

## **National Club Conference**

Hilton Hotel, Glasgow

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Wifi – Honors (Hilton Honors network)



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## Conference Information

- Housekeeping
- Introduction to scottishathletics staff
- Partners
- Agenda
- Networking
- Photos

Ron Morrison
President,
scottishathletics



Keynote presentation Paula Dunn





My journey
from athlete and community coach
to Paralympic Head Coach



Paula Dunn



#### The Beginning: How did it start

- Identified at Primary and at Secondary School and started Athletics when I was 12.
- A member of Trafford AC since 1976 and still a member today!
- Met my coach at the age of 10 and he started coaching me at the age of 15.
- He established a world class environment and produced 2 Olympic medallist and numerous European and Commonwealth medallists in his group.
- First International at 18

## The Family- My biggest supporters.





#### Athletics Career: 1985-1996

- 1 Olympic Games (selected for 2)
- 3 World Championships
- 3 Commonwealth Games
- 3 European Championships
- 1 European medal
- 4 European Team medals
- 5 Commonwealth Games Medals
- Competed for my country over from 1985 1996
- 10 UK National AAA's Titles over 100m/200m



Worked throughout my athletics career for Manchester City Council, which enabled me to combine my racing with my job. No lottery support!



## **The Racing Years**

"If you believe in yourself, anything is possible!"





#### My Coaching Career

"Work hard in silence - let success make the noise"

- In 1997 I began coaching Athletics at Trafford AC by accident!
- Mentored and encouraged by my own coach Jim Harris
- Coached two GB U23 sprinters and two GB U18 and U20 sprinters.
- Coached senior GB athlete, representing England at the Manchester Commonwealth Games in 2002.
- Coached one Paralympic sprinter, who went on to win a Bronze in the 2004 Paralympic Games and Silver in 2006 at the European Championships.
- I am currently a UKA Level 4 Performance Coach, specialising in Speed and Relays.





### My first coaching job - 1991...

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win competitions"





#### **Athletics Management and Coaching experience**

- GB Junior Speed and Relay Coach, 2002,2004 and 2006
- GB U18 Team Leader ,2003, 2005 and 2007
- Team England Women's Speed and Relay coach at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006
- GB Junior Paralympic Team Leader 2009 and 2010
- GB Senior Speed and Relay Lead for the World Para Athletics Championships in 2011
- GB Head Coach for the European Para Athletics Championships in 2012
- GB Speed and Relay Lead London Paralympic Games in 2012



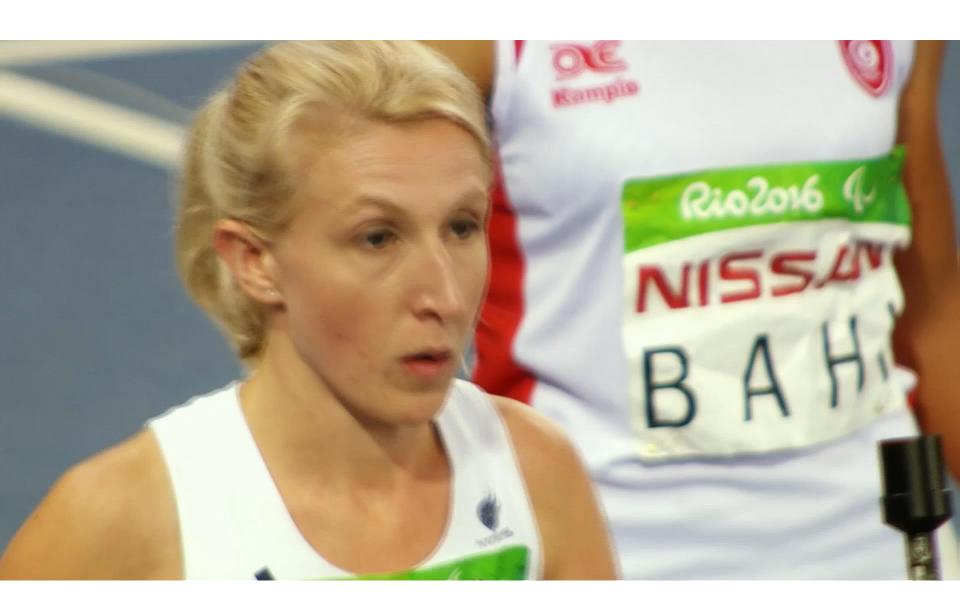
# In 2012, appointed the first female and black head coach for British Athletics





### 2012 Onwards: 9 major Championships...

- 2013 World Champs Achieved our target 29 medals won, top 5 on the medal table
- 2014 European Champs Surpassed our target 55 medals won, number 2 on the medal table
- 2015 World Champs Surpassed our medal target 34 medals won, top 3 on the medal table
- 2016 Paralympic Games Surpassed our medal target, and the teams best result since 2000! 32 medals won, top 3 on the medal table 114 countries participated, the highest number ever!
- 2017 World Champs in London Surpassed our medal target 39 medals, top 3 on the medal table
- I was nominated as Coach of the Year and the Para Athletics squad and Team of the Year at the 2017 BBC Sports Personality of the Year
- 2018 European Champs in Berlin, surpassed our medal target 50 medals won, number 2 on the medal table
- 2019 World Champs in Dubai, surpassed our medal target 27 medals won!
- 2021 European Champs in Poland, surpassed our medal target with 36 medals.
- 2020 Paralympic Games, 24 medals won, 4<sup>th</sup> on the medals table 155 countries participated, the highest number ever and we hit our medal target!



