

# SPORTSROUND

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2008

## Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

### Regional Swimming Development Officer

Salary ASA Grade F1: £25,075 - £34,635 (Plus car allowance and contributory pension scheme). Location: John Smeaton Leisure Centre, Leeds. The opportunity has arisen for the post of Regional Development Officer – North East region. We are looking for an ambitious, enthusiastic and dynamic individual to join the North East region team. The post holder will be responsible for determining the strategic direction of swimming development in the region to underpin the World Class programmes for Swimming. **The closing date for applications is: 1st February 2008** To obtain an application form and job description please contact our 24 hour employment line on 01509 618703, download an application pack from [www.britishswimming.org](http://www.britishswimming.org), e-mail [personnelservices@swimming.org](mailto:personnelservices@swimming.org) or write to The Personnel Department, ASA, 39 Granby Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE11 3DU.

### Sports clubs can get in the money

Bradford Council is offering sports clubs in the district grants up to £500 in a bid to get more youngsters involved in sport. Voluntary sports clubs and associations have until Thursday 31 January to apply to the Council's Sport and Leisure Service for an Olympic Junior Club Support grant to help them increase junior membership and participation. For an application form and more information contact the local community sports development officer:

**Bingley and Shipley:** Stephen Pugh on 01274 438790; **Bradford North:** Martin Earnshaw on 01274 618978; **Bradford South:** Mick Driver on 01274 522750; **Bradford West:** Ikram Butt on 01274 522750; **Keighley:** Paul Evans on 01535 681763.

### Girls Rugby League in Leeds!

A great way to be introduced to girls' rugby league. If you have know any girls that would be interested please invite them down for the day. The girls game in Leeds is growing and 5 amateur clubs are having regular training. Also high schools at year 7 and 8 will be entering record numbers into the 2008 champion schools. **Saturday 26th January -10 – 3pm** at Middleton Corinthians – Just off Middleton Park ring road, behind Wynsors Shoes, LS10 4A.

10.00: Coaching from Leeds Rhinos, Leeds Service Area and Leeds Met Carnegie

12.00: Meet Leeds Rhinos Players, Ronnie the Rhino and see the engage Super League Cup

1.00: Have the chance to play with or watch other Leeds Girls play Rugby League in a mini festival!

For more information contact  
[laura.clarke@leedsrugby.com](mailto:laura.clarke@leedsrugby.com)

### BME VCS Regional Panel for Yorkshire & The Humber - Annual Conference

Friday 25th January at Bodington Hall, Leeds (9.30am-3.30pm). This conference will celebrate the contribution

made by the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) voluntary and community sector (VCS) and BME Panel in the region. The BME Panel was established to advocate on behalf of the BME VCS at the regional level and the conference will communicate the Panel's work and achievements over the last two years. The conference will also explore innovative ways of partnership working between the BME and generalist VCS so is a must for all voluntary and community organisations and partners. Speakers include Shahid Malik MP, (Minister for International Development) Vandna Gohil, (Director, Voice4Change England) and Carole Hassan, (Chief Executive, Local Government Yorkshire & Humber)

### LONDON 2012

#### Olympic lottery diversion debate

A debate took place this week in the House of Commons on the latest diversion of funds from the National Lottery to the 2012 Olympics. As they proposed when the revised budget was announced in March last year, ministers were seeking a further £675m from the lottery in addition to the 110m in the original budget to bolster the £9.3bn project. Secretary of State James Purnell pledged that: "there will be no further diversion from lottery good causes to fund the Olympics", even if the Olympic budget increases again. This will be reassuring to members who currently enjoy Sport England and other lottery funding, especially since this new slice of funding comes on top of the original £410m diverted from lottery good causes. Olympic lottery games will raise £750m to pay for the Games but there have been concerns that the high rate of 'cannibalisation' (the rate of people who choose to play these games rather than games which fund the other good causes) will reduce the good cause lottery pot. Olympic lottery games sales have also been higher than previously estimated leading to concerns that the Government would continue to sell Olympic lottery tickets even after the £750m target had been reached. James Purnell used the debate to confirm that the amount to be raised by these games will be capped at £750m.

