



 **FOUNDATION**

2022 REVIEW

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CRICKET

Since 1993

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

MCC Foundation's (MCCF) mission is to transform lives through cricket. At the heart of all our programmes is a desire to harness the transformative power of cricket to empower young people to reach their full potential, to promote positive physical and mental well-being, and to unite and inspire communities.

We deliver across the UK and around the world.

Within the UK, our primary objective is to make cricket a game for all and to ensure better representation in the game by opening access to the talent pathways through our nationwide cricket Hubs programme.

Overseas, we facilitate the playing of cricket in countries where there is interest in the game but limited infrastructure, and ensure the cricketing opportunities we provide also drive positive social change e.g. improving gender relations and mental well-being.



IMPACT IN THE UK 2022

MCC Foundation works locally and nationally to transform lives through cricket.

Locally: From September 2021 to March 2022, MCCF ran a project at Lord's with MCC to welcome Afghan families from local bridging hotels, who had fled their country as it fell to the Taliban. Cricket was at the heart of the offering, bringing much needed joy. However, to encourage and support families, the Foundation also provided English lessons, a crèche, yoga and a delicious hot Afghan meal. It was a wonderful bonus to see enthusiastic young players go on to join local clubs or attend MCCF Hubs, helping them to integrate and bringing talent to the game.

It was an honour to receive the Tessa Jowell Community Award for the project with MCC at this year's Sports Industry Awards.



Nationally: MCCF's National Hub Programme is working to make cricket a game for all and to open access to the talent pathways so that every young cricketer is empowered to reach their full potential in the game, regardless of race, gender or socio-economic circumstance. The Hubs aim to ensure equality of opportunity by providing free-to-access coaching and match play for state-educated young cricketers aged 11-16. The Hubs have a vital role to play in helping promising players who have been engaged in mass participation initiatives or non-traditional formats to develop their hard-ball skills and transition into clubs and the formal talent pathway.

In 2022, the Foundation delivered 74 Hubs (up by 15 Hubs from the previous year), engaging over 2,800 young cricketers. 176 new places were available for girls, bringing the percentage of female participants to 31%. Over the past two years we have increased the number of beneficiaries from ethnically diverse communities by 12% (to 31%).

The Hubs typically provide 10 weeks of indoor coaching between January and March, offering totally free to access coaching. Summer match play includes an exciting National Hub Competition with the finals at Lord's.



NATIONAL HUB PROGRAMME

Talent is everywhere but opportunity is not and it is hugely rewarding that our Hub programme is identifying and supporting individuals who may never have progressed in the game and is helping to diversify the talent pathway. In 2022, around 200 of our beneficiaries went on to achieve representative honours, being selected by their county, regional, or district teams.

A great success story last year was our Belfast Hub. Fourteen female and eight male participants went on to play representative cricket. Newcastle, winners of our National Hub Competition, also saw seven of their players go on to represent their county.

The Hubs not only address the cricketing skills of participants, but also have mental health and wellbeing at their core. MCCF partnered with Opening Up Cricket to deliver online sessions open to all UK beneficiaries about mental health in cricket. The sessions explored how professional cricketers look after their mental health and encouraged participants to try these techniques for themselves.

In November, we partnered with the Charlie Waller Trust to deliver Youth Mental Health Awareness training for our Hub Managers and coaches. The training outlined key mental health issues faced by young people, how they can be recognised and how best we can signpost our players to the right support.



"Cricket in Edinburgh (and the surrounding area) is far more dominated by private schools than in most other parts of the UK. There is little to no coaching in state schools at any level. The result of this is that cricket remains unrepresentative and a minority pursuit. The MCCF Hub is one of only a few opportunities for state-educated players to receive high-quality coaching. It is a small but vital engine in helping to change the face of cricket in Edinburgh, and in Scotland, for the better."

Edinburgh Hub Manager



2806 PARTICIPANTS
74 HUBS


200
UK Hub participants
were selected to play
representative cricket

34%

of our male participants were
from **ethnically diverse
communities** - compared to
23% on the talent pathway

31%

of participants were
female - up from
16% since 2019

83%

of parents said that being
part of the Hub **improved**
their child's **mental wellbeing**

We supported

18
young people to gain ECB
coaching qualifications

A former Hub
participant from
Bolton

represented **England** at the
ICC U19 Men's World Cup

NATIONAL HUB COMPETITION



2022 HUB FINALS

Boys Final:

1st innings: Nottingham 88 all out in 18 overs

2nd innings: Newcastle 89/1 from 13.4 overs

Newcastle victors by 9 wickets

Player of the Match:

Conn Sullivan (Newcastle)

Took 3 wickets for 8 runs

Girls Final:

1st innings: Guildford 108-7 from 20 overs.

