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www.playthegame.org/Home/Conferences/Play_the_Game_2007.aspx

Women still under represented in sport

ONLY one in five British women take part in regular sport and active recreation, a new report has revealed. This is one of the key findings in a UK Sport report, 'Women in Sport - The State of Play', examining the role of women in terms of participation, performance & excellence and leadership. The purpose of the report, the only one of its kind in the UK, is to raise awareness of any inequalities that women face at all levels and, in turn, to influence sports policy. Conducted by the Women's Sports Foundation, on behalf of UK Sport, the document presents a number of case studies highlighting initiatives designed to tackle any gender gaps and publishes statistics across a number of result areas. The report shows that 19 per cent of women took part in regular sport and active recreation in the previous four weeks, compared with 24 per cent of men. Among Asian women, this figure drops to 13 per cent.

Change to GiftAid

The 2% reduction in lower rate income tax announced in the Budget on 21 April will, from April 2008, reduce the credits claimed by charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) on donations made by way of Gift Aid. At present, when taxpayers make donations under Gift Aid, the charity/CASC receives an additional 28p in the pound; this will be reduced to 25p. For further information, please visit:

www.cascinfo.co.uk.

Believe to Achieve

The Believe to Achieve scheme, backed by the Youth Sport Trust, aims to make 2012 a springboard for youngsters in all Olympic sports. The scheme, which covers physical training and life skills, is based on the On Camp with Kelly athletics scheme, in which double Olympic gold medalist Kelly Holmes has worked with

the country's best young middle distance runners. "It's not just funding, it's an educational tool about helping junior international sportsmen and women learn what it takes to be the best," she said. But Holmes is keen to stress that it takes more than just money and the best facilities available to produce results. Believe to Achieve aims to ensure that there is a legacy of top-class British talent across all sports, not just athletics, after the showcase of the 2012 Games.

Exercise Prevents Arthritis

Women in their 70s who keep active could be dodging painful arthritis symptoms, according to research published today in Arthritis Research & Therapy. The study is the first to show that the more you exercise, the better your chances of preventing the onset of stiff and painful joints. Kristiann Heesch and colleagues at the University of Queensland, Australia examined data on middle-aged (48-55) and older (72-79) women collected using surveys over three years as part of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health. Excluding women who reported arthritis symptoms at the beginning of the study, the authors looked at those who began reporting stiff or painful joints 'often' and how much exercise they undertook. The results suggest that for women in the older age bracket, doing a little over an hour of moderate physical activity each week will lessen your chances of developing frequent arthritis symptoms in the next three years. Pushing that up to 2 ½ hours per week is even more likely to prevent arthritis symptoms appearing. These results were not seen for the middle-aged group.

New National Tennis Centre

The Lawn Tennis Association's new National Tennis Centre has been completed on time, on budget (at a cost of £32.1m) and without any drain on public funds. The LTA has moved all its staff out of its cramped former headquarters at Queen's Club and into swish premises at the 8.9 acre site at Roehampton. Fittingly, however, the tennis facilities are the most impressive. The NTC site boasts six indoor courts and 16 outdoors, including the surfaces used at all four Grand Slam events. A self-contained sports medicine and science centre includes a purpose-built gymnasium equipped with state-of-the-art technology. The LTA believes it has fallen behind in sports science and sees its new facility as the research and development centre for British tennis. The NTC has overnight accommodation for up to 54 people, but is not designed as a permanent base for players. It will be available to players throughout the country who might, for example, attend for a week at a time but then return to their regional training camps.

Five New Board Members for Sport England

Minister for Sport Richard Caborn has announced the appointment of five additional members to the Board of Sport England. All five appointments will run from 16 April 2007 to 15 April 2010.

