



# Youth & Development Report

## May 2021 BCA Council Meeting

### CHECC

After the success of the first 8 Yoga for Cavers sessions, Rob Watson arranged for a further 8 sessions to be arranged with a simplified sign-up process. These classes continue to be available for all cavers both at the time, and after by being uploaded to Youtube. The CHECC committee have split caving clubs into regions of the UK and held smaller meetings with the delegates that I was present at. I feel like I've now got a full understanding on what potential issues lie ahead, and will be meeting with the CHECC committee in order to formulate a plan that is tailored to the various clubs to help them come out the other side of lockdown. Some ideas currently floating about to tackle specific issues include training on checking club PPE, funding available for replacement of PPE where university clubs are unable to, storing heavy kit (such as carabiners and SRT kits) in all regions to enable clubs who have to travel by public transport to have effective weekends.

Many clubs are going to be struggling for experience, and CHECC will be working hard to ensure that clubs share experience. I would also urge any alumni who have perhaps fallen out of touch with their former clubs to reach out and see if they can help in any way.

### Website Development

Our minutes and reports continue to be uploaded to the working group page on the BCA website. We are preparing further updates which will happen in the coming weeks.

The first of a series of articles focused around things youth and development has been sent to the publications team for publishing on the website. There will be further articles on their way, with the aim of inspiring people to promote diversity and inclusion.

### Experience Caving

In previous reports I hinted at a future project aimed at getting young people caving. I am now in a position to share some details of this, with the view that further information will be sent out in due course. The idea has two parts; introduce young people into caving and create a community of young cavers around the UK.

Experience caving weekends will be club run weekends aimed at 13-17 year olds, with the appropriate vetting of adults undertaken. BCA will support these weekends to ensure that they are free for the participant, without the host club losing money.

Previous 'try caving' weekends, in my opinion did not achieve what they set out to do, as they struggled to expand the circle of people exposed to the sport. As such I am proposing a social media advertising campaign. This campaign will point people in the direction of the new to caving website, where a centralised calendar will enable people to see what events are running near them and when. To the right, is an example of a facebook ad that could be part of this campaign. The campaign would also produce content for an Instagram page in order to show a full picture of what caving is about.

Before we can start advertising and running weekends we will reach out and contact clubs in order to get some weekends organised. This will include a presentation about the weekends and the benefits of them, but also a support pack for clubs in order to prepare themselves to be able to run them.

## Diversity & Inclusion

Lisa Crow recently attended the Outdoor Recreation Network's conference on diversity and inclusion. Thanks to Andrew Hinde of CNCC who made Y&D aware of this conference. Lisa took comprehensive notes, which will be drafted into a report with recommendations and considerations for BCA as an organisation as well as BCA groups and individual members to ensure that they're being as inclusive as possible, in line with the association's diversity and inclusion policy. We hope to have this report circulated in advance of the next council meeting.

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