#### London 2012 education programme unveiled

LOCOG has launched its London 2012 education programme, which is available for delivery by schools, colleges and higher education institutions. The programme focuses on Olympic values - friendship, respect and excellence; and the Paralympic values - determination, courage, inspiration and equality. Key themes include enterprise, healthy lifestyles and sustainability. London 2012 sustainability partner EDF Energy will offer grants to encourage schools to undertake more sustainability initiatives. For further information visit:

[www.london2012.com/news/media-releases/2007-12/london-2012outlines-plans-for-education-programme.php](http://www.london2012.com/news/media-releases/2007-12/london-2012outlines-plans-for-education-programme.php)

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Sporting Champions video**

Sport England has produced a short Sporting Champions video to show how it can help you to get young people playing sport. Anyone at all can book these free visits from elite athletes to help get young people playing sport. To see how visits work just watch the [video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfyLQ_oL0sw): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfyLQ\\_oL0sw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfyLQ_oL0sw) If you want to book a visit call 0800 328 4903 and they'll give you the correct contact at your local County Sports Partnership. Alternatively visit [www.sportingchampions.org.uk](http://www.sportingchampions.org.uk)

### **New health cabinet committee created**

The Prime Minister has created two new Cabinet Committees, one of which is on health. The committee will be made up of all relevant secretaries of state and its terms of reference are "to consider policy on health and wellbeing, including the prevention of ill-health, the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles and the reduction of health inequalities; and report as necessary to the Ministerial Committee on Domestic Affairs".

### **Home Office consultation on short-term visitors**

The Home Office announced last year its plans for a tiered points based system for managed migration which will affect sportsmen and women entering the country to either play professionally or attend competitions and events (respectively in tiers 2 and 5 of the new scheme). The new procedure will see sports organisations registering as sponsors to allow participants to enter the country to compete. This may be particularly detrimental in tier 5 for smaller organisations or events and participants that could be categorised as sports tourists. In such circumstances it could be beneficial if participants entered on a tourist visa. The Border and Immigration Agency has released a new consultation that could help address this situation, explicitly asking whether specific categories of sporting events should be included under a tourist visa. The consultation is open until 10 March 2008 and is available at:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/document/s/consultations/visitorsconsultationpaper>

### **DEFRA consultation on recreational sea angling**

This consultation seeks views on a framework for the development and enhancement of sea angling. The strategy aims to demonstrate how fisheries management can take better account of angling in the way that policies are developed and implemented. The consultation is now open and closes on 31 March 2008. For further information visit:

[www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/sea-angling/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/sea-angling/index.htm)

### **Charity Commission guidance on public benefit**

The Charity Commission will publish revised guidance for all charities on the principles of public benefit in January 2008 and will consult on supplementary guidance for fee-charging charities during February 2008. The public benefit provisions in the Charities Act 2006 will then come into force in late March 2008 and charities will be required to report on public benefit as part of their annual reports to the Commission from March 2009. What this means for sport and recreation: a significant minority of sports organisations, including national governing bodies and clubs, are charities. Many of these charge fees for membership or participation. Once the public benefit provisions in the

Act come into force, their trustees will have a duty to consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and whether their charity meets the public benefit requirement. The Commission will take a risk-based approach to assessing the public benefit of existing charities, and state that 'the public benefit requirement is not something any charity should fear'. If your organisation is a charity you can get further information about public benefit and the Charities Act 2006 at: [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk)

### **Department of Health: review of funding**

The Department of Health currently offers a range of funding opportunities to voluntary organisations. The best known is 'section 64', which a number of sports organisations have successfully accessed to deliver physical activity programmes. DoH is reviewing these various funding programmes with a view to taking a more strategic approach. The consultation is open until 20 March 2008 and is available at:

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/index.htm)

### **Taking part survey: final estimates from year two**

The second year estimates from the Taking Part Survey have now been published. These measure progress against Public Service Agreement target 3, the aim of which is, by 2008, to increase the take-up of cultural and sporting opportunities by adults and young people aged 16 and above from each of the priority groups. (For sport, priority groups are defined as black and minority ethnic groups, those with a limiting disability, lower socio-economic groups and women.) The sports component of the target has two elements: to increase participation in at least one active sport in the previous four weeks among priority groups by 3 per cent; and to increase participation in moderate intensity sport for at least 30 minutes on at least three days during the previous week among priority groups by 3 per cent. The only statistically significant difference between the end of year one and the end of year two was a decrease in the percentage of women taking part in active sport. There were no other statistically significant differences. This means the Government is currently failing to reach the targets set for increasing sports participation among priority groups and, with regard to women, participation is actually declining. The final estimates will be available in December 2008, with interim results in June 2008. View the full report at: [www.culture.gov.uk/Reference\\_library/Publications/archive\\_2007/takingpart\\_estyr2.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/takingpart_estyr2.htm)

### **Independent Safeguarding Authority**

This consultation aims to determine the range of roles for which registration with the Independent Safeguarding Authority will be required – including the extent of coverage within sport and recreation. The deadline for responses is 20 February and the consultation can be found at [http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1516\\_2007](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1516_2007)

