

SPORTSROUND

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Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

Company law changes

On 1 October 2007, a number of legal changes introduced by the Companies Act 2006 came into force. Some of the changes apply to all companies. There are changes in areas such as proxy voting and presentation of annual accounts at AGMs, the register of company members and the statutory duties of company directors. For more information on the company law changes read a break-down summary by Bates Wells and Braithwaite Solicitors here: <http://www.bwbllp.com/Updates/Detail.aspx?UpdateID=153&Location=2&ID=1>

Child protection in sport

The government has published a guidance leaflet for parents and carers to help them ask the right questions about child protection measures that sports providers should have in place. To view the guidance leaflet visit: http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/safeinsport.htm

Independent Safeguarding Authority

The Government is consulting on the exact scope of activities requiring individuals to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). Of particular interest to sport and recreation organisations is the question of when the presence of children is 'merely incidental' to an activity targeted at adults. This is especially salient when children participate alongside adults. The outcome of this consultation will define those individual workers and volunteers within sport that will be brought within the scope of the Act and therefore required to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority. Respond directly to the consultation, which is available at: <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1516> The deadline for responses is 20 February 2008.

Sports Club of the Year 2008

CCPR has now opened the competition to find its 2008 'Sports Club of the Year'. In association with the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, CCPR will be awarding six clubs with cash prizes totalling £15,000. CCPR is inviting its members to nominate up to three clubs for consideration for the award. The closing date for applications is no later than 5pm Friday 29 February 2008. The application forms and criteria for both NGBs and clubs are available at www.ccpr.org.uk/scoty2008. For more information about Sports Club of the Year contact Richard Norman at rnorman@ccpr.org.uk

New national standards for sports administration and governance

SkillsActive and CCPR are pleased to announce that the national occupational standards for Sports Administration and Governance have been approved

and are now available. The Administration and Governance national occupational standards describe the key roles carried out in national governing bodies of sport and other sports governance organisations. It is hoped the standards will provide benchmarks of best practice for those who work in the sector. For more information on Sports Governance and Administration standards contact: ben.gittus@skillsactive.com

Marsh Leadership in Sport Award

The Sport Industry Group is asking CCPR members to put forward their nominations for the Marsh Leadership in Sport Award – a new award category for the Sport Industry Awards 2008. The new award has been created with a view to recognising the significant need for leadership within sport and rewarding the individual or individuals who have proven themselves the most in this regard. For more information visit: http://www2.sportindustry.biz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=934&Itemid=30

Event management skills

Event management is becoming more important in the UK and internationally. The upcoming London 2012 Games and associated events provide a significant challenge for the industry and raise the stakes in terms of effective UK events management on the international stage. In light of this a new project is looking at ways to improve training and qualifications for people working in events in a range of industries, for example, hospitality, sport, business, charities, culture. If you would like to contribute to this project contact ruth.miller@people1st.co.uk or Geoffcarroll@btconnect.com

Young Achievers Awards

The Young Achievers Trust is seeking nominations for the Young Achievers Awards and CCPR members are encouraged to nominate young volunteers within the sports category. The deadline for nominations is 20 December 2007. Award winners receive a grant for £1,000 to support personal or project development, whilst runners up and commended nominees also win awards. To find out more please visit: <http://www.youngachievers.co.uk/>

Further Education Colleges in Leeds

The formal public consultation by the Learning and Skills Council West Yorkshire on proposed changes to the organisation of Further Education Colleges in Leeds. This consultation document sets out the proposal from LSC West Yorkshire to establish a new institution by merging the existing colleges of Joseph Priestley College; Leeds College of Building; Leeds College of Technology; Park Lane College and Leeds Thomas Danby. The college will have a single corporation that will include representatives of

business, communities, staff and students. The Chief Executive and the corporation will provide strong Leadership and Management and actively develop strong and productive links with the Local Authority and other key partners, stakeholders and communities, to provide high quality learning opportunities that are responsive to local need. Responses to this consultation are welcomed and should be submitted to Cristina George, Partnership Director, Leeds Learning and Skills Council, Mercury House, 4 Manchester Road, Bradford BD5 0QL