- **Jill Ainscough** was the managing director of Easynet Group (BSkyB) and previous to that its marketing director, where she had responsibility for securing sponsorship of the British Olympic Association. Jill's previous roles include: head of market development at NTL; financial planning and analysis manager for Barclaycard; business planner for the Cambridge Cable Group and senior financial analyst for the Granada Group.
- **Philip Lemanski** is a retired chartered accountant with 25 years of experience as a partner in Robson Rhodes (1981-84) and Deloitte and Touche (1985-2006). At Deloitte he delivered management consultancy services to blue chip clients in both the private and public sectors, advising on technology issues, business strategy and change management. He is experienced in project management and finance at a senior level
- **Mich Stevenson** is a property developer, developing domestic and commercial property. Mich was also the founder, and until recently the chair, of the Lace Market Heritage Trust set up to facilitate the regeneration of the Lace Market area of Nottingham. He is also the chair of the Galleries of Justice Museum and director of Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit Ltd, a public/private sector project to develop the tram system in Nottingham, and the chair of Nottingham Waterside Limited, a public/private sector regeneration partnership. Up until 2001 Mich was also chair of Nottingham Development Enterprise bringing in private sector input to develop the East Midlands region.
- **James Stewart** has been the chief executive of Partnerships UK since 2000, responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of the Public Private Partnership program in the UK. James is also a non-executive director of the Strategic Investment Board in Northern Ireland and a member of the Unitary Board of Partnerships for Schools. Previously James was the head of European project finance at Societe Generale Bank and Hambros Bank.
- **Martin Thomas** runs his own marketing communications consultancy and was previously head of strategy at the Media Planning Group. Martin also co-founded Nylon, a specialist planning consultancy within the WPP Group. Martin's other previous appointments include the global head of Total Communications, Mediaedge: cia (MEC), responsible for global communications and strategic planning advice for clients including Norwich Union, Lego, Visa International and Citibank.

Recording electrical purchases

Under the WEEE regulations in force from July 2007, producers (manufacturers, importers or resellers) will be responsible for collecting, via producer compliance schemes, any waste electrical equipment purchased after 13 August 2005. Organisations should therefore keep a record of where such equipment is bought from. Items bought before that date can be removed as replacement equipment is being delivered otherwise it is up to the user to pay for it to be recycled or sent for disposal.

Digital Dividend Review

As part of the Digital Dividend Review, Ofcom, the independent regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries, is intending, after 2012, to auction the radio spectrum. This may negatively affect the use of radio or wireless microphone equipment, which is used extensively at major sporting events, live concerts and theatre, as well as at smaller events, including sports tournaments. If you wish to take immediate steps, you can join the British Entertainment Industry Radio Group (www.beirg.org.uk), an independent and non-profit making association, working for the benefit of all those who use radio spectrum. In addition, there is a petition on the 10 Downing Street website, which you can sign at: petitions.pm.gov.uk/PMSEpectrum/

New income for your organisation

Generate new, unrestricted income by registering as a beneficiary of Wedge Card, a discount card that will benefit your organisation, members and your community. NCVO will help promote this scheme to ensure each time a member buys a card, your organisation will receive £10. For more information and to register visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/wedge.

The 'Only Connect bursary'

The 'Only Connect bursary' scheme develops income generation through trading. The scheme helps smaller organisations by paying their costs to visit other organisations that are already making money. If interested in hosting visiting organisations, you could earn your organisation £150 in consultation fees. For more visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect.

Personal development training

Save 50% off personal development training courses from QA-IQ. Courses are run at 20 venues around the UK and cover people management; personal development; management communications; business transformation; and financial skills. The 50% discount also applies to their IT training courses. For more visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/training.

CCPR's 35th National Conference

CCPR is aiming to 'Engage the Nation' at its 35th National Conference on 9 May 2007. The CCPR conference is the only platform which brings together all the interests in sport and recreation in the UK. The event is an opportunity to absorb and take part in topical debate, and to mix with key decision-makers of the sporting world. For more information or to reserve a place, visit <http://ccpr.org.uk> or contact Angela Sasso at asasso@ccpr.org.uk.

