

SPORTSROUND

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Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

Sport Leeds Seminar 2007: Building Active Sporting Communities

Britain's most successful disabled athlete Dame Tanni Grey Thompson has been announced as a guest speaker at the Sport Leeds seminar to be held at the John Charles centre for sport, in the Indoor Bowls and Athletics centre on Wednesday 7th March 2007.

Themed around 'building active sporting communities', the plenary session and workshops will look at how to ensure inclusive provision. A number of workshops will be running throughout the evening, which are included in the cost of the seminar or at a heavily discounted rate. The seminar is an ideal event for sport development professionals, volunteers, coaches and administrators involved in sport and active recreation.

For more information email: ruth.hartley@leeds.gov.uk or visit www.sportleeds.com or download the flyer at www.leeds.gov.uk/eflyer5

Leeds Sports Federation AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Leeds Sports Federation will be held on Wednesday 28th February 2007, from 6.30 pm in the Carnegie Stand at the Headingley Stadium.

European Sports Management

EASM (the European Association for Sport management) is pleased to confirm that the website for the 2007 European Sports Management (EASM) Conference, to be held in Turin from 12 – 15 September 2007 is now live. The address is www.easm2007torino.com

Embedding Investment for the Future

This new and exciting Objective 2 funded project seeks to implement a range of targeted activities to protect the investment made through European Objective 2 funding in Leeds. The project aims to encourage partnership and collaborative working within the Voluntary, Community and Faith sectors (VCF) through innovative ways of working which support long-term sustainability. The project will help shape and inspire new ways of working within the city's VCF sector in Leeds. The project is looking for a small team of committed individuals to implement this initiative. The project will operate for one year only and will work to a time specific work programme, managed by Leeds City Council Regeneration Service on behalf of a small steering group. Applicants should possess a good understanding of the issues affecting the VCF sector, experience of working in partnership to achieve clear outcomes and of delivering successful capacity building activities.

The team will be based within a Local VCFS organisation situated within one the Objective 2 Priority 3 areas of Chapeltown, Harehills & Gipton, Beeston Hill & Holbeck, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and New Wortley.

Application packs for all 3 posts can be downloaded at <http://www.leeds.gov.uk>. The closing date for all applications is Thursday 25th Jan and interviews will take place week commencing February 5th 2007. For an informal discussion about any of the above posts please contact Liz Jarmin on 2478129 or Martyn Stenton on 39 50647.

Post 1: VCFS Strategic Development Manager (Ref : 4770); Grade: PO3/4 £29,859 – £34,986; Full time 37hrs per week; Fixed term contract for one year

The focus of the post is to lead on the implementation of the project. The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing the project as a whole, reporting progress and providing line management support. A key element of this post will be to take forward a pilot project involving a small number of VCFS organisations who wish to develop more collaborative ways of working. Working with service commissioners to ensure that new funding opportunities are accessible, will also be an important part of the role. Experience of project evaluation techniques and delivering information seminars to raise VCF sector awareness is also required.

Post 2: VCFS Development Officer (Ref : 4772); Grade: SO1 £23,175 – £24,708; Full time 37hrs per week; Fixed term contract for one year

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to support the Strategic Development Manager in the delivery of the project. Applicants should have experience of delivering capacity building initiatives, business/action planning and supporting the development of project exit and forward strategies. Experience of providing a range of support including governance/policy development, organisations health checks, investigating funding opportunities/ alternative income routes and signposting is also required.

Post 3: Admin/Monitoring Officer (Ref : 4774); Grade: S4: £18,450 – £20,235; Part time 18.5hrs per week; Fixed term contract for one year

This post will provide administrative and project monitoring support to the team. The post holder will be responsible for the development and maintenance of computerised monitoring systems to track progress towards agreed aims and objectives, and the completion of project monitoring forms. The job will also involve organising and servicing meetings, information seminars and other events, and general office duties. Applicants should possess excellent IT skills.

Yorkshire and the Humber ERDF Programme

The draft of the Yorkshire and the Humber ERDF Operational Programme 2007-2013 has been published and is out for consultation until 9th March 2007. It can be downloaded from www.goyh.gov.uk/goyh/eurofund/strucfunds0713/448388/?a=42496

The Regional Forum is holding 3 half day consultation events (Thursday 25th January: Leeds; Monday 29th January: Hull; Monday 5th February Barnsley) which will inform the sector of the proposals and gather views to inform the regional third sector submission. The events are suitable for anyone who wants to help shape the new ERDF programme; wants to know what the new ERDF programme is going to look like; or has an interest in regeneration or social inclusion. The events are FREE, if you would like to attend you will need to book a place at the event please either download a booking form from the Regional Forum website:

www.regionalforum.org.uk/european/index.php

Fun-runner to spearhead UK Athletics

From the West Sussex Fun Run League to receiving Lord Coe's approval as the man to oversee Great Britain's drive for success in athletics at the 2012 London Olympics, Ed Warner completed a lightning ascension from sporting obscurity to prominence yesterday. And, as he freely admitted, it might never have happened but for an advert in the Fittleworth parish magazine. Warner, 43, a City businessman and financial commentator, has been named the first chairman of UK Athletics. After speculation that the role might be filled by one of the sport's great achievers — Coe, Steve Cram or Brendan Foster — it has gone to a self-confessed amateur runner and armchair fan. He runs for Fittleworth Flyers, a village club in West Sussex, which he joined five years ago to get fit for skiing, having seen an advert in the parish magazine. Warner's first task, and arguably the most important decision he will make before 2012, is to select a chief executive. An appointment is expected next month. Ed Warner is a former chief executive of the Old Mutual financial services group, a former head of global research at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and was the chief executive who successfully sold IFX Group plc last year.