James Purnell announces major change to sports policy

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, James Purnell MP, has announced a major shift in government sports policy. His speech identified community sport as the last piece in a jigsaw in which both school and elite sports were already well positioned and explicitly stated the government's position that: a) sport matters in itself; and that b) competitive sport is a good thing. He went on to clarify this, saying that sport should no longer be defined in terms of its spill-over benefits, but should be supported for its own sake. This new approach is, of course, in marked contrast to previous policies of funding sport to meet other public policy agendas – notably in health and home affairs. James Purnell also used the speech to announce a review of Sport England and its priorities. He said that its new focus should simply be "on the delivery of an excellent sporting infrastructure from the grassroots up. That means creating excellent national governing bodies, clubs, coaches and volunteers, supported by the investment we've already made in facilities" The full speech can be found [here](#).

English Sports Council Chairman resigns

Derek Mapp has tendered his resignation from Sport England. A statement can be found on the Sport England [website](#)

Pre-budget Report & Comprehensive Spending Review

"The budget for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport will increase to £2.2 billion in three years time. This guarantees an inflation increase for the arts, free access to museums and galleries, extra for sport so that every child and young person can take part in five hours of sport a week. And it will deliver the Cultural Olympiad in the run up to London 2012." It is not clear, however, how much of the Department's settlement will in fact be dedicated to increasing youth participation in sport.

Public Service Agreements

Public Service Agreements (PSAs) are the measures by which the Treasury judges the performance of government departments The following new measures will be of interest:

- **PSA 12:** This target seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of young people and retains the objective of reducing childhood obesity that was introduced during the last spending review. The departments for Health, Children Schools and Families, and Culture, Media and Sport share responsibility for achieving this. CCPR will continue to seek recognition of the contribution which sport and recreation organisations can make in this respect.
- **PSA 21:** a broader target relating to 'cohesive, powered and active communities' includes a

measure relating to the percentage of people who participate in culture or in sport. The Department for Communities and Local Government will lead work to meet this target, not DCMS.

- **PSA 22:** 'to deliver a successful Olympic and Paralympic Games with a sustainable legacy and get more children and young people taking part in high quality PE and sport'. This new target links pre-existing targets to increase children's participation in sport directly with the Olympic Games. Disappointingly it fails to include provision for increasing adult provision.

Sports Emergency First Aid Course

For any coach or player of any sport and/or a parent who wishes to have relevant information they will **learn** the skills necessary to respond to an ill or injured athlete either in-training or at a game, coaches learn to give the appropriate care prior to the arrival of professional responders. The course will be held in York on Saturday 26th April 2008. Cost: £85 plus VAT (£99.88 incs, VAT). To reserve a place visit www.ripleytraining.co.uk or email info@ripleytraining.co.uk or Phone 0870 8504232.

Community Investment Fund

The Sport England Yorkshire Board and team would like to thank partners in the delivery system for sport for helping to achieve a 40% spend against the £18m regional allocation of Lottery funding for the period 2006-9. The commitment of partners has ensured the funding is helping to deliver against local priorities.

Supporting Yorkshire's clubs and coaches

The first awards from Sport England's Club & Coach investment of £4.2m have now been made. These funds will enable the Governing Bodies to increase the number of high quality coaches, improve coach mentoring and support networks and enhance sporting environments, for example, sports clubs and squads in Yorkshire. Funding has now been awarded to Athletics, Rowing, Women's Rugby Union, and Triathlon.

Yorkshire's coaches

SkillsActive, the Sector Skills Council for Sport & Active Leisure, has secured £132,000 worth of funding from the regional Learning & Skills Council to help pay for coaches' training and qualifications. SkillsActive has worked with the region's Governing Bodies, County Sports Partnerships and sportscoach UK to develop a package that will use this fund to contribute 60% of the costs of Level 1 and Level 2 coaching awards for 383 coaches. Details of how coaches can apply for this funding will soon be made available through the County Sports Partnerships and regional Governing Bodies. The funding will be available to coaches working at a local community level, and will help to improve the quality of grass roots coaching delivered across Yorkshire & the Humber.

