

Dear Party Leaders,

As sector leaders across sport, physical activity, health, and business, we are united in **calling for all parties to commit to making the UK the most active nation in Europe, as part of the sector's #TakeTheLead campaign**. The UK currently sits joint 11th for physical activity levels among 15 comparable nations. By taking the lead, we can unlock our sector's huge potential to significantly improve the UK's health economy, and society.

Sport, recreation and physical activity unite our nation, bind our communities together across all ages, abilities and backgrounds and make us healthier, happier, more productive and more prosperous. By supporting more people to be more active, we can help take the pressure off the NHS, boost the productivity and economic growth of the working age population by helping more people to stay in work, improve overall health and wellbeing and create more connected, inclusive communities. If we were to become the most active nation in Europe, it would:

- **Grow the economy** – by increasing GDP by £3.6bn every year
- **Reduce the burden on the NHS** – by cutting spending on preventable disease by £1bn every year
- **Improve people's life satisfaction** – by increasing wellbeing benefits to the value of £71bn every year.

During this General Election campaign, you are making your case for leading the country over the next five years. To overcome our national health crisis and deliver economic growth, we believe you must commit to the ambition of making the UK the most active nation in Europe and work with the industry to deliver this vision.

As set out in our campaign, the following steps will help us to realise this ambition together:

- **Unlock access:** remove the barriers that stop people from participating in sport, recreation and physical activity; improving access, affordability and usability of our spaces and places.
- **Build a habit for life:** put PE, school sport and physical activity at the heart of children's lives in schools and communities, with every child getting at least 60 active minutes a day.
- **Red card to red tape:** reduce tax, regulatory and compliance burdens on the sector so it can focus on what it does best – getting people active and engaged in sport, recreation and physical activity.
- **Strengthen the squad:** retain and grow the people who make sport, recreation and physical activity happen every day – its paid workforce and volunteers.
- **Power a prevention-first approach:** embed sport, recreation, physical activity and movement within community health and care systems to improve population health and wellbeing.
- **Tackle inequalities:** use a place-based approach to breaking down barriers and ensure everyone can get active, through a relentless focus on making sport, recreation and physical activity more inclusive.
- **Enhance our places and spaces:** protect and improve the quality of the natural environment, and better harness the built and urban environment to enable and encourage more people to be active.
- **Back our world-class athletes and events:** invest in and leverage the power of elite competitions and events to inspire participation, boost civic pride and enhance soft power.

We are united in the belief that the health of the nation and the health of our economy are inextricably linked. The next Government has a unique opportunity to harness the full potential of the sport, recreation and physical activity

sector by committing to this bold ambition, which would be transformative for communities across the UK. We ask you to #TakeTheLead.

Yours Sincerely,

The National Sector Partners Group (NSPG) and supporters (signed):

NSPG:

Active Partnerships

The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)

The Sport for Development Coalition

The Sport and Recreation Alliance

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The Youth Sport Trust

Signatories:

Abbeycroft Leisure

Access Sport

Action Group PR

Active IQ

Active Luton

Active Pregnancy Foundation

Activity Alliance

Alliance of Sport in Criminal Justice

Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre

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Angling Trust

Anytime Fitness

Archery GB

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Asian Sports Foundation

Association for Physical Education

Association of Colleges Sport

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Bowls Development Alliance

Bowls England

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British Association of Sport Rehabilitators

British Cycling

British Equestrian Federation

British Fencing

British Gliding Association

British Gymnastics

British Horseracing Authority

British Horse Society

British Judo

British Mountaineering Council

British Nordic Walking

British Obstacle Sports

British Orienteering

British Para Table Tennis

British Rowing

British Shooting

British Society of Lifestyle Medicine

British Sub-Aqua Club

British Taekwondo

British Universities & Colleges Sport

British Weightlifting

British Wheelchair Basketball

British Wrestling

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CSSC Sports and Leisure

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England and Wales Cricket Board

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EMD UK
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England and Wales Cricket Board
England Athletics
England Hockey
England Lacrosse
England Netball
England Squash
English Amateur Dancesport Association
English Indoor Bowling Association
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Everyone Active
Faculty of Sports & Exercise Medicine
Fearless Women
Fit Hire Limited
Fitmedia
Fitness First
Focus Awards
Foundry
Freedom Leisure
FTC Gym
Future Fit Training
GB Boxing
GB Snow Sports
GB Wheelchair Rugby
Gladstone
GLL
GM Active
Goalball UK
Good Boost
Gravesham Community Leisure
Greenhouse Sports
GymBox
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Horsescotland
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Hutchison Technologies Ltd
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Junior Adventure Group

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Move Technologies

Muslim Sports Foundation

Mytime Active

Myzone

National Association of Teachers of Dancing

National Centre for Sports & Exercise Medicine - Sheffield

National Indoor Climbing Award Schemes

National Orthopaedic Alliance

National Trails

NextGen EHS

Northern Counties Dance Teachers Association

Nuffield Health

Oldham Active

Oldham Community Leisure

On The Mend

Orbit4

Orthopaedic Research UK

Outdoor Industry Association

Paddle UK

Parkour UK

Parkwood Leisure

Pendle Leisure Trust

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Quoox

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Rugby Football Union (RFU)

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Special Olympics GB

Sport for Confidence

Sport 4 Life UK

Sport in Mind

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Swimming Teachers Association
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The Grounds Management Association
The Gym Group
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