2nd innings: Bolton 111-5 from 19.1 overs

Bolton victors by 5 wickets

Player of the Match:

Megan Russell (Bolton)

Led her team to victory, top-scoring for Bolton with 37 off 26 deliveries

2022 marked the second year of MCCF's **National Hub Competition**, sponsored by Charles Stanley Wealth Managers. The tournament consisted of two competitions played over 20 weeks, for U15 boys and U15 girls, and gave participants the opportunity to compete in knockout matches for the chance to progress to the grand finals at Lord's. Bolton and Guildford Girls' Hubs, and Newcastle and Nottingham Boys' Hubs reached the Finals.

Thanks to MCC, they enjoyed an unforgettable day, experiencing what it is like to be a professional cricketer playing at Lord's. They changed in the dressing rooms, had lunch in the players' dining room and stepped out to bat at the Home of Cricket. **Bolton Girls** and **Newcastle Boys** were the victors. Both finals took place in succession on the Main Ground in front of a packed-out Pavilion and Tavern Stand, and thousands tuned in to watch the livestream on MCCF's YouTube channel. Former England Men's Captains and MCCF Patrons, Mike Brearley and Mike Gatting, and current Brazil Women's Captain, Roberta Avery, presented medals to all finalists.

Simultaneously, an exciting competition for MCCF's Under 13 London Hubs took place on the nursery ground and in the Indoor Cricket Centre as part of our London Action Plan (see below). Six boys' teams and five girls' teams enjoyed a thrilling competition. It was a wonderful way for the many young Afghan asylum seekers taking part to make new friends and display their vibrant cricket skills.

Leyton's Girls' and Boys' Hubs were the victors.



LONDON ACTION PLAN

2022 was the second year of our **Action Plan for London** which seeks to complement our Hubs and further breakdown cultural, social, and financial barriers to accessing and progressing in cricket, and to ensure that cricket can be a game for all.



— London Hubs

As part of our work to increase the number of players from ethnically diverse communities, we supported 14 cricket Hubs in key locations across London, including: Croydon, Hammersmith, Lewisham (in collaboration with ACE), Leyton, Luton, Newham and Tower Hamlets.

— Player Support Fund

We worked with Bat for a Chance to provide cricket kit for Hub participants in need of assistance. Where this could not be accommodated, new kit was supplied (particularly helmets) through our Player Support Fund. We also supported some of our participants with club membership fees and travel costs.

— Mentor

We employed a Mentor who visited all the London Hubs in the first two weeks of the Hub programme to introduce herself, administer the Player Support Fund and offer additional support and advice to Hub participants and their parents.

— Springboard at Arundel

We hosted a T10 tournament in April for players from the Newham, Tottenham and Tower Hamlets Hubs in collaboration with Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation, in what was the first ever experience of playing matches outdoors for a number of the participants. Players also had the opportunity to participate in a shelter-building activity in the surrounding woodland - some had never been out of the city and it was a magical experience which inspired teamwork and brought great joy.

— Celebrating non-Club cricketers at Lord's

We held U13s competitions on the Nursery Ground and in the Indoor Cricket Centre in July, with 11 teams (both boys and girls) taking part from across London. Congratulations to the Leyton Hub which won both the Boys' and Girls' competitions!

— Springboard at Lord's

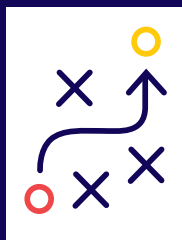
We hosted 40 of the most promising cricketers (both boys and girls) from our London Hubs for a series of specialist, technical workshops in August, delivered by guest coaches Monty Panesar, Monty Lynch, Gordon Greenidge, Chander Kaul and Kari Carswell. MCCF worked with Middlesex, Surrey and Essex County Cricket Clubs and Cricket East to ensure participants were known to county talent selectors and invited to trial for representative squads. 12 participants were selected for county or regional programmes on the back of the Springboard.

— Coach Development

We organised free-to-access Foundation 1 and Core Coach courses in conjunction with the Surrey Cricket Foundation and Essex County Cricket Club and invited nominations for candidates from under-represented groups to increase the diversity of the coaching workforce.

500 BENEFICIARIES
14 HUBS

40



of the best players from London were selected for a talent camp (**Springboard** programme). **12** were selected for a **county team**

67%



of London Hub participants were from **ethnically diverse communities** (up from 46% in 2021)

Scan or click
here to watch
our film!



TRANSFORMING LIVES OVERSEAS

Overseas, we harness the transformative power of cricket and the MCC brand to provide life-changing opportunities and to open up access to the game.

LEBANON

In 2021 we announced our support for an inspiring project providing hope and opportunity through cricket for young Syrian refugees in Lebanon. We funded two cricket Hubs, delivered by the Alsama Cricket Club, which offer year-round coaching and match play for refugee children in the Shatila and Bekaa Valley encampments.