Leeds Aquatics Centre

The new Aquatics Centre at the John Charles Centre for Sport opened its doors on Monday 29 October. The centre features a varied programme of 50m and 25m swimming and also hosts children's pool parties, sub aqua sessions, aerobics classes and swimming lessons. Read the [press release](#) for more information.

West Yorkshire Sport conference a success

"Sport and the Community - Reaching the 17,000" took place on Thursday 25th October 2007. Sports providers from across the county were treated to a day of informative workshops and inspirational speakers at the Galpharm Stadium at a conference designed to get more people active. [Read more](#)

City Of Leeds Water Polo Club

Position Vacant: Women's Head Coach Salary: TBC, negotiable, expenses

Location: John Charles Centre for Sport Aquatics Centre, Leeds

City of Leeds Water Polo Club is looking to recruit a Head Coach for the women's squad to be responsible for delivering two water polo specific sessions and preferably one strength and conditioning session per week. Please send a CV and covering letter to Lynne Baird, lynne@yorkssportsaid.demon.co.uk or SportsAid Y&H, 4th Floor, Minerva House, East Parade, Leeds, LS1 5PS. For an informal discussion please call Lynne Baird on 07966684710 or Lisa Lang on 07808172981.

European White Paper on Sport - The next steps

The European White Paper on Sport, launched over the summer, has been heralded very much as the starting blocks rather than the finish line for European sport policy. The paper itself handles a variety of aspects of sport, but concentrates on the economic, social and health benefits of sport. While the paper was criticised for lacking legislative proposals, for failing to define the specificity or autonomy of sport and for not clarifying the legal position of sport with respect to EU law, the European Commission simply does not have the power to create such legislation under current Treaty provision and has, in fact, succeeded in bringing sport up the political agenda in Europe. The success of the paper was in raising the awareness of sport as a political issue, encouraging debate and creating a platform for further action. In particular the Commission's Sport Unit is promoting structured dialogue by creating an inter-service group of 15 European departments (DGs) to ensure sport is considered by other departments when instigating legislation. Dialogue is also being promoted with member states too, particularly improving relations with national umbrella organisations - such as CCPR. The next step is to develop a European sport policy; a process which will start in early 2008. The policy will draw on the ideas and action plan from the White Paper and the Sports Unit has asked for member states' help in prioritising the action plan and suggesting where they can offer help or best practice.

White Paper on Sport

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/whitepaper/wp_on_sport_en.pdf

Action Plan "Pierre de Coubertin"

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/whitepaper/sec934_en.pdf

European Parliament: draft report on sport in education

On 10 September, the European Parliament approved the draft report on the role of sport in education. It highlights the increasing marginalisation of physical education in schools, with the average time allotted for PE lessons having fallen from 121 minutes to 109 minutes in primary schools and from 117 minutes to 101 minutes in secondary schools. The paper notes that PE is the "only subject which seeks to prepare children for a healthy lifestyle and focuses their overall physical and mental development, as well as imparting

social values such as self-discipline, solidarity, team spirit, tolerance and fair play." The paper recommends that Member States place greater stress on physical education at school, guaranteeing it equal status on the school timetable and that PE is guaranteed a minimum of three timetabled lessons per week. The report also urges member states to improve training programmes and professional development for physical education teachers and also strengthen the links between in school and out-of-school activities. The next time-tabled discussion for this paper will be in the European Parliament on 13 November. Draft Report on Sport in Education

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5478932>

European Commission consultation: home grown players

The European Commission is currently producing a study to assess the impact of home-grown players in leagues. Freedom of movement currently allows any European citizen to work anywhere in Europe, but many have argued that this has become detrimental to national teams. The Commission, appreciating that national teams are important, has suggested that there may be a possibility for flexibility in this area, and has even suggested that nurturing home-grown talent for national teams may be possible within current EU law. The Commission has stressed in the White Paper the importance of promoting the training of young, talented sportsmen and sportswomen in proper conditions. The current study is expected to be completed early next year, with a consultation period starting this December. Unfortunately this study is only open to football, but the Commission revealed it may request help from other sports at a later date.

