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Agenda Item 7 - Elections

BMC Vice-President Nomination – Emma Flaherty

BIOGRAPHY

I am the Partnership Development Manager for a team of PE teachers who deliver high quality PE and training to primary schools. We have a team of 10 staff who work with just short of 60 schools across Sheffield (including 6 secondary and 10 special schools in the city). We run lots of school competitions (including the Sheffield schools bouldering competition) and deliver training for teachers to make primary PE lessons more high quality and engaging for children. I manage the team as well as the team of 30 casual coaches who deliver our after school clubs and curriculum PE lessons. We organise events across the city such as dance events for over 500 pupils and PE conferences for teachers. At this years' conference we had over 140 teachers from 118 schools and 27 industry partners showcasing their products and services.

My second job is the PE and School Sport Manager for the Local Authority in Sheffield. This is a city wide role and I support the existing structures in the city to ensure we are providing quality opportunities for staff and pupils. I work with school swimming and outdoor education (Thornbridge Outdoor centre and educational visits) in this role.

In both jobs I work closely with many partners such as the county sports partnership (SYSport), NGB's across all sports, public health, head teacher groups, and many local clubs to ensure a joined up approach across the city.

In addition to this I am one of the directors of the Women's Climbing Symposium which I do in my spare time, but I love it.

In terms of climbing I currently live in Sheffield so climb a lot in the peak area, but I try to travel as much as possible to different areas in the UK and abroad. I got into climbing whilst working in an outdoor centre in Wales, after my A Levels. I loved going out and having adventures with my friends in the mountains and on sea cliffs and have been hooked ever since. Whilst living in Wales and subsequently the North East I mainly climbed trad (up to E4) and alpine (climbing in Chamonix, Ecrin, Gran Paradiso, Valais, Bernese Oberland, Lofoten, Southern Alps and new routing in Borneo), but since moving to Sheffield I have focused more on bouldering, while my body is not too broken, and have climbed up to font 8a.

DIRECTION

I am looking forward to combining my skills and experience from across my work and climbing backgrounds to do my best to contribute to the great work that the BMC does, at a time when it seems to me increasingly important that climbers and hill walkers have a strong and respected body behind their interests.

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