### **NCVO Annual Conference 2008**

Wednesday 20th February at The Brewery, London : 10am to 4:45pm. NCVO Annual Conference is the most important annual gathering in the voluntary and community sector calendar and will give you the tools to move your organisation forward. Comprehensive and practical workshop programme on topics ranging from governance to public service delivery. Plenty of opportunities to network are built into the programme. <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/latest/?id=4982>

### **The economic importance of sport in England**

The latest in a series of reports on the economic importance of sport in England has been published by Sport England. Carried out by the Sport Industry Research Centre at Sheffield Hallam University, the report assesses the economic value of sport across England and by region, providing comparisons over time from 1985 onwards. Sport-related economic activity increased from £3.4 billion in 1985 to £15.5 billion in 2005, a real-term increase of 124 per cent. In comparison, the English economy grew by around 67 per cent in the same period, demonstrating that the sport economy has far outstripped the English economy as a whole. Sport-related employment in England was estimated at around 434,000 in 2005, accounting for 1.8 per cent of all employment in England. In the five years between 2000 and 2005, employment in sport increased by 19 per cent. To view the full report and the report for each English region, visit:

[www.sportengland.org/index/get\\_resources/research/mapping\\_the\\_landscape/sport\\_and\\_the\\_economy/sport\\_and\\_economy\\_2005.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/index/get_resources/research/mapping_the_landscape/sport_and_the_economy/sport_and_economy_2005.htm)

### **Regional Leadership & Governance Forum**

Thursday 6th March 2008 at St Georges Centre, Leeds. The Third Sector Leadership Centre is working in partnership with the Governance Hub and Regional Networks to organise a series of Regional Leadership and Governance Forums. The forums are aimed at leaders in the sector who are at Chief Officer/Director level, along with their Chairs and trustees. For more information and booking details visit: <http://www.thirdsectorleadership.org.uk/DisplayPage.asp?pageid=11861>

### **Understanding & Implementing the Children's Plan**

Wednesday 19th March 2008 at Leeds, Hilton. As a result of extensive consultation with children and young people, the Department for Children, Schools and Families is launching the national Children's Plan. If you are involved in the lives of children in any capacity, then you must ensure you are fully up to speed with this crucial policy. LGC and Emap Education Conferences are running an exclusive one-day conference: Understanding and Implementing the Children's Plan: A joined-up national agenda for improving the lives of children. This programme answers all your questions about the forthcoming Plan and equips you with essential practical advice on implementing the key reforms. For more information visit: <http://www.lgc-children.co.uk/homepage.asp>. To register your place at the Leeds conference visit: <https://www.tosecuresite.net/lgc-children0308/register19.asp?id=>

### **EUROPEAN ROUND UP**

#### **Signing of the EU Reform Treaty**

The EU Reform Treaty was signed by the 27 member states of the EU in Lisbon on 13 December, with foreign minister David Miliband attending the official signing for the UK. Gordon Brown signed the Treaty later that evening, citing an official engagement in the British Parliament as the reason for his absence. Member states now have until 1 January 2009 to ratify the Treaty, and so starts months of debates and calls for referendums such as the infamous French and Dutch 'no' votes which halted the ratification of the Treaty's predecessor, the European Constitution. Sport, for the first time, is mentioned in the EU Treaty. The EU will now have the ability to support, coordinate

and complement sport policies in member states, but without the power to harmonise sporting regulations across Europe. The Treaty also explicitly instructs the European institutions to pay attention to the specific nature of sport. This so-called soft competence means the power to create sport policies remains with the member states, and the influence of the European institutions is a supporting one, as it was when culture was added to the Treaty for the first time in the 1992 Treaty of Maastricht. It is hoped that, in a similar way to European cultural policy, the treaty will allow more systematic consideration of sport in EU rulings without dramatic change. Ratification will allow the European Union to put into action the White Paper on Sport and create a specific stance on sport from Europe. This will include developing funding streams for sport's sake across Europe and hopefully allow the position of sport with respect to European law to be further clarified.

#### **UK Parliament: Commons Select Committee inquiry into EU White Paper on Sport**

The UK's Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee has announced an inquiry into the EU White Paper on Sport. The White Paper was launched in July 2007 (see previous European Update editions) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Committee would like to consider the thoughts of sports organisations and individuals alike before considering their next steps, with the deadline for contributions on 14 January 2008.

