

On the weekend of 12th and 13th July, North West Girlguiding held their first ever large scale multi sports event at Stanley Park, Blackpool for all girl guiding units from across the North West of England to access. North West netball have been working closely with North West Girlguiding for a couple of years now aiming to attract new audiences to netball and engage with more volunteers. We have also supported the ENERGISE event and were excited to be one of the key sports providers delivering netball taster sessions to groups of girls from all over the region throughout the weekend.

Four members of the North West staff team and a local volunteer from Blackpool netball club delivered 10 taster netball sessions over the two days to a total of 470 Girlguiding participants ranging from the age of 6 to 14 years old, including rainbows, brownies and guides. Research we carried out on the day tells us that out of the 470 girls who took part only 48 of these were currently engaged in community netball sessions.







The feedback from the event has been very positive and unit leaders have been provided with our local netball development officer contacts to support further within their counties.

We are now excited to be continuing to work closely with North West Girlguiding on their newly Sport England funded sports social action project 'MOTIVATE'. To find out more about MOTIVATE project please see the following link <u>http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/news/be-part-of-our-brand-new-sports-social-action-project-motivate/</u>.

On behalf of North West Netball we would like to thank North West Girlguiding for the inviting us to be part of a great sporting event and thankyou to our staff and volunteer from Blackpool Netball Club who delivered great sessions over the weekend.