North East Lincs win regional award

North East Lincolnshire Council's Sports Development Unit has topped the podium after scooping an award for Improving Performance by a Sports Development Team in the Yorkshire Region. It followed an assessment by key officers from Sport England earlier this year into the Council's Cultural Services provision across the borough. Their report said North East Lincolnshire Council had made great strides in its work through the Positive Futures programme to develop Equalities programming; work with local communities and sports clubs. It also noted the council's performance in partnership working, particularly through taking the lead role within the Humber Sports Partnership.

Leeds Funding website

This website is provided for all those in the Leeds Metropolitan District who are looking for ways to fund voluntary and community activities. Use the 'Help and Advice' section of this website for all the background information about the funding application process you may need. If you go to the Regional Tab and select West Yorkshire, you will see a range of organisations that can provide practical help and advice. You will also see details of funding that is available for groups in Leeds. There is a Menu link – Search for Funds - to enable you to search for sources of funding online. The Leeds Funding website is provided by Leeds Community Foundation with information supplied by

fit4funding - The Charities Information Bureau. The project is funded by Leeds City Council. Visit <http://www.leeds.fit4funding.org.uk/>

Employment Opportunities at Leeds Voice

Leeds Voice – The Community Empowerment Network – wishes to appoint the following staff:

Learning Forum Co-ordinator: Full time – 37 hours per week; Salary – scale SO1, point 29: £23,175pa. This post is funded by the Learning Skills Council until December 2007; continued funding will be sought. Job purpose: to maintain, facilitate and develop Leeds Voice learning forum; to facilitate and support voluntary and community sector representation at a city wide level; and to co-ordinate the Working Together Project. Must have Good organisational and interpersonal skills; Skills and experience in strategic working; and Knowledge of strategic learning issues and partnership structures in the city

Communications Officer: Full time – 37 hours per week; Salary – Grade 5, point 22 £18,450pa. This post is jointly funded by Leeds Children's Fund and Safer & Stronger Communities until March 2008.

Job Purpose: Produce Leeds Voice newsletters and publicity materials; Maintain the Leeds Voice website; Provide basic IT support to the Leeds Voice teams; Provide administrative support to Leeds Voice forums. Must have: Good organisational skills; Good IT skills including: Basic systems administration; Website and database maintenance; Good organisational skills; Ability to edit and design newsletters and publications

Closing date for all completed applications is Thursday 1st February 2007. Interviews will take place on Friday 9th February 2007 and Monday 12th February 2007. Write, telephone or email for an application pack to: Leeds Voice - Voluntary & Community Sector Partnership Ltd., Suite 56, Concourse House, 432 Dewsbury Road, Leeds, LS11 7DF. Tel: 0113 277 2227 Fax: 0113 276 2960 e-mail:

donna.cremin@leedsvoice.org.uk or download from www.leedsvoice.org.uk

Antiquated school sport threatens fitness

An outdated physical education syllabus is failing the fitness of our school children according to Olympic and physical education expert Sheila Wigmore from Sheffield Hallam University. A member of several British Olympic groups and sport lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University, Sheila Wigmore claims 'the demise of home economics, combined with the onset of fast food and computer game culture and being confined to the house by parents concerned with the perceived lack of safety on the street' have added to young obesity issues. She said: "We have got to move away from the health aspect and start promoting the social. Children are becoming adults much younger and are worried about their hair, nails and getting sweaty - telling an 11 year old that sport will make them healthier at fifty doesn't register. However showing that activity can help them make friends and be happy in a range of environments will help them enjoy moving their bodies again, whilst coincidentally improving their health. Local Authorities and sporting clubs need to work with schools for this to happen. Given that Sheffield is the first City of Sport I think it's shocking our region is one of the most inactive [according to the latest research by Sport England]. We need to become a city of exercise and activity. There was so much reorganising and funding put towards the World Student Games that local facilities fell into disrepair. I

appreciate there are more complex issues going on and without the games Sheffield wouldn't have regenerated through sport tourism, but there should be more money in the pot to distribute to local exercise and sport facilities - and this isn't just a problem for Sheffield!"

Sports Physio

A state registered physiotherapist, also trained in remedial/ sports massage and manipulation, and for 3.5 years in Osteopathy is available to treat sports injuries. He has 10 years experience in treating sports injuries and also use of equipment such as Low level laser therapy, Ultrasound and Ems. He normally works at his home address but also offer home visits at the same price of £30.00 Treatments usually last about 45mins. He is registered with Leeds Hospital fund and main insurance companies. Contact: David Foster, 37 Calverley Gardens, Bramley, Leeds LS13 1HF Telephone 0113 2551928 or 07817412822

Shooting hits spot as networking tool

Shooting is fast becoming the social networking sport of choice. A survey of 2,000 companies and 14,000 directors shows that shooting is soaring in popularity. A decade ago, toting a shotgun did not even feature among the most popular recreations listed by company directors. But the survey ranks shooting as the seventh most popular recreation, almost level with gardening. "Though golf remains the directors' favourite recreation, shooting has come from nowhere and continues its rise, despite the current politically correct climate," said Allister Heath, editor of The Business magazine, which conducted the survey. The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) saw its membership rise to 128,000 last year, up from 110,000 in 1996; the number of affiliated syndicates has jumped to 940 from just 370 in 1996. A recent survey by economic consultants Pacec estimated that 480,000 people now participate in shooting and the sport generates 70,000 jobs. Many of the newcomers are women.

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www.yorkshiresport.org.uk

Further information about the Leeds Sports Federation can be obtained from
www.leedssport.org.uk