# **Delayed Games!**

#### The challenges —

A small number of athletes were self isolating

Disruption to training and competition plans

Lack of facilities open

Lack of medical/physio support

#### New ways of working

Online educational workshops, meetings but we were able to adapt and still move forward and stay connected with both the internal and external team

#### Learnings

Improvements can still be made despite the challenges

Focus on areas that can impact performance – nutrition, sport psych, energy management etc

#### **Delivery and Outcomes -**

New athletes identified, targets hit, we also had a high number of SB's, PB's, ER's and WR's in 2021 so we just didn't survive we flourished!



## **My Golden Rules**



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**Dream big** 

**Work hard** 

Be brave

Be nice

Have fun &

create great memories







## What is my biggest achievement?





## Workshop 1

Spey – Aberdeen AAC

Clyde – Springburn Harriers

Dee – Equality Group

Main Room – Coaching





# Refreshment Break



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## Workshop 2

Spey – Aberdeen AAC

Clyde – Springburn Harriers

Dee – Equality Group

Main Room - Coaching





Tru Wealth







David Ovens Chair scottishathletics

Colin Hutchison CEO scottishathletics



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**LOOKING AHEAD (2021-2026)** 

David Ovens, Chair, **scottish**athletics Colin Hutchison, CEO, **scottish**athletics

# Reflections - 2020/21

- Pre-covid
- Impact of covid
- Resilience across athletics in Scotland
- Role of everyone in the sport to reconnect
- Refocussing on our objectives
- Athletics Unified





# Recovery – current position

- Clubs and people
- scottishathletics
- Club affiliation (-3.5%)
- SA membership (-16%)
- Olympics/Paralympics
- Volunteers



# Reconnecting

- Clubs and volunteers adjusting our support to meet the needs of our members
- Communications
  - Covid updates
  - 12-15 news stories per week
  - Social media growth across all platforms
  - Profiling club work
- Event entries (9% down on 5 year average)
  - Together Apart
  - +123 teams in club relays
- Creating new opportunities to participate in the sport
  - Club recruitment
  - Keep on running
  - Daily Mile







## Refocus

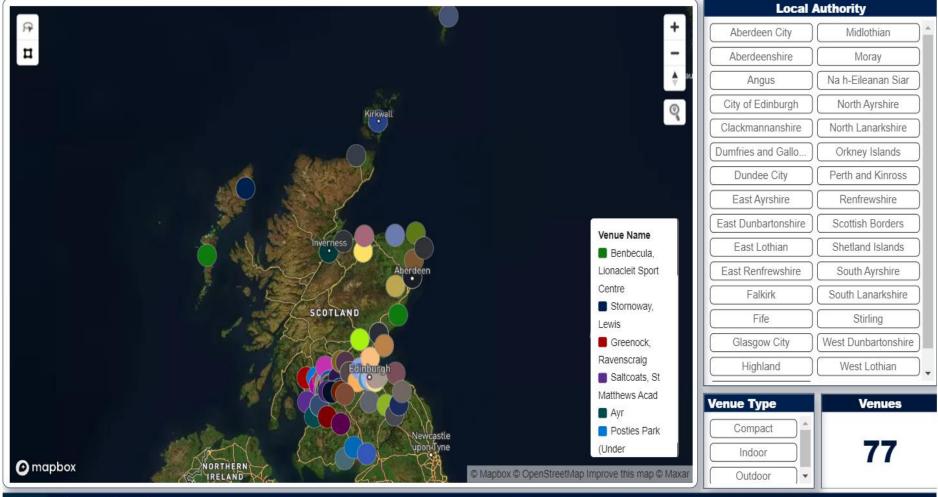
- Building a Culture of Success
  - Mid-term review
- Key strategic initiatives across all pillars
- People
- Leadership
- Governance
- Equality
- Safeguarding





#### **Regional Facilities Map**







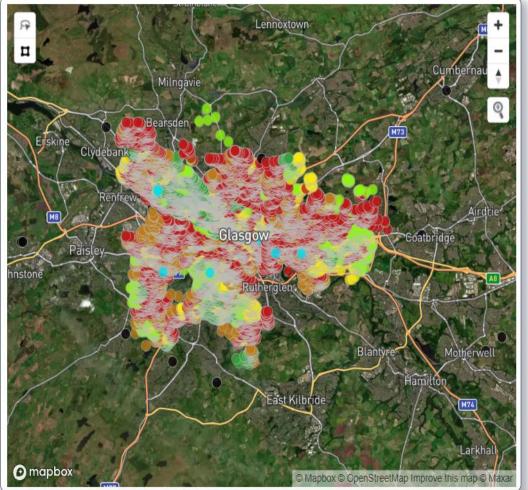
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#### **Regional Accessibility Insight**