European funding opportunities

Europe offers a number of funding opportunities that the White Paper on Sport suggests are open to sport. The reality is that these can use sport as a tool for another aims, such as regional development, social cohesion and education. European projects also tend to be pan-European; in other words participation is usually needed from a variety of countries. The funding streams below are periodically opened and could be used for sporting projects

Youth in Action

Youth in Action is an EU Programme in the field of youth (exchanges, volunteers, cooperation, etc), implemented from 1 January 2007 until 31 December 2013 with a total budget of €885m.

Deadline: 1 February (rolling deadlines)

Purpose: Addressing (at least one of) European citizenship, participation of young people, cultural diversity and inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities. Eligibility: Non-profit organisations; criteria depends on the exact stream within Youth in Action. For example, in Youth for Europe participants should be aged between 13 and 25 and between 16 and 60 participants in number and projects can be bi-, tri- or multi-lateral. Budget: Youth in Action will not cover all expenses; different sections of different streams have varying maximum contributions.

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia/index_en.html#guide

Lifelong Learning Programme

The Lifelong Learning Programme aims to contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the Community as an advanced knowledge society, with sustainable economic development, more and better

jobs and greater social cohesion. It aims to promote interaction, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community, so that they become a world quality reference. Budget is €6,970m for the total period 2007-2013.

Purpose: To foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the community so that they become a world-quality reference. Lifelong Learning Programme is an umbrella programme for various learning strategies focusing on school education (Comenius), higher education (Erasmus), vocational training (Leonardo di Vinci), adult education (Grundtvig), teaching and research in European institutions and associations (Jean Monnet) and policy cooperation and lifelong learning (transversal project). Eligibility: Individuals, institutions and groups depending on the stream. Funding: Project values vary depending on programme.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/index_en.html

Cultural Programme

The Cultural Programme aims to enhance the cultural cooperation at EU level between creators, cultural players and cultural institutions in order to exchange European citizenship. Purpose: Stimulate synergies leading to a sustainable cultural cooperation at European level, by means of promoting transnational mobility of those in the cultural sector. Funding: Total budget of €27.5 million, funding of €50,000 to €200,000 for projects between €200,000 and €500,000. Community funding must be less than 50%. Eligibility: Meeting the purposes above and generating European added value.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/calls2007/index_en.htm

European Social Fund

The ESF aims to extend employment opportunities by helping unemployed, inactive and disadvantaged people to improve their employability and skills. It also aims to develop a skilled and adaptable workforce, with a particular focus on people who lack basic skills and level two qualifications.

European Regional Development Fund

The ERDF aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by correcting imbalances between its regions. How sport will do this is unclear; a goal that could be supported is "to support regional and local development and to foster cooperation between towns and regions".

European Integration Fund

The EIF awards grants to promote new and innovative ways of integrating immigrants, building wherever possible on past experience.

European Qualifications Framework

The European Qualifications Framework exchanges experiences at national and sectoral level in using the EQF as a common reference point, including the development of qualifications frameworks and, for example, establishing closer links between the European Higher Education Area and the EQF.

PROGRESS

PROGRESS provides financial support in the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in the fields of employment and social affairs (in Employment, Working Conditions, Gender Equality, Social Inclusion and Diversity).

DAPHNE III

DAPHNE III funds projects contributing to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence.

