



Project Nottingham City Gymnastics Club (CIC)

Type **Community Building Conversion**

Cost **£25,000**

**Nottingham City
Gymnastics CIC -2015**

The club started in 2009 with 17 members training out of 1 badminton court. Over the next 5 years the club expanded its classes and grew to around 200 members training in 4 venues; three schools and a Leisure Centre.

The club are 100% non-competitive; focusing instead of providing all their members an inclusive FUN opportunity to participate in the breadth of activities gymnastics has to offer.

As the club started to outgrow its training facilities, they set their sights on a dedicated facility and began looking around for options.



Facility Case Study

The project was solely funded by Nottingham City Gymnastic Club.

The total project cost around £25k which included all the internal changes to the building and the purchase of new equipment.

The council supported the club to ensure the building was fit for purpose and all outstanding maintenance and upkeep jobs were completed pre transfer at no cost to the club.





General Project Description

The club searched for their own facility for around **18 months**, initially looking for an industrial unit, but being **rejected** for planning on 2 facilities. Looking for support, they emailed their **local councilor** to explain their vision and to ask if they knew of any facilities or spaces around the area, they pointed the club in the direction of the city councils **communities team**, and the following day an **under utilised community centre** a mile away from where their main venue was identified. The Club were offered a 25 year lease on the building with a peppercorn rent as an asset transfer.

They initially spoke to the council in **November 2014** and got the keys for the facility in **April 2015**. Building work started in June 2015 and they started running sessions from **July 2015**.

Impact

The club has developed massively in the short period since they took on their facility, they have increased from 200 members to currently having approximately **420** members registered on GYMNET, with a further **50** or so taking part in weekly drop in sessions. Their coaching staff has grown to **16 coaches 24 young leaders, 3 volunteers, and a management committee**. They have increased their offering of gymnastics, to **Pre school** drop in sessions, **boys free style** sessions and **home school** sessions as additional day time usage.



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Project Detail

The club are structured as a Community Interest Company (limited by shares)

Costs

Structural Improvements £8K	Walls knocked through and viewing area installed.
Electrical Works £2K	Lighting upgrade and security doors (mag locks) installed
Equipment £13K	£15K Fast Track and Floor Mats
General Improvement works £2K	Building clean and internal painting.

Top Tips

- Get everything **ORGANISED** - ensure you have the **operational structure** in place: We have adopted an **online class management** system (Class4Kids) that organises memberships, payments and registers for us, saving HOURS. We couldn't run the facility using old paper method due to the huge increase in administration.
- Utilise **VOLUNTEERS** - **Parents** like to help! Ours got involved painting, cleaning, **fundraising**, and lots more! Don't be afraid to ask and get a **fundraising committee** in place to support the club.
- Engage the **COMMUNITY** - we ran over 30 **free taster sessions** throughout the summer, giving the local people a chance to **sample** the sessions before signing up. Every new joiner has the opportunity to try two sessions before they have to enroll. We've introduced new affordable sessions which we know will appeal to the local audience.

Keeping Things Running...

Monthly Finances

Expenditure	£/month
Staffing	£ 4,500
Utilities	£ 0
Service	£ 0
Content Insurance	£12
Rates	£ 0
VAT	£ 0

Staffing includes all associated costs including PAYE and tax, all coaches are paid, including the proficiency award coaches. The local authority have agreed to pay running costs until April 2016.

Costs accurate Jan 2016.



Where Next?

The club is reaching evening capacity at the facility, but their aim is always to keep waiting lists short- 'we want people participating not waiting to!' 'Whilst there is a demand for the sport we will also look to provide the opportunities for the people wanting to participate'. They are still in communication with the council and have started having discussion around using the same model in another facility.

They aim to continually develop their coaches and give their level 2's more responsibilities and develop new coaches to meet demand. In the future they aim to keep growing as a club, at their current site and new sites across the city.

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