Last year, we increased our support to four cricket Hubs serving 160 Syrian refugee children, with new Hubs in Bekaa Valley and Bourj-El Barajneh. Each Hub provides six hours of cricket coaching and match play every week throughout the year.

MCCF funded two coaches to go out to Lebanon to provide courses for coaches and talented players to gain their ICC Level 1 accreditation. As a result, Alsama now has 32 ICC Level 1 coaches, more than 20% of those in the world to hold this certificate.

The highlight of the year was a visit to Alsama by MCC President and MCCF Trustee, Clare Connor and MCC CEO, Guy Lavender. James Bailey, Head of Communications and Sarah Fane, Director of MCCF also visited (you can see an uplifting film of their visit by scanning or clicking on the QR code opposite). MCC Community Coaches, John Donegan and Harry Thompson, went out in November to deliver coaching sessions to beneficiaries and upskill local coaches.

We are delighted that two of our outstanding Lebanon Hub participants, Louay and Maram, have been named as MCCF Young Ambassadors.

160 BENEFICIARIES
4 HUBS
1,200 HOURS OF CRICKET

9/10



players said that being part of the Hub **made them happier**

We supported



young people to become
ICC Level 1 coaches

NEPAL

Since 2019, we have been working in partnership with MCC's Legacy Tours programme to nurture and empower the next generation of young cricketers in Nepal and to build a sustainable legacy for cricket in the country. In 2022 it was the Women's Playing Members' turn to tour and interact with our beneficiaries.

Nepal was badly affected by Covid-19, and with schools in lockdown for much of 2020/21, there was limited delivery. In 2022, cricket bounced back and our programmes continued to have a transformative impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of young beneficiaries at a particularly challenging time.

Last year, through delivery partners Kidasha, Connecting Clubs, and Cricket Without Boundaries, we provided cricket coaching and match play opportunities to over 3,500 children. In Eastern Nepal more than 60% of our beneficiaries were female, with sessions focussing on cricket, mental health, and female empowerment.

In Pokhara, 15 schools were provided with coaching sessions for boys and girls with a week-long tournament closing delivery for the year.

41% of participants in Pokhara were girls who come from disadvantaged communities.

Many of our beneficiaries have gone on to play representative cricket at district and province level. One girl, Sanu, was selected to play for the National U19 Team in the Asia Qualifiers for the U19 World Cup. Sanu was introduced to cricket through our programme and has overcome many challenges to progress in the game. Sanu is now employed as a community coach through our programme - earning a living from the game - and has become a role model for other young cricketers.

We supported 50 aspiring coaches to gain their ICC Level 1 coaching qualification in 2022.

Cricket for Equality

Biratnagar, Rajbiraj and Dhankuta

The Foundation partnered with Connecting Clubs and Cricket Without Boundaries in 2021 to deliver the Cricket for Equality project. The partners kick-started the 2022 delivery with a month long trip to Nepal, to deliver 95 hours to dedicated coaching and coach education to 60 up-and-coming coaches (sessions delivered by ECB Level 3 and Coach Educators). The delivery team also worked with over 1,400 players during this trip. With Community Coaches appointed in all three districts, cricket delivery continued until the monsoon season in June.

40+ SCHOOLS



young people from four regions
coached through MCCF
programmes

60%



of participants
were **female**



45

girls have now been
selected to play for
their districts through
MCCF programmes

We supported



young people to become
ICC Level 1 coaches

In January, a team of girls from Biratnagar played in a T20 series - the Team included eight girls who received scholarships from MCC Foundation.

In May, 200 players from our programme in Pokhara played in a tournament. Eight were selected for the Gadakii Province U19 squad, which won the U19 National Women's Championships.

In March, to coincide with International Women's Day, a women's cricket competition took place in Province 1 and 2 (the Equality Cup) between district teams. Ten national team players including Captain, Rubina Chhetri, took part. Alongside the competition, MCCF ran activities to introduce new female players to the game and gender sensitisation workshops.

In June, one of the MCCF Community Coaches working in Biratnagar, Sanu Rajbanshi, represented the Nepal U19 National team for their women's U19 World Cup qualifiers - she played extremely well across the teams' four fixtures and was named Player of the Match for her performance against Bhutan.

EAST AFRICA

RWANDA, UGANDA & KENYA

We supported

10,000

young people coached in East Africa
since July 2022

93

young people to become
ICC Level 1 coaches

FUNDRAISING

We were finally able to hold our COVID-delayed 2020 Gala Dinner in the Long Room in March this year and raised a magnificent £100,000. Jonathan Agnew was the guest speaker and England cricketers, past and present, Clare Connor, Isa Guha and Heather Knight, gave an uplifting insight into the momentum behind Women's cricket.

