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Local Volleyball Club, **Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club (EBVC)** are one of three volleyball clubs in Scotland, invested in by **sportscotland** as part of their Direct Club Investment programme. This investment will enable the club to deploy staff to the school to support the planning and delivery of the project, helping to maximise the opportunity of this fantastic new venue.



Chief Executive of sportscotland, Stewart Harris, said:

“We are delighted to be supporting the fantastic Sands for School project as part of our partnership with Scottish Volleyball. This initiative will increase participation opportunities and has been made possible thanks to the commitment of a wide range of local partners who have come together to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community. We look forward to continuing to work with all our partners, including Scottish Volleyball, to ensure that this project continues to develop over the coming weeks and months.”

sportscotland Lead Manager (East), Bob Wyllie also comments on the strengths of the partnerships involved:

*“In these pressing times, there has never been a more important time of life to work in a true partnership. This facility build will have a far wider reach due to the amazing appetite to make a difference through the exciting sport of Beach Volleyball. The Sand for Schools project is not only developed in true partnership working, but it will also set the standard around how Scottish Governing Bodies, Clubs and Local Schools can come together around a facility build and ensure the local community needs and aspirations will be met. **sportscotland** look forward to seeing how the project progresses and the wider impact that it will undeniably have.’*

Scottish Volleyball Regional Development Officer (East), Lynne Beattie, who has been leading this project and is one of **sportscotland** Changing Lives Champions. Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club have a written commitment to the Changing Lives approach and have been working closely with Lynne to implement key programmes which aim to address local participant and community need, ensuring that their services are inclusive, affordable, and meaningful to all.

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sportscotland Partnership Manager for Schools and Communities and Changing Lives Changermaker, Pam Dewar, comments on the approach of Scottish Volleyball and EBVC:

‘Scottish Volleyball and Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club have fully embraced the Changing Lives approach, ensuring the benefits of sport are open to all in the local area. Volleyball has the power to impact on individuals in the local community by improving physical and mental wellbeing and developing skills for life, and this is intentionally built into the planning and delivery of this work. Not only will more people be able to embrace volleyball, but we will have stronger and healthier communities because of it’.