Year 1
2011-2012

Year 1 Headline figures
Reached – 107,624
Completed - 87,969
Inactive – 40%
59% Male, 41% Female
89% sustained

Sportivate launched

Sportivate Portal
Sportivate launched

Sportivate has been an Olympic Legacy programme to encourage inactive 14-25 year olds to become more regularly active.

Due to its success, a further 2 years of funding were added (2015-2017) after the initial investment period of 2011-2015.

The Sportivate programme evolved in a number of ways since it began, such as a decrease in the minimum age to 11 years old and a measurement change to focus on behaviour change after Sportivate. The most significant changes are outlined in this case study.

A final year of investment has also been added for 2017-2018 with a focus on inactivity.
The Sportivate portal has been a bespoke system that was launched at the start of the programme to capture all data relating to Sportivate. A number of versions of the portal were created to ensure that it has always been fit for purpose for the data that needed to be collected.

The portal has enabled data capture of every participant who has come through the Sportivate programme, a great achievement for a national sport development programme. It also enables live tracking for CSP project managers.

848,282 unique participants across 63,556 projects, with 396,652 sessions entered onto the portal throughout the 6 years of Sportivate.

“I have used the Sportivate portal for over 3 years, our Sportivate providers have found this easy to use and the new charts provide a useful overview for CSP Sportivate Leads.”

Jacqueline Galvin, Leap
Year 2
2012-2013

Sports List amended and NGB report added
Enabled a better breakdown of sports e.g. handball, korfball and cycling disciplines

Year 2 Headline figures
Reached - 145,276
Completed – 123,790
Inactive – 44%
59% Male, 42% Female
87% sustained
The Annual Sportivate awards were launched in 2012. The national awards took place each year at the Houses of Parliament. The national awards were distributed alongside similar awards for Satellite Clubs.

The Sportivate project of the year celebrated providers/deliverers who, through their projects, inspired young people to change their sporting behaviour and become active.

The Sportivate participant of the year celebrated the positive impact that Sportivate has made to individual young people across the country.

Emily Mullis, previous Sportivate award winner said: “Thanks to Sportivate I have now not only learned how to climb but am also in a position to give back and help others learn the ropes. I want to build on this and next year I am looking forward to volunteering at the 2016 Tees Valley School Games.”
Year 3 Headline figures
Reached – 189,482
Completed – 160,314
Inactive – 48%
58% Male, 42% Female
89% sustained
Age range and partnerships

11-13 year olds included

In 2013, the minimum age for Sportivate dropped to 11 years old, enabling 11, 12 and 13 year olds to participate in Sportivate for the first time. The age range was adjusted to aid the transition from school to community sport.

Although, the change meant a wider audience for Sportivate, the period immediately following the change, saw a decrease in the proportion of 19-25 year olds engaged in favour of the 'easier to find' 11-13 year olds. This was rectified by the end of year 4, when the proportion of 19-25 year olds increased again.

Recognised partners

Year 3 saw the inclusion of recognised partners within Sportivate. The Sportivate team brokered partnerships with national organisations to help facilitate local relationships to target projects at inactive young people. e.g. YMCA

“The free running project has been a great example of what can be achieved with investment in young people, developing the skills that they want to develop. We have trained up young people and now via Sportivate, these young people are able to gain valuable employment experience and engage other young people in sport. Peer engagement is a very successful way of engaging young people and it’s been a pleasure to see young people progress through the coaching, supporting other young people and developing themselves. Without Sportivate funding this would not have been possible.”

John Simmonds, free running coaching volunteer, delivering for YMCA North Staffordshire
In 2013 3 case studies were released focussing on Sportivate participants. These case studies focussed on what the participants wanted from their Sportivate experience and how the project they took part in encouraged them to develop a sporting habit.

Insight from young people about their sporting experiences, like the feedback on these videos, has been used to inform Sportivate delivery.
This Girl Can campaign launched
Drive to increase women and girls participation

Year 4 Headline figures
- Reached: 176,200
- Completed: 146,787
- Inactive: 51%
- 54% Male, 46% Female
- 86% sustained

Youth Insight

'Spotlight on' case studies

Sportivate innovation fund

Year 4 2014-2015
Insight into youth participation

The Sport England Youth Insight Pack was released in August 2014. The information in this pack had a large influence on Sportivate delivery with deliverers being challenged to think to a greater extent about young peoples attitudes to sport and how to ensure projects are suitable for inactive young people both in the way they are marketed and delivered.