Hyde Park Time trial –

The Leeds Hyde Park Time Trial (HPTT) is a free 5km event every Saturday, open to all. This new initiative is aimed at increasing the opportunity to both participate and volunteer in physical activity. It takes place at 9am in [Hyde Park in North West Leeds](#), implemented by the [University of Leeds Sport & Physical Activity service](#) and supported by the Sport & Exercise Science department. The Leeds Hyde Park Time Trial is free but you must register in advance. The way to register is by [clicking here](#), and filling in the simple form. The deadline for registrations each week is midday on Friday. Once you have registered you will be able to run at any of our time trials. You will never have to register again.

http://www.parkrun.com/hptt_home.aspx

Legacy Trust UK launched

The Big Lottery Fund, the Arts Council and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport have endowed Legacy Trust UK with £40m. This - and other funds that the Trust will raise from other public and philanthropic sources - will be used to support cultural, artistic, educational and sporting activities that celebrate the 2012 Games. Currently there are plans for projects that benefit the whole UK, including £6 million for the UK School Games. The rest of the money will be allocated to specific projects via the three nations and nine English regions of the UK. The Trust will co-ordinate its work with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and it is expected that many of the projects that the Trust funds will be eligible for inclusion in the programme for the Cultural Olympiad, which is a key element of the 2012 Games. visit www.legacytrustuk.org to find out more about the application process.

Proposals to make licensing regime less onerous

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has launched a consultation to make the licensing system less bureaucratic. Under new proposals licensees will be able to make slight changes to the way they operate without having to go through the full variation process, which costs £385. Changes such as small-scale refurbishment, choosing to serve pub or hosting an acoustic music night would, under the proposals, no longer require a full variation, saving licensees as much as £2.8m a year.

Community Amateur Sports Clubs

There are now 4,528 clubs registered as CASCs, claiming an estimated total cash benefit of at least £22.8 million up to 31 October 2007. Over £3.3 million has been reclaimed via Gift Aid, despite only 10% of CASCs utilising this benefit. For advice on maximising Gift Aid, please visit <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/giftaid>

Principles for voluntary sports clubs' representation

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published a draft set of principles which aim to help third sector organisations gain effective representation on the Local Strategic

Partnerships which set the Local Area Agreement. Local Strategic Partnerships drive services and investment within local authorities, and Government guidance sets out a 'clear expectation that: the local third sector will be actively involved with all LSPs in helping to shape the local area.' These principles advise how voluntary sports clubs, as part of the broader 'third sector' can best position themselves to engage with the LSP. To view the draft principles visit: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/principlesofrepresentation>

Women and sporting participation

The Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation this month published a research report, which details the status and reasons for women's critically low levels of physical activity, and was commissioned in order to create the debate that will lead to the first national strategy to increase women's participation. The report shows that there is a crisis in women's participation in sport and exercise: more than 80 per cent of women are not doing enough physical activity to benefit their health. One forecast in participation rates shows a potential fall of 5.5 per cent by 2017. At the same time, three out of five women believe that they do enough exercise to be healthy, whereas in reality less than one in five is actually doing enough. To read the full report, visit: http://www.wsff.org.uk/documents/printable_Flare_report.pdf

Everyday Swim

Everyday Swim, the national project led by the Amateur Swimming Association, which aims to get more people swimming, has published its interim report. Based on secondary analysis of participation data from Sport England's Active People survey, as well as facility usage data, and group and individual qualitative data, the monitoring and evaluation, undertaken by the Sport Industry Research Centre has been built in from the outset of the project. To access the full report, visit: <http://www.everydayswim.org/page.asp?section=000100010020&itemTitle=Learning>

Seminar - Football and Television

To mark the launch of the new Coventry Sporting Conversation series, Coventry University will be hosting a 'Football and Television' seminar on 24th January 2008 from 10.00 - 16.00 (building/room to be confirmed). Football has become big business over the last decade, with many people attributing massive growth in the sport to the influence of television. The seminar will therefore address the most pressing issues currently facing football and television and consider issues such as the role of television in the development of the Premier League, TV rights negotiations, and changing club ownership and television. Admission is free - all welcome. Places can be booked by e-mailing Professor Simon Chadwick: Simon.Chadwick@coventry.ac.uk

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