

Scottish Volleyball

Scottish Volleyball are delighted to complete the build of this historic facility but know that it is the work that lies ahead that is the exciting part. When it is safe to do so, Scottish Volleyball have some fantastic support lined up for Liberton High School and the local community and with the support of Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club, aim to deliver a variety of new and dynamic programmes at the **Sand for Schools** venue for anyone who wants to get involved.



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Additionally, this venue has the potential to host local, national, and international events, which we hope can help inspire people of all ages and abilities to get involved in our sport, but importantly will also provide a fantastic and unique opportunity for local young people to get involved in these events as volunteers.

Margaret Ann Fleming, Chief Executive Officer of Scottish Volleyball is extremely excited to get the venue up and running and is proud that her organisation has been able to achieve this success in the middle of the pandemic:

'To be able to complete a project like this in the middle of a pandemic is a fantastic achievement and we are proud to be able to share some good news with you at this time. We hope that this is the first of many projects aimed at building capacity, profile and engagement for our sport, but most importantly, making a difference to the lives of those involved.'

'This facility build is the culmination of a lot of hard work and effective partnership working; collaborating with a diverse variety of new and existing partners to make this happen. Scottish Volleyball are very excited about the potential that the Sand for Schools project has to inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers, and recognise the positive social impact that our sport can have on people of all ages and abilities both on and off the court.'

Lynne Beattie, Regional Development Officer (East) and **sportscotland Changing Lives Champion**, was the project lead for this build. Lynne has had the vision of bringing the beach to the community for a long time and is very excited to see this vision finally brought to life:

'I am a big believer in the power of sport to change people's lives, with its unique ability to create an inclusive environment where people have a purpose and feel connected. This build has been a long time in the making, all starting from an informal chat with Liberton PE staff, to the build of a quality community sports facility within a school environment. This is just the beginning, but I am really looking forward to working with the school and the club to bring the plans and vision for the project to life.'