getting political buy in to this work is essential to ensure capacity can be created – good to see Stevenage have done this already.
- Not all areas have the personnel and political support to make this happen immediately – the CSP needs to support this
- Developing some quick wins with partners locally would help to demonstrate the value of the CSN and show it is not simply a talking shop.
- Planning to move forward is essential but it has to ensure that delivery improves
- Support from the CSP is essential in being able to learn from how other areas are doing and how they are resourcing interventions.
- We need to make sense of what is currently offered in our areas – its not simply a case of setting up new projects. Can we make better use of what we have and also promote what we can offer in a more consistent way?
- We need clarity around what is available in terms of funding to deliver new projects – we can then work out how we build these priorities into our local action plans
- Good presentation from Ipswich – some good ideas around branding and media links. Developing a single voice and brand for local sport is important
- Perception of independence from the local authority could be a good idea in many areas to get community support for the initiative

- Support from Continuum would be welcomed in many areas to get things going. The start up fund will be useful as well.
- Forming links with Local Strategic Partnerships will be an issue in some areas – a champion for this work and best use of our existing sporting champions will be wise.
- A commitment to moving forward beyond the seminar to get further support for this work will be scheduled by CSP with support from Sport England East