



Sport RCT Case Study

Getting children more active – Tonypandy Darts Academy

The Tonypandy Darts Academy was set up in April 2022 by a local man that realised there were no other clubs in the area providing an opportunity for young people to play darts. They began weekly sessions for young people aged 8 to 18 years, and soon had around **10** junior members. They contacted us for advice and support, and we helped them to access new equipment. The equipment allowed them to provide quality sessions to their current members and gave them the opportunity to welcome even more.

The club has been developing well over the last 18 months, seeing numbers grow to over **40** juniors. There are **8** active volunteers supporting the sessions, and they have established four leagues, which provide competitive opportunities for their members, aiding their development. Following a boost over Christmas, with the publicity of the World Championships, the club came to us for further support, and we helped them to access additional equipment, allowing them to expand their offer. They can now provide additional opportunities for their members to play darts more regularly at a bigger venue.

Some of the young people have benefited massively from joining the club. One parent explained how her son wouldn't leave his bedroom, due to being low on confidence. The academy has helped him to make friends and gain confidence

and now he's much more outgoing. One junior member has been selected to represent Glamorgan County and is quickly progressing along the player pathway due to their high performances.

“Many thanks to Sport RCT for their support accessing funding for new equipment. This has allowed us to have more young people playing darts at any given time and the reason we can keep growing our numbers!”
Team Leader

“Amazing club - it has brought on my son in many ways physically, socially and academically - his maths is now amazing! Fantastic club and set up!”
Parent

“Become more confident. Made new friends. Looking to progress to try and play at a good standard.”
Junior member