[www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/culture\\_media\\_and\\_sport.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport.cfm)

#### **European Commission: Dialogue for Sport 2008**

The European Commission released their official report from the White Paper on Sport conference on 6 December and released a revised annual plan for thematic discussions for working groups and structured dialogue for 2008. Agendas will be devised on a case-by-case basis and events will vary in their type: for example expert meetings, seminars, on-line consultations and conferences. Working areas for 2008 include:

- establishing terms of reference for studies on volunteering in sport
- establishing terms of reference for the financing of grassroots sport
- consultations on the impact assessment on player's agents
- preparations of a conference on football licensing schemes
- draft physical activity guidelines
- creating the draft agenda for the 2008 EU sports forum (Biarritz, November 2008)

#### **European White Paper on Sport**

The European Parliament is now creating its response to the White Paper on Sport, with six committees feeding into the main Culture and Education Committee led by Manolis Mavrommatis MEP (Greece). The six committees will cover their particular fields of expertise: Economy, Internal Market, Jurisdiction, Employment, Civil Liberties and Equality. The first discussions on the White Paper in the European Parliament took place on 19 November, with Ivo Belet - previously the rapporteur for the Report on the Future of Professional Football (March 2007) stating that it is: "the Parliament's job to go further than the Commission, and Mr Mavrommatis will do this." Mavrommatis laid out the social value of sport in the European Union, saying that: "sport was part of the heritage for all human beings." He went on

to suggest areas in which his report might focus by highlighting key issues like doping, gender equality and disabled access, the economic dimension of sport, transfer fees and TV rights. In closing, Mavrommatis also stated that the autonomy of sport must be guaranteed, while shadow rapporteur, Guy Bono (France), stated that the case-by-case approach to sport and European law laid down by the European Court of Justice in the Meca-Medina case and supported by the Commission does not meet the legal and safety needs of sports federations, i.e. it does not give sport any certainty about its legal position.

### Conference against Violence in Sport

The European Commission, led by DG Justice, held a conference in conjunction with UEFA to help create an EU strategy against violence and racism in sport on 29-30 November in Brussels. The discussions included: workshops on enhancing security and safety at sports events; changing fan culture and tackling racism; developing partnership among sports organisations and local/national agencies; and reinforcing judicial and administrative instruments. The vice-president of the European Commission, Franco Frattini, President of UEFA, Michel Platini, and Portuguese Minister of Interior, Rui Pereira, presented the conclusions from the conference and announced a series of new initiatives aimed at addressing violence and racism in football. New efforts will include:

- financial support for government and non-governmental projects to fight violence in sport through crime prevention funding streams
- financial support for projects provided through current funding streams such as Citizens for Europe, Youth in Action and DAPHNE III (see Section 10 for details of funding streams)
- training for police and stewards provided by the Commission
- using the European Platform for Police Forces to promote multi-national discussion
- seeking active participation from EUROPOL and EUROJUS
- using a permanent platform for local authorities, law enforcement and clubs to develop plans
- a pan-European approach to crime prevention via an EU Urban platform Europa Press Release: Violence in Sport Conference:

[europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1778](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1778)

### Non-legislative resolution on Education in Sport

The European Parliament report on Education in Sport, the text of which was approved by the Parliament in the summer and reviewed in the last European Update, was voted on by the European Parliament in November, with the MEPs adopting the paper. MEPs stressed the need for better sports facilities and recommended EU structural funds be used to expand facilities in disadvantaged areas. Rapporteur Pál Schmitt (Hungary) said: "I am happy that the role of sport has not been forgotten in the Lisbon Treaty. Inactive lifestyles are becoming a serious danger to health. We can't afford to neglect such an important tool as physical education." The European Commission will now take the paper into account in developing its future policies.

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

### New audiovisual media services directive

MEPs approved the new audiovisual media services directive on November 29, replacing the previous television without frontiers directive of 1989, leaving

member states with two years to implement the new legislation. The revised legislation comes in the light of new technologies developed since 1989, such as online and mobile viewing. New legislation will allow broadcasters to record extracts of programmes from another broadcaster's signal, including sports, in order to insert them in their own general news programmes. This is to be allowed as long as the clips are considered of high interest, even if they are transmitted on an exclusive basis. The directive also reaffirms member states' ability to ensure free access of the public to major sporting events - the so called crown jewels - with national lists published in the Official Journal following their submission to the Commission. <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5301252>

### 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 aim - 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 following funding streams 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 in groups of between 16 and 60 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/via/index\\_en.html#guide](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/via/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. The budget is €6,970m for the total period 2007-2013.

**Deadline:** The next deadline is for Comenius (school education) projects on 31 January.

**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 da Vinci), adult education (Grundtvig), teaching and research in (Jean Monnet).

**Eligibility:** Individuals; institutions; and groups, depending on the stream

### **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 2 qualifications.

### **European Citizenship**

European Citizenship supports town twinning, citizens' projects, think tanks, organisations, high visibility events, studies, surveys, information and dissemination tools and active European remembrance.

### **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 and is a common reference point, including for 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).

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