We also welcomed our supporters to a Summer Drinks in the Harris Garden hosted by MCCF Chairman, Phillip Hodson and a Writing Room Dinner hosted by Matthew Fleming and Clare Connor and kindly sponsored by Edureach.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge match giving campaign was also a great success, raising more than £96,950 for the Foundation's projects in the UK and in Lebanon.



MCCF launched our support to cricket in Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya in July. We are already seeing an incredible impact with 10,000 young people engaged on the programme so far. We are helping countries to bridge the gap between soft ball cricket and the talent pathway and in doing so, helping to support the National Cricket Associations in the region. As ever, we are using our programmes to drive home key messages on mental health and locally relevant social issues and look forward to our Hubs going from strength to strength in 2023.

In Rwanda we have entered a strategic partnership with UNHCR, the UN agency responsible for refugees. Working with delivery partners, we are supporting young leaders from the refugee camps to deliver cricket sessions. This is part of UNHCR's Sport for Protection initiative which uses sport as a tool for social development in challenging camp conditions.

AWARENESS

The Foundation's visit to Alsama in Lebanon with MCC was reported by both The National and Metro, with the former stating that, with the support of the MCC Foundation, *"the seeds are being sowed that may well see a Lebanese or Syrian cricket league taking shape within the coming years."* Our short film on the week-long trip was later broadcast at MCC's AGM.

The 2022 National Hub Competition finals at Lord's were picked up by news outlets up and down the country. Various radio stations held interviews with our Patrons, Hub Coaches and Beneficiaries in the leadup to the day. Televised items appeared on regional news stations following the results.

We have recently launched an Instagram account which now has around 1,000 followers and has collaborated with influential personalities such as BBC Sport's Isa Guha and cricketing pages like Cricket District to help boost people's awareness of the Foundation.

Our work promoting girls' cricket was celebrated at the Women's ODI between England and India at Lord's. Our 2022 Girls' Hub Finalists from Bolton and Guildford formed an historic Guard of Honour in front of the Lord's Pavilion before the match. MCCF Director, Dr Sarah Fane, was interviewed live by Sky Sports alongside MCC President and MCCF Trustee, Clare Connor. Around 50 of MCCF female beneficiaries from a selection of our UK Hubs took part in soft-ball cricket drills on the Main Ground during the lunch interval, while MCCF Trustee, Mehmooda Duke, spoke about the work of the Foundation to BBC Radio 5 Live..

Regular features in MCC's Perfect Delivery as well as its At Home with Cricket newsletters to Members continue to raise awareness of the Foundation's work.

MCCF PLAYERS XI

Last year we were excited to launch our **Players XI**. Our aim is to appoint 11 Ambassadors from the global game who share our mission in using cricket for good, to act as role models for the next generation of players. Members of the Players XI will form a unique team of Ambassadors who understand the journey our beneficiaries are on and will inspire young players to fulfil their potential in the game, foster a lifelong love of cricket, and engage in our programmes which promote social and community development.

We are thrilled to announce the first of our Players XI Ambassadors: Heather Knight OBE (England Women's Captain), Sophia Dunkley (England Women), Maia Bouchier (England Women), Roberta Avery (Brazil Women's Captain), Saqib Mahmood (England Men), and Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan Men).



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023

Our preparation for UK delivery is well underway and we are excited to be launching a five-year plan in the coming months, with an increased focus on support for girls, on match play and on Cricket+, with a relentless determination to reach those who most need our support.

Cricket+ is our definition for all the additional elements beyond cricket skills, which we can deliver through our cricket platform, and which enhance the life opportunities of our beneficiaries. We work with partners to develop programmes which provide life skills and tackle the key issues facing young people today. We will continue to evolve the programme whilst remaining focused on our goal of widening access to the talent pathway in the UK.

Our international delivery is picking up pace and through our work in Nepal, Lebanon, South and East Africa, and Sri Lanka we are transforming lives through cricket across the globe. A major focus for 2023 will be increased match play with several MCCF funded tournaments and talent camps taking place. At the heart of all of these will be our commitment to Cricket+ working with local communities to identify and address social development concerns.



Working closely with the England Women's Team, we will run a Township Trophy in Cape Town to coincide with the ICC Women's World Cup. This will bring together inspirational organisations from across South Africa to deliver a girls' tournament which will provide support and guidance around women's empowerment, sexual and reproductive health, and other social issues.

In 2023 we will continue to work closely with MCC Community, MCC Tours and playing members, and our overseas partners to deliver transformational programmes to our beneficiaries.

TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER

Our work is made possible by the generosity of cricket enthusiasts around the world, whose support allows us to bring joy, opportunity, and the chance of a better future to thousands of young people. We wish to say a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who supported us last year.

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CRICKET+



OVERSEAS



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PLAYERS XI AMBASSADORS

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- Maia Bouchier
- Roberta Avery
- Saqib Mahmood
- Mohammad Nabi

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