

Age Grade Team activities 2022-23



- **Siobhan Peeling (Belper RFC)** Girls' Rugby Coordinator
- **Chris Briggs (Lincoln RFC)** Girls' Pitch up & Play events, NLD Youth Council Facilitator, U14-U16 player retention events
- **Richard Waterhouse (Chesterfield RFC)** Girls' Pitch up & Play events.
- **Alan Staines (Newark RFC)** School-Club links ('Schools Charter')
- **Danny Cardew** - NLD website, information, and resource development
- **Deborah Linn** - Girls U18 retention and transition to adult rugby
- **Tim Wilbraham (Melbourne RFC)** NLD Youth Council Facilitator, U18 Male and Female Club-University links, School-Club links, RFU Platform4Rugby review group

1. Youth Council Growth

- Team of 11 recruited (male and female)
- First meeting held. Group have prioritised
 - Setting up an Age Grade festival
 - Coaching in schools
 - Fostering club links with schools

2. Player recruitment

- NLD Schools Charter – Match funding for clubs sending coaches into local schools with the aim of recruiting players
 - Two clubs signed up so far
 - Newark trailing a project targeting girls' rugby recruitment from primary and secondary schools
- Supporting the development of rugby in NLD schools via the NLD Schools group
 - Festivals held in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
 - Finding it difficult to gain traction in Lincolnshire
- Support the development of new M&J sections
 - Meeting of 9 clubs in July
 - Clubs liaising with each other and contacting us for support
 - Two of the clubs have access Schools Charter funding

3. Player retention

- Masterclass events in each county for U14 -U16 players (male and female) in 2023
- Setting up transition events for U18 women and post university players
- Fixtures between Club Development teams and university Intra mural teams (IMS)
- Negotiating with Nottingham Uni 5th team to set up fixtures with clubs

4. Increase playing opportunities for male and female rugby

- Club (18 to 23) Development Teams v University IMS teams (see above)
- Implemented U16 Girls DPP

5. Improve resources to benefit the playing and training environment

a. New NLD website development

- Regularly updated
- Improved coaching resources
- Easy access for information
- Results service
- Teams and volunteers of the month

b. Shared folders for NLD activity

- Improved safeguarding
- Helping online collaborative work
- Budget management