Council_area	Venues per 20k
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	1,45
Orkney Islands	0.94
Scottish Borders	0,88
Shetland Islands	0.87
Stirling	0,67
East Renfrewshire	0,66
East Lothian	0,60
Dumfries and Galloway	0,53
East Ayrshire	0.49
West Dunbartonshire	0,44
Moray	0.43
Aberdeenshire	0.40
Clackmannanshire	0,39
North Lanarkshire	0.30
Dundee City	0,27
Highland	0,26
Falkirk	0,26
Inverclyde	0,25
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Glasgow City	0.24
Renfrewshire	0,23

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This provides an insight into the accessibility of athletics facilities across Scotland. It can be adjusted to look at Compact, Indoor or Outdoor facilities. It also shows the population with access and the SIMD breakdown of that population and the number of venues per 20k of population. travel times and and modes can also be adjusted.

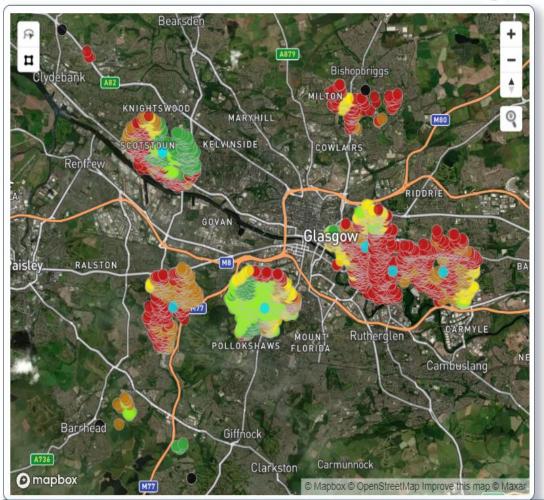
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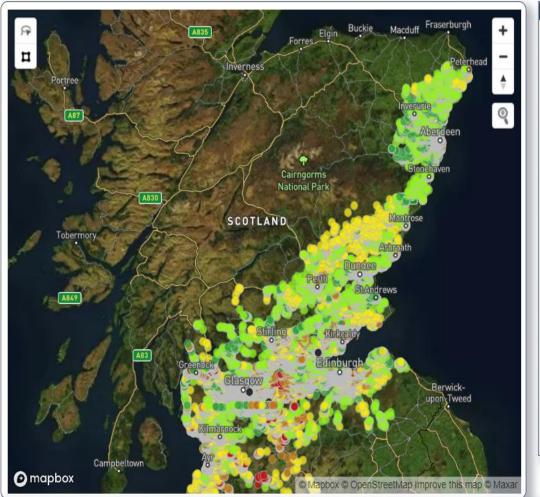
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Glasgow City	0,10
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Fife	0.05
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Argyll and Bute	0.00
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2021-2026

- Strengths of athletics in Scotland
- Solid foundations for recovery and growth
- Servicing our clubs and members
- Continually evolving athletics in Scotland
- Strength and importance of partnerships
- Power to inspire
- Thank you

# Lunch and networking

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# Round table discussions





### Round table

#### **Format**

• 2 x 15min chats

#### **Topics**

- Facilities
- #OnTheRightTrack(changing lives)
- Board Myth Busting
- Welfare/Coaching
- Para Athletics
- Jo Pavey

## Refreshment Break





### Workshop 3

Spey – Aberdeen AAC

Clyde – Springburn Harriers

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### Guest Speaker Erin Gillen







# My Background in Sport:

- Started getting involved in athletics in first year of high school
- Competed for three consecutive years at inter-school competitions
- Progressed to start coaching/volunteering at aged 15



## My Work With Sportscotland

- Became a Young Ambassador at 16.
- Joined the Young Ambassador Conference Delivery Team (YACDT) a year later.
- After two years on the YACDT I applied for Sportscotlands Young People's Sport Panel.
- After my two years on the panel I now currently sit on the project group for the Young People's Sport Panel



#### My work with Springburn Harriers:

Began as a volunteer for the minis.

 Continued on my coaching pathway and now coach for the under 11s.

 Recently elected marketing representative for the Committee.









# All About Youth:

- At the beginning of the year we surveyed Young People from across Scotland
- We found as an organisation there are areas in which Young People need better representation
- We now aim to champion the voices of Young People throughout Scottish Athletics

### YOUNG PEOPLES FORUM

- At Scottish Athletics we value and recognise the importance of providing opportunities for our young people
- With this brand new forum we are looking for:
- Passionate young athletes, coaches, volunteers, umpires, committee members or friends of the sport
- Aged 14-23
- · Willing to commit to 4 meetings a year; and
- Are ready to have their voices recognised on a national platform.





# Thank you for listening!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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#### **Summary**

- Thank you!
- Feedback
- Future work with Development Team
- FPSG scottishathletics
   Annual Awards





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