**Highlights from 2018**

As 2018 comes to an end, we look back at some of our highlights from this year, from celebrating our third London Sport Awards to celebrating House of Sport’s first birthday and welcoming new partnerships on board.

February – London, Auckland and Singapore join forces for Active Citizens Worldwide

At the start of 2018, three founding cities came together to establish global benchmarks and share expertise around physical activity behaviours in their cities, closely followed by a London Congress on 22 May. Active Citizens Worldwide initiative will provide policymakers and strategic agencies with evidence-based guidance for development of physical activity and sport interventions.

March – London Sport Awards, Wembley Stadium

Over 400 people came together at Wembley Stadium to celebrate the best of grassroot physical activity and sport, with eight Awards being handed out on the night and a total of 24 finalists showcasing their phenomenal achievements.

Adrian Klemens, Volunteer of the Year 2018 winner:

“I felt very honoured and humbled that my fellow coaches nominated me for the Award. Personally, the win is just as important for me as it is for my family and my fellow coaches.

“To see the work, I put in get recognised, it gives everyone a lift for all the effort and challenges we face.”

Join us for the London Sport Awards 2019 at Twickenham Stadium on 14 March. Book your tickets now.

August – House of Sport first birthday party

House of Sport celebrated being a year old in August. In Summer of 2017 it opened its doors for the first time to over 20 different organisations from across the sport, charity and health industries. Over a year on and we are proud to have created House of Sport and are so excited already to hear about the collaborations that are already happening.

September – 11 startups join the second Sport Tech Hub cohort

Health, Workforce and Older-Adult focused start-ups started the second cohort of Sport Tech Hub – a dedicated 6-month incubation programme.

Alex Zurita, Specialist Advisor - Technology for Participation for London Sport, said:

“As SportTech plays an increasingly prominent role in the development of physical activity and sport, innovative start-ups have a real opportunity to shape the ways that we choose to be active in the future.”

November – Diversification of Sports Media programme launched

20 buddy journalists took part in the first masterclass of their Diversification of Sports Media programme by the Black Collective of Media in Sport (BCOMS), back by us. We believe that the masterclasses will support our strategy to help build a bigger, better sporting workforce more reflective of London.

 **Commenting on 2018, Tove Okunniwa, London Sport’s Chief Executive Officer, said:**

“This year his year has been another exciting year for physical activity and sport in London, culminating with the publication of the Mayor of London’s Sport Strategy last week.

From a London Sport point of view, we’ve been privileged to work on some incredibly exciting projects and to really see, first-hand, the benefits that physical activity and sport can bring to Londoners.

From a personal point-of-view, the London Sport Awards earlier this year were a real highlight and helped to shine a light on the incredible work going on across the capital, and next year’s event at Twickenham is already shaping up to be even bigger and better”

May we take this time to wish all our partners and the sector a happy Christmas and New Year and we very much look forward to working with you throughout 2017.