ENGSO Youth – 'Future Leaders' Conference'

Focusing on developing the skills and experience of the future leaders of sport, this conference in Helsinki, Finland from 2 – 6 May 2007 will provide an opportunity for individuals under 35 years to learn, contribute and network within a European sporting environment. Presentations and workshops will include: how to be a successful leader, breaking down barriers to youth participation and governance, and teaching leadership through sports activities. Costs: €100 (£70) participation fee (inc. full board and hotel board) and participant's own travel expenses. To apply: please contact Judith Wood at jwood@ccpr.org.uk

SkillsActive Convention

This convention on 1 May 2007 aims to offer delegates the opportunity to examine and influence the delivery of the Sector Skills Agreement through interactive discussions. There will be keynote speeches from policy shapers and successful leaders. The convention will aim to map out the next steps to ensure employers have the right people, with the right skills, in the right place, at the right time. To request a conference brochure or to reserve a provisional place at the event contact Natasha McDonough on 020 7324 4357 or e-mail: natasha.mcdonough@neilstewartassociates.co.uk

Sports Research

Dr Geoff Nichols is a sports researcher at Sheffield University and has previously worked with England Netball to survey their netball clubs and members. Dr Nichols wants to repeat this research with another national governing body. His main interest is how the clubs are managed and how this determines what they achieve. If you are interested in becoming involved with his research or if you would like more information please email: g.nichols@sheffield.ac.uk or telephone: 01142 222 184.

Support for chairpersons

The Governance Hub is launching two new on-line guides that will cover chairs' recruitment, induction and networks, and a new pilot chairs' mentoring scheme. For more information visit: www.governancehub.org.uk, call the Governance Hub Freephone Helpdesk on 0800 652 4886 or email: governance.hub@ncvo-vol.org.uk.

Improve your board's performance

Transform and Agenda Consulting, in partnership with The Governance Hub, have launched a new initiative focused on board effectiveness for the UK third sector. By taking part in Boards Count™, you will gain a clear picture of how the governance practices in your organisation compare with those in other third sector organisations. Participating in the service will also help charities to assess how far their organisation complies with the new Code of Governance. For more information visit www.BoardsCount.com. To register call Anne Barrett on 020 8469 8665 or email: anne@trans4mgt.com.

Good Investment Guide

This publication offers an insight into how to balance current financial pressures against future financial needs. The new edition includes an expanded ethical investment section and an updated legal framework and case studies. Retail price: £25 (£17.50 for NCVO members) To order copies of this book call the NCVO HelpDesk on 0800 2798798 or visit: www.ncvovol.org.uk/publications

Leeds Rugby Artist in Residence

The Leeds Rugby Artist in Residence is a new initiative and part of a developing arts programme, as formulated within a strategic arts policy, recently adopted by Leeds Rugby Foundation. Leeds Rugby consists of two rugby teams – Leeds Rhinos and Leeds Tykes – who both play at Headingley Carnegie Stadium, which also hosts the Yorkshire County cricket ground. The aims of the Leeds Rugby Foundation arts strategic policy seek to enable the arts to express and celebrate the ethos and character of Leeds Rugby, to facilitate cultural excellence through linking the arts and sport, to contribute to the quality of the physical

environment, to engage with the communities – players, staff and supporters - as well as to attract new audiences for both rugby and the arts. The artist in residence is part of a programme to fulfil these aims. The residency is offered to a professional artist who has demonstrated achievement and development in his/her practice it is expected that by the culmination of the residency, the artist will have produced appropriate work intended for public exhibition, display or engagement. The form of the final exhibition will be determined once the artist is selected, depending on the nature of the practice.

Jobs boost for 2012 Olympics

An £11m package to provide training and jobs ahead of the 2012 Olympics has been announced by London's mayor. Three-year grants will fund skills training, employment advice and work placements with organisations such as Centrepoint and the Prince's Trust. New sports coaches, cooks and builders needed for the Games are expected to be trained by the 27 projects involved. Mayor Ken Livingstone said helping disadvantaged communities was a key aim of the scheme, Engaging in London 2012.

Max Jones for Irish Athletics

Former UK Athletics performance director Max Jones has been appointed as Ireland's director of athletics. Jones, who retired from his UK role two years ago, will take on a part-time position with the Athletics Association of Ireland. His first major task will be to prepare the Ireland team for next year's Olympics in Beijing.

Memorial to honour penalty-kick inventor

A memorial is to be built honouring the football-obsessed linen mill owner from County Armagh who devised the game's most breath-stopping moment - the penalty kick. Planning permission has been granted for a bronze bust of William McCrum to be erected in his native village of Milford, just outside the city of Armagh. It will be placed on the spot where in 1890 he came up with the penalty idea: a field now surrounded by a modern housing development. A keen sportsman, McCrum also enjoyed cricket and rugby. For many years he was goalkeeper for the local side, Milford Everton FC.

