**Title of EIA/ DDM:** ‘This Girl Can’ Campaign  
**Department:** Communities  
**Service Area:** Sport, Culture and Parks  
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**Strategic Budget EIA Y/N:** (please underline)

**Brief description of proposal / policy / service being assessed:**
The new continuation funding from Sport England will allow us to further develop the hugely successful work that has been undertaken since January 2015 which has recruited over 120 female Ambassadors who are promoting the campaign within local communities and seen over 3,700 ‘likes’ on our Facebook page. The funding will specifically build on this successful Ambassador programme and develop a range of sport and activities delivered by our Ambassadors to local women and girls in order to increase participation. The funding will also be used to develop our current website as this does not provide the functionally we need to allow women to search for sport and physical activity sessions to take part in that will again, result in increased physical activity participation.

This Girl Can aims to raise the profile of sport and physical activity for women and girls which will have significant health benefits for people of different communities of preventing and reducing the impact of various health conditions such as CHD, Obesity, Hypertension, some cancers, Osteoporosis

**Information used to analyse the effects on equality:**
Nottingham’s population is 308,700, with 151,903 being females. 44% of the female population (67,236) falls within the 14 – 40 age bracket. 81,900 females, are currently doing no sport at all (compared with 67236 males). 31,800 females are taking part in 1 x 30 mins per week (compared with 56,100 males). Nottingham City have already recognised and acknowledged this inequality and increasing women and girls participation is a strategic priority within their Sport and Physical Activity strategy “Setting the Pace and Building on Success”

Of all the known bookings at Nottingham City Council Leisure Centres in April 2015 – February 2016, 55% of these were made by females. Of these females, 23% were from a BME background. Only 20.3% of those aged 55+ in Nottingham (males and females) take part in 1 x 30 minutes of sport and physical activity a week. Data on female only participation in Nottingham for those aged 55+ does not exist for the city, however, we know from working with partners that older people are not engaging in sport compared to the young population.

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Women in Nottingham take part in less sport and physical activity than men across all age groups—see stats above. In particular:

- BME
- Disabled
- LGBT
- Older People

A full audit of sport and physical activity opportunities for women and girls is being undertaken to enable us to have an increased understanding of the activities available for women in Nottingham. This will be made available online via the newly developed website and will ultimately provide a one-stop shop for women and girls to find out what is taking place in their community and consequently increase their activity levels. It is an ongoing task as we are constantly learning about new activities. Activities included within the audit include older people specific and BME only sessions. We are working with the city wide LGBT forum to ensure activity sessions for LGBT individuals are represented within the audit appropriately.

The new continuation funding will include the development of 20 additional new sport and physical activity events/sessions being set up by our Ambassadors that will be open for females from across the city to participate in and ultimately increase their physical activity participation levels. These sessions will be located across Nottingham further breaking down the access barriers that may be faced by some women in Nottingham.

Consultation is being undertaken with women and girls from different communities (including BME, LGBT and disabled women) through websites, survey monkey, workplaces, community groups to find out what activities women and girls want which will give a greater understanding of what, when, and where for new activities to be delivered and will aid overall engagement. Our workplace consultation to date with Boots, Capital One, Nottingham University Hospitals has resulted in them the workplaces adapt their workforce health policies in order to...
Women from particular communities are not getting involved in promoting and delivering sport and physical activity.

We are aiming to have 1,000 women consulted with in 2016.

This Girl Can Nottingham have produced a 24 minute documentary that discusses the significant benefits of physical activity and talks about why women have got involved with their chosen sport or activity. Of the 5 women featured, 2 are from a BME background and one has a disability.

We have contacted the Nottinghamshire LGBT Switchboard, The Women’s Centre and The Trans Hub to access a list of sport sessions available for the LGBT community, these will be now be featured on the activity search function of the TGC website to ensure more ladies are aware of activities which will help to increase participation.

This Girl Can has currently trained 12 ladies in a number of activity and social development courses to provide them with the skills and knowledge to lead activity within their local communities. This continuation funding will allow us to provide more opportunities for women in Nottingham to train in a variety of sessions.

We have recruited over 120 local women as This Girl Can Ambassadors who go out in their communities to promote and deliver the messages of This Girl Can. These women come from all areas of Nottingham and a number of these are from a BME background.

The funding will enable us to develop our existing website making it more functional and user friendly for women. Searching for activity sessions and finding out about new events and news will be much easier hopefully leading to more women taking part in sessions.
BME women are not engaging in physical activity

We are now working with Sporting Equals, a charity that focuses on consulting with ethnic minority groups with a view to exploring their motivations and barriers to participation in sport and physical activity. They have now dedicated a 2 day per week resource to Sport and Leisure to facilitate this.

Consultation has begun in February with a focus group being delivered through Sporting Equals and the Pakistani Forum. We have worked with some specific ethnic minority groups in order to deliver activities that are specific to them. E.g. Somalian Women’s group to deliver fitness classes to their members and have offered training to the group in order to make this activity sustainable.

Our insight has shown that 18% of adults in Nottingham have a long term activity limiting illness or disability, however we know that people with a disability are still not engaging in activity.

The Disability Sports Development Officer within Sport and Leisure has developed a new partnership with the City Council Employee Support Disability Network group to discuss and promote the physical activity opportunities available for people with a disability. As part of this over 20 colleagues attended a meeting at Harvey Hadden Sports Village to be shown the range of adaptations that have been made to the site to encourage participation amongst those citizens who have a disability.

There is a comprehensive disability sports offer set up to cater for people with a disability. Majority of these sessions take place at Harvey Hadden Sports Village as this is the city’s disability hub and are well attended. Sessions include Wheelchair basketball, blind football and powerchair football.

Feedback with older people has mentioned that access to sport and leisure provision is limited.

Insight was used to show us the areas where there were high numbers of older people. Many of these aligned to...
Nottingham City Homes Independent Living Schemes. Considerable work has been undertaken through these schemes by Sport and Leisure, running consultation groups and delivering activities based on consultation.

Information targeted at older adults on how to be more physically active in their community which will signpost to the ‘This Girl Can’ campaign as well as to their nearest provision for sport and physical activity opportunities will be displayed in GP Surgeries, Libraries and Community Centres.

All groups will be advised that all new activity sessions will be risk assessed appropriately and therefore will be safe and fully inclusive for all.

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**Arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact of this proposal / policy / service:**
Review assessment every six months to analyse the impact in the local communities

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Date sent: 15th March 2016

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1. Read the guidance and good practice EIA’s
2. Clearly summarised your proposal/ policy/ service to be assessed.
3. Hyperlinked to the appropriate documents.
4. Written in clear user friendly language, free from all jargon (spelling out acronyms).
5. Included appropriate data.
6. Consulted the relevant groups or citizens or stated clearly when this is going to happen.
7. Clearly cross referenced your impacts with SMART actions.