



GIRLS CONSULATION 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

48 GIRLS (12-17 YEARS OF AGE)

Below is a snapshot of their views:

What do you like about rugby?

- Being part of a team
- Physicality
- Friends / Meeting New People
- Rugby is for everyone
- Training and Learning new skills

What do dislike about rugby?

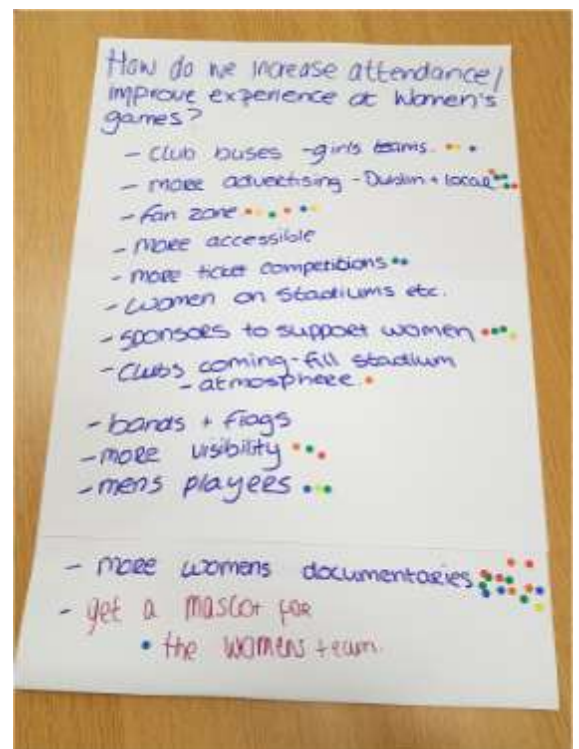
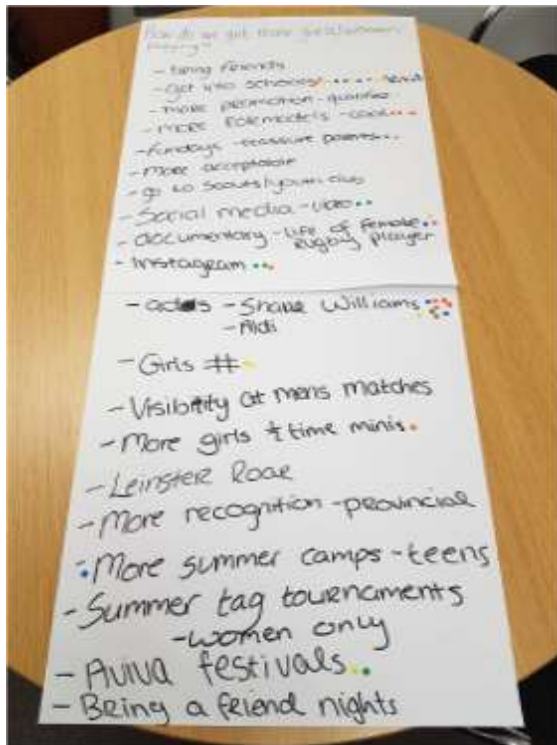
- Being treated differently to the boys
- Boys getting pitches before girls
- Bad pitches / state of pitches
- Uncontested scrums (want contact)
- No lifting in the line out (want lifting)
- Poor or biased referees
- Inadequate / inexperienced coaches
- Astroturf ("it hurts")

What would make rugby better?

- **PROMOTION** (loads of discussion and comments on this, loads of suggestions, especially around nationally promoting the game and projects in their community, a lot of talk about how social media could be used for their age-group)
- More female referees
- Professional female game
- More respect (at all levels) for the female game
- Same rules as the boys
- More opportunities to play (more games, less game being cancelled, etc.)



Below are some of the photos taken that show their 'thought clouds' (done individually) and some photos of their group work



Why do they not play now?
(or stop playing)

- Image of women (^{body image} + rugby)
- Future prospects - career
- Injury
- Have to pick one sport over the other.
- Getting into Rugby too late.
- Fed up - don't get the same as boys
- Fear of Contact. (parents)
- more respect for women and women's volunteers
- criticism - playing "boys" sport.
- more training
- bring

