#### Inspiring Women Through Physical Activity

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Saheli Hub is a friend dedicated to improving community health and wellbeing by providing innovative services and solutions that educate, motivate, inspire and empower

#### Brief history of Saheli Hub

1998 What do women want in Balsall Heath?

2000 Commissioned feasibility study

2002 Women only health & fitness facility run by and for women

2005 Sport England £0.5M Active England grant

2006 Adventure Hub launch & HOBPCT funding of 12 weeks GP Referral

2010 BENPCT – B8 delivery

### Pioneering, innovating & delivering

GP referral in 2006 to Social Prescribing (Holistic Interventions) 2020 to present

#### Three wellbeing sites:

- Calthorpe
- Handsworth
- Saltley

#### Three GP surgeries

- Omnia
- Yardley Green
- Gate

#### **Four Parks**

- Calthorpe
- Handsworth
- Ward End
- Cannon Hill

Working with those who are isolated, lonely and least likely to participate in physical activity and sport in the most deprived areas of Birmingham

## Funded by Active Communities Local Delivery- Holistic Interventions Programme Sept: 2018 to September 2021

50% of those who attended a social group went on to do a physical activity

2,517 Unique participants

95% Women

21,425 Attendances

94% Were from BAME communities

91% Were from IMD quintiles 1 & 2

15,734 Attended Physical activity 5,691 Attended Social activities





























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Indoor Social clubs: Talking Art, Crochet, knot & natter

Chair based, aerobics, Zumba ....

Outdoor Walk, jog & run 5/10K half/full marathon

Learn to ride a bike to 25 mile led ride in three parks

Adventure activity

Bell boating – kayaking Nowka-Bias - Boat race (Triple win in the Women's Race 2021)









#### Opportunity for all

Get the offer for those least likely to participate right

— the rest will follow

Women ONLY where needed(age appropriate/ability/socio economic)

Cost

Opportunity

Confidence

#### Urban environment

Is your team reflective of the community you serve?

Seeing is believing

Culture: e.g. of cycling - Men in lycra

Right place, right staff, right time, the right way – The Saheli Way

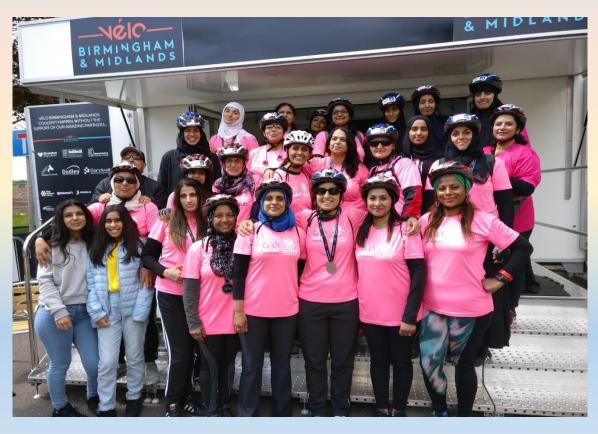
### Walk, jog & Run to 5k, 10k half/full marathon





## Velo 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky - Ramadan Special



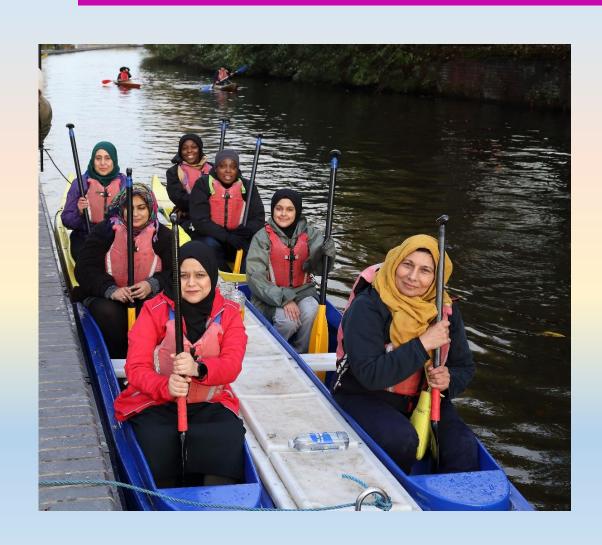


#### Wolf Run – How it started.. Vs ...How it finished





## Doing partnership differently - C&RT









# Saheli hub working in partnership with the Canal & River Trust proving #LifesBetterByWater



# Target was 150 in the first year

# Embedding physical activity – part of the everyday lifestyle

Understand your community and give them what they want – what they really, really want -

Go to where they are at – They won't come to you

Build relationships with the community you want through your door

STOP Imposing your models: Short term-ism (summer, winter, 6 weeks)

Mentor, grow or train up a reflective workforce

Start at their level

Create a win – win situation for all

# Film & Questions