

Initially I attended the 4689 course with a teacher from my primary school, which is one of the five largest primary schools on Anglesey. I had never played much hockey in primary school, apart from in PE lessons and I was keen to establish a hockey team within the school. To begin with, we started with girls in years 4 & 5 and then invited all the girls in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. We had about 30 girls playing regularly every Monday evening for 10 weeks.

Out of these 30 girls, 11 have enrolled with Bangor Hockey Club and play regularly. I see my role as a facilitator, helping schools to start playing hockey and as a result the school now continues with the hockey club without my involvement.

During the summer term I contacted another local primary school, Ysgol Llanfairpwll, again, one of the largest on Anglesey. This was the primary school that Anna Hume, the other Young Ambassador on Anglesey, attended. The school were very keen to start a club but they found it difficult to find a time which did not clash with other activities. As a result Anna and I held four sessions, although the school are very keen to restart.

Later this month Anna and I will be meeting with Nikki our local hockey agent to co-ordinate our plans and my hope is that Anna will continue with Ysgol Llanfairpwll and I will start with another primary school. Two schools have already expressed an interest and hopefully I will be able to organise a mutually convenient time with one of them in the next few weeks.

During school holidays I have also been helping out at 4689 hockey festivals organised by the hockey agents.

Bangor Hockey Club worked in partnership with the local Communities First during the summer holidays and I represented the club in running hockey workshops. Despite a lot of hard work the children attending did not seem to show interest in hockey, or any sport particularly, despite this, I handed Bangor Hockey Club leaflets but did not expect to see these joining the club. However, on our first and second training sessions of the new season 15 of the 'Communities First' children came which will hopefully result in new members!

I hope that this gives you a little background information on my recent YA activity.

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