

Scotland's first national Walking Football Network at Toryglen



Congratulations to Midlothian's Walking Footballers who won the round robin tournament at Scotland's first national Walking Football Network yesterday at the Toryglen Regional Football Centre in Glasgow.

The project, which has been co-ordinated by Paths for All as part of the Scottish Government's Active Scotland strategy to encourage more people to undertake physical activity, has been endorsed by Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health.

The event, which featured well known faces such as former Hibs' star Chic Charnley, Chick Young (BBC Scotland), Jamie Hepburn (MSP), Humza Yousaf (MSP) and Ken Macintosh MSP, was kicked off by Archie MacPherson, the 'voice' of Scottish football and former Scottish FA chief executive Gordon Smith.

The Scottish Walking Football Network brings together five national organisations to support and enable the development of the game across Scotland whilst measuring its impact: Paths for All, Age Scotland, Scottish Association for Mental Health, Scottish Football Association and the Scottish Professional Football League Trust.

Ageing Well coordinator Viv Wallace told the Edinburgh Reporter: "We played a round robin with two teams from Stenhousemuir and a Glasgow team on seven a side pitches at Toryglen which is a great facility. We won overall on goal difference. Peter Collins saved some fantastic shots and at 84 he did the team proud as well."