

Club Together Project Gathering

Stirling Court, University of Stirling

Friday 27th March 2026

Time	
From 5.30 pm	Buffet, Registration and Networking
6.15 – 6.30 pm	Welcome, Purpose of Evening, National Club Together Update Jamie McDonald, Scottish Athletics National Club Manager
6.30 pm – 7 pm	<p>Building the clubs capacity The session will focus on growing and developing the club’s membership and structures</p> <p>Case Study: Springburn Harriers – the Care Package and Club Growth (10 minutes)</p> <p>Springburn Harriers have grown to an incredible 590 members, a 90% growth in five years. As part of this growth the club have a large and successful base camp (Run, Jump and Throw programme) during term time and holidays. Springburn Harriers have developed a full care package for their members with support services including psychology, spiritual and mental wellbeing, nutrition, and physiotherapy. The club will discuss these developments and plans for the future.</p> <p>Case Study: Harry Baird – the final word (10 minutes)</p> <p>Harry has worked as Club Together Officer across four different athletics clubs (Falkirk Victoria Harriers, Forth Valley Flyers, Corstorphine AAC and Lasswade AC). As Harry sets to retire, during 2026, he will pass on his top tips and learnings from his experiences over the last 14 years, highlighting successes and the key contributing factors leading to the success.</p>
7 - 7.30pm	Round table discussions, sharing best practice, challenges on growing and developing the club’s membership and structures
7.30 - 7.45 pm	Break and Networking
7.45 – 8.15 pm	<p>Developing the clubs workforce</p> <p>Case Study – Kilmarnock Harriers – coaching structure, support to coaches and athlete registration/induction (10 minutes)</p> <p>Over the last 18 months Kilmarnock Harriers have appointed three club officers. The club are thriving and, in this workshop, will discuss their coaching structure, their support to coaches and the re-introduction of registration and inductions for athletes and parents/carers.</p> <p>Case Study – North Ayrshire AC – developing and deploying young leaders (10 minutes)</p> <p>North Ayrshire AC have developed a programme for young leaders providing training, mentoring support for young leaders and have deployed those young coaches and leaders to deliver community and club sessions, supported by the two club officers.</p>
8.15 – 8.45pm	Round table discussions, sharing best practice, challenges on the clubs workforce
8.45 – 9 pm	Summary and Close