More Coaches for North East

The North East is to receive £1.3m of sports funding after the government highlighted lower than average levels of participation in the region. Sport England North East will use the cash to create 69 new coaching posts within the community. The agency hopes to attract more women, people on low income, people with long-term illnesses and ethnic minority communities to take part in sport. The money was awarded through the Community Investment Fund

Mike Greenwood – new address:

Mike Greenwood, Vice-Chairman of the Federation of Yorkshire Sport and Chair of the Sports Aid Grants Panel in Yorkshire & Humberside has moved to: Apartment 5, Abbey Lodge, 29-31 Ripon Road, Harrogate HG1 2NT Tel: 01423 871347 (telephone number is unchanged)

World Cup in Brazil

The 2014 World Cup will be held in Brazil after FIFA revealed that no other country offered to host the tournament. The Brazilians were effectively left with no competition on Wednesday when the Colombian Football Federation said they had withdrawn from the bidding process. Until that point Colombia and Brazil had been the only candidates to stage the tournament, with the 2014 event due to be held in South America under a rotation system introduced by FIFA.

Exercise reduces Hypertension

Young adults who spend more time participating in physical activity have a reduced risk of developing high blood pressure within the next 15 years, according to researchers at the [University of Minnesota](#). Research published in the April 2007 issue of the American Journal of Public Health found that young adults who exercised an average of five times a week and expended 300 calories per exercise session experienced a 17 percent reduction in the risk of developing hypertension. In addition, study participants who maintained or increased their total time participating in physical activity from the start of the study to the finish decreased their risk of high blood pressure by 11 percent for every 1,500 calories they burned weekly.

Club For All workshop

West Yorkshire Sport are running a **Club For All workshop** on **Wednesday 16th May 2007**, 6.30-9.30pm at the Galpharm Stadium (Coaching Resources Room), Huddersfield. To book on this course contact Steve Archer on 01484 234 087 or stephen.archer@wysport.co.uk Steve Archer Tel: 01484 234087 Mob: 07813 018048 Fax: 01484 226342

West Yorkshire Sport Partnership Conference & Dinner

The inaugural West Yorkshire Sport Partnership Conference & Dinner -25th October 2007 "Sport and the Community - Making a Difference, Raising Participation". To register interest please contact rachel.firth@wysport.co.uk Places are limited so register now to avoid disappointment. www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk

Carnegie Research Institute Seminar Series

If you would like to confirm attendance at any of the lunchtime seminars (12.00 – 13.00), or would like further information, please contact Samantha Armitage on extension 26293 or email s.armitage@leedsmet.ac.uk.

2 nd May	Beccy Watson Examining Signifiers of Ethnicity across Leisure:
9 th May	Alison McMinn, University of Cambridge, Medical Research Council (MRC) Socio-cultural correlates of children's physical activity
16 th May	Ashley Hardwell An integrated Exploration "Mapping" Subculture and Value Domains of English Climbers
23 rd May	Barney Wainwright Sport Science, Design and Innovation in the Great Britain Olympic Canoeing Team

30 th May	Dave Morley, Natalie Taylor and Adrian Schonfeld Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) in the RFL: A policy implementation investigation in a National Governing Body
6 th June	Anne Flintoff Difference and Diversity in PE
13 th June	John Lyle Analysis of Learning Materials in Coach Education

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UK Sports Disputes Panel Chairman

The Sports Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP) celebrates its tenth birthday this month by announcing that Gerard Elias QC, a leading criminal and sports Barrister, has been appointed its new Chairman, whilst continuing in practice as a barrister at Farrar's Building, Temple. Gerard Elias has had substantial experience in sport and sports law. He has been ECB's Chairman of Discipline for the past 10 years and is a former Chairman of Glamorgan County Cricket Club. He has chaired Disciplinary Tribunals for many sports including the Welsh Rugby Union and other professional bodies. He has also been a member of SDRP's Panel of Arbitrators (Chairpersons' List). He took silk in 1984 and, among other appointments, sits as a Recorder of the Crown Court and as a Deputy High Court Judge. Gerard Elias succeeds SDRP's founder Chairman, Charles Woodhouse CVO, who retires after ten years.

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