Following on from the Youth Insight Pack, a further piece entitled ‘Under the Skin’ took a closer look at youth personalities, with the aim to help providers and deliverers understand the attitudes, behaviours and preferences of young people. This is a perfect starting point when designing programmes to get young people active.

CSPs were encouraged to run workshops for providers and deliverers to disseminate the information and to advise them what they would be looking for in their applications.
‘Spotlight on’ case studies

Adding Value

The adding value case study focussed on what CSPs were spending Sportivate money on to deliver ‘above and beyond’. CSPs made links to other funding streams to maximise the impact as well as using Sportivate funding in innovative ways to maximise sustained participation.

Female participation

The second of the 3 case studies focussing on female participation used additional data collected from female Sportivate participants about their sustained participation.

Team vs individual sports

Not only are there fewer team sports to take part in than individual sports, but the profile of the role models in individual sports is significantly higher than the profile of those taking part in team sports.

This means that inspiring and encouraging young women and girls to take part in team sports is even harder than for individual sports and activities.
Sportivate innovation fund launched

The Sportivate innovation fund, launched in 2014, was designed to support inventive and cutting-edge Sportivate projects in their approach. These projects focussed on innovative ways to engage children and young people in sport and physical activity.

Sportivate innovation fund projects targeted hard-to-reach groups and met wider objectives alongside those of Sportivate. The introduction of them was where the greatest impact was made on targeting under-represented demographics.

The 'Give it a Go' programme (GIAG) was created by Active Dorset County Sports Partnership in conjunction with the Arts University Bournemouth (AUB)
Year 5
2015-2016

Sportivate Incentive Fund

New evaluation contract

Sportive Champions

Year 5 Headline figures
Reached – 149,152
Completed – 121,628
Inactive – 66%
45% Male, 55% Female
23% sustained*
In 2014, it was announced that Sportivate would receive an additional 2 years of investment, securing the programme until April 2017. With the new contract came a number of evolutions.

3 performance measures were used
• Sustain – headline target
  Focussing the attention of the programme on creating a behavioural change in sports participation.
• Complete
  Continuing to capture young people attending weekly coaching sessions
• Inactive
  CSPs were challenged to reach more inactive participants

A 6, 9 and 12 month tracking survey was added to the 3 month survey, allowing for an ongoing understanding of sustainability. The results have shown that participants are being sustained 6, 9 and 12 months after completing a Sportivate project.
The Sportivate incentive fund was launched in year 5, based on data from year 4. The fund aimed to increase the focus of Sportivate onto 2 under-represented groups – women and girls and those aged 19-25 years.

CSPs were rewarded with additional funding based on the number of participants they attracted to Sportivate who fell into the 2 demographic groups.

As with all other areas of Sportivate that developed throughout the programme, CSPs and their providers and deliverers rose to the challenge of targeting women and girls and the older age groups.

The percentage of completed participants that were female grew from 46% in year 4 to 55% in year 5. Additionally, the percentage of completed participants aged 19-25 grew from 26% in year 4 to 31% in year 5.
Sporting Champions was a Sport England initiative that brought world-class athletes face-to-face with young people and young adults to inspire and motivate them to take up and continue playing sport. Sporting Champions was aligned to Sportivate and CSPs were able to use the knowledge, expertise and experiences of elite sports people to inspire young people to stay sustained in sport after Sportivate.

Sporting champions visited over 7,000 young people at Sportivate sessions since the programme started in 2011. The Sporting Champions programme was proven to raise the enjoyment, motivation and inspiration of 87.7% of the young people that completed the evaluation.
Year 6 – 6 month
Headline figures
Reached – 51,682
Completed – 41,693
Inactive – 77%
44% Male, 55% Female
26% sustained*
The sustainability target evolved for year 5 and 6. In years 1 to 4, the sustained figure showed the percentage of participants still reporting that they took part in activity 3 months after Sportivate.

In years 5 and 6, the headline sustain target showed the percentage of participants who moved from being inactive at registration, to active 3 months after taking part. This provided a much more realistic understanding of the effect Sportivate has had on changing sporting behaviour.

The sustainability data has been combined for years 5 and 6 to give good confidence in the results. In year 5 23% of participants changed behaviour from inactive to active (sample size of 1,121) and this was 26% in Year 6 (sample size of 458).
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*method of measuring sustained participants evolved in year 5 and 6 by comparing the percentage inactive at registration with the percentage active at sustainability survey

'Sportivate has been great at getting young people, who weren’t previously taking part in sport and physical activity, to do so regularly. Since the programme started it is fantastic that Sportivate has reached hundreds of thousands of young people and enabled them to continue sport and physical activity in their local communities.’ Jeremy Lemarchand, Sport England