



COMMUNITY PROJECT PROPOSAL

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Hawks Netball Club

Community Schools Netball Engagement Project

Introduction:

Join us in breaking down barriers and empowering girls and young women in Leicester through our "Community Schools Netball Engagement Project". Our initiative is designed to increase participation in netball among secondary school students facing financial constraints.

Background:

Research indicates that by age 14, girls drop out of sports at twice the rate of boys, facing challenges such as safety concerns, social stigma, and limited access.

We believe that netball can be a transformative force, offering girls an active network of peers, boosting confidence, fostering mental resilience, building relationships, improving body confidence and developing new skills.



Barriers to Participation:

Financial barriers exacerbate the challenges, with performance netball often dominated by participants from high-income households.

City schools, especially, face representation challenges in local competitions due to financial and transportation constraints.

England Netball's membership survey found that the vast majority of their members are from households with more than £150k annual income. Just 5% of EN members live in the bottom 20% of areas of deprivation.

Our Solution:

The "Community Schools Netball Engagement Project" seeks to bridge this gap by providing targeted financial support to a referred cohort of female students in Leicester.

Over the course of a year (January 2024 - January 2025), we aim to identify and empower 10 girls aged 13-15 who face financial constraints hindering their participation in netball.

We hope that with a mixture of funding grants and local fundraising activities by our own club members, we will raise the +£3,000 needed to sponsor these 10 players to provide :

- weekly training by specialist netball coaches
- access to regular league netball competition matches
- access to participation in netball tournaments
- access to opportunities to volunteer in club activities
- access to training for qualifications in the sport (coaching and umpiring)



Why Netball?

Netball, beyond being a sport, offers a platform for individual achievement, team camaraderie, and personal growth. It addresses physical, social, and emotional well-being, making it an ideal avenue for girls to overcome various challenges they face.



How You Can Help:

- England Netball: Spread the word about our project!
- Local PE Teachers: Support us in identifying potential participants
- Hawks Netball Club Family: Get involved in fundraising activities

Join us in making a difference!

Together, let's make a difference in the lives of girls and young women in Leicester and create a thriving community through sports and inclusivity.

Join Hawks Netball Club in supporting the "Community Schools Netball Engagement Project." Every contribution counts towards building a healthier, more inclusive netball community and empowering young females through netball!

Support and Follow Hawks Netball Club:

Website: www.hawksnetballclub.com

Social Media: [hawksncleics](#)

To get involved in Volunteer & Sponsorship Opportunities, contact:

Email: hello@hawksnetballclub.com

**Help us make a positive impact on young lives
and promote a lifelong love for netball!**

