

## **AN Statements**

### **Pia Allerslev, the Mayor for Sport and Culture Copenhagen**

"Copenhagen is an active city and we have a lot to be proud of but still over 60% of adults and over 30% of 11 to 15 year olds are not reaching the recommended amount of physical activity per week. We need to work with and learn from other cities that are tackling the same issues and we welcome projects like this that allow us to do so."

### **" Alison O'Connell, Street Games, UK**

"At StreetGames, we value our working relationship with municipalities. We understand its importance to improving our delivery and the sustainability of our programmes particularly in an environment where there is less money and fewer resources readily available. Therefore it is essential for us to understand common key issues and challenges to working effectively together when establishing these relationships and ensure we have ideas and support to make sure we are maximising our results."

### **Juliane Schlindwein, Schwäbischer Turnerbund e.V. (STB) and Lena Knorr, State Capital Stuttgart**

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Stuttgart City and Schwäbischer Turnerbund e.V. (STB). At the moment we feel that we have a positive and effective working relationship but we are keen to learn how other cities and sport organisation cooperate together. We can already feel the positive energy in the group and have identified areas where we could look to make improvements. We are already going away with some good ideas."

### **Jacob Schouenborg, ISCA Secretary General, Denmark**

"Local authorities and sport for all organizations are focal point to activate citizens throughout Europe and provide them incentives to move. Not only are local authorities (including municipalities) the second largest source of the estimated total budget of the sport system (€26.0bn), they are also key actors when developing new opportunities and facilitating environments for sport."

"There are three important elements to this project. The first is to test and challenge each other's understanding and beliefs of partnership working. The second is to share and learn from the Network. And the third and arguably the most important is to have FUN."

### **Mogens Kirkeby, ISCA President, Denmark**

" **Study on the Contribution of Sport to Economic Growth and Employment in the EU** (Study commissioned by the European Commission, Directorate-General Education and Culture) have clearly demonstrated the importance of sport for all. Not only from a health, environmental and social development point of view but also in terms of economic contribution. The Study

shows 3% of European Gross Value Added comes directly from sport and it is one of the only sectors which continues to grow. It therefore makes it vital that we are working across the public and private sector and collaborating efficiently to continue this positive trend and support our aims of increasing participation."

Find Report published here: <http://ec.europa.eu/sport/library/documents/f-studies/study-contribution-sports-economic-growth-final-rpt.pdf>