

SPORTSROUND

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Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

Leeds Met is UK Centre for Coaching Excellence

The review panel of sports coach UK has chosen Carnegie as the UK Centre of Coaching Excellence. The Centre is pivotal to The Coaching Framework, agreed by all sports and the government, which aims to establish the UK, as part of the legacy of the 2012 Olympics, as the leading coaching system in the world by the 2016 Olympics. It will be the first of its kind in the UK and will benefit up-and-coming coaches in 29 sports to help them reach the top and help boost sporting success for future British athletes. Sports coach UK and Leeds Met Carnegie will work in partnership to establish the Centre that has received start-up funding of £600,000 from UK Sport and Sport England. It is also being backed by Sport Scotland, Sports Council for Wales and Sport Northern Ireland. Sports coach UK will recruit a worldclass Coaching Faculty that will pass on their expertise to coaches and ensure that the UK Centre for Coaching Excellence is on par with international best practice. A UK-wide network of coaching experts, sports science and medical experts will also be established to support training and coach education throughout the country.

Grassroots Grants for Leeds

Grassroots Grants is a newly-launched initiative from the Office of the Third Sector. It will provide grants to community initiatives, in Leeds, until December 2010. Small Grants from £250 up to £900 and Larger Grants of £900 to £5,000. You can apply for a grant for 1 year only, or up to 3 years, but cannot receive more than £5,000 in total over the 3 years. For more information contact carlos@leedscommunityfoundation.org.uk or visit www.leedscommunityfoundation.org.uk

Bradford Council's b active awards

Bradford Council has pledged to support local athletes across a whole range of sports. SportsAid Yorkshire & Humberside has identified sporting talent within the district and these athletes receive individual grants of approximately £500 to support them with the high costs of performing at elite level. Bradford Council has pledged to match this funding by increasing the £20,000 they offered last year by a further £20,000 as part of a three year scheme. Bradford Council provides the largest donation of funding to such athletes in Yorkshire and Humberside. The funding is going to 20 athletes involved in a range of sports including cycle cross, cycling, canoeing, kayaking, judo, para-dressage which is para olympic horseriding, orienteering, rowing, rugby league, snowboarding, swimming, table tennis and tennis. The Bradford SportsAid **b active** awards are a follow-on from the **b active** campaign, which was introduced in 2003, and has been a huge success with over ten million people taking a dip at Council-owned pools or enjoying a work out in its gyms.

Top accolade for rugby star

RUGBY league and rugby union international, Ikram Butt has been recognised for his community work with an award at a recent British Muslim Honours ceremony in London. Ikram, who heads up the British Asian Rugby Association (BARA), collected the accolade from Baroness Haymen at the event which took place at the House of Lords. The award recognises the work of Ikram and BARA in developing community sports-based initiatives that build cultural bridges for young people across the UK and in South Asia. Ikram, currently community sports and activities development officer with Bradford Council, enjoys the distinction of being the first British Asian to represent England at either rugby code.

Sports Aid Tribute to Sport Dinner

Preparation is underway for the annual Sports Aid black tie dinner at Headingley Carnegie Stadium, Leeds. This event is taking place on the 6th February 2009, and is hoped to be even more successful than the 2008 event. Diners will be joined by the extremely successful Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, SportsAid Alumni and Paralympic multi gold medallist. And with after dinner entertainment being provided by Graham 'Grumbleweed' Walker, comedy hit from the 80's, you are sure to be in for a highly enjoyable evening. Also attending the event will be a whole host of sports stars and dignitaries, showing their support for the work of SportsAid. Tickets are now on sale for the event and invitations have been circulated. If you would like any additional information about the event, or would like to book tickets, take advantage of advertising or provide prizes, contact Ellie on 0113 242 7627, or email ellie@yorks-sportsaid.demon.co.uk.

Are you a GIRL4GOLD?

The search is on for athletic girls who have what it takes to win Olympic gold. UK Sport and the English Institute of Sport (EIS) are searching for highly competitive sportswomen with the potential to become Olympic champions in cycling and other targeted Olympic sports (bob skeleton, canoeing, modern pentathlon, rowing and sailing) in time for London 2012. GIRLS4GOLD is the single most extensive female sporting talent recruitment drive ever undertaken in Great Britain. The ultimate aim of GIRLS4GOLD is to unearth exceptional female talent capable of achieving medal success in London in 2012. If you are....

- female, aged between 17 and 25 years old
- competing in any sport at a MINIMUM of county/regional level
- fit, powerful and strong
- mentally tough and competitive
- up for a once in a lifetime opportunity to become part of Britain's sporting elite

....then we want to hear from you! To sign up now visit www.uksport.gov.uk/girls4gold

New Sport England Strategy

In June 2008 Sport England published its new strategy for 2008-2011. The strategy aims to get more people playing and enjoying sport and to help those with talent get to the very top. The new approach is designed to capitalise on the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and to use its power to inspire more people to take part in and succeed in sport. The strategy commits Sport England to deliver on a series of demanding targets by 2012/13:

- one million more people doing more sport
- a 25% reduction in the number of 16 year olds who drop out of five key sports
- improved talent development systems in at least 25 sports
- a measurable increase in people's satisfaction with their experience of sport
- a major contribution to the delivery of the five hour sports offer for children and young people.

Sport England plans to work closely with the national governing bodies of sport to deliver the new strategy, and will also create strong partnerships with local authorities. It will reduce bureaucracy by combining its multiple funding streams into a single pot of funding for governing bodies, and will be consulting on a new, more streamlined method of funding wider community projects. You can download a copy of the Sport England 2008-2011 from the Sport England website.

Free swimming

Following the announcement of free swimming provision in the 2012 Legacy Action Plan, the Government has now set out how it intends to deliver on this promise. All local authorities in England which indicate by 15 September 2008 that they wish to offer free swimming to those over 60 will receive funding for this purpose, calculated according to the size of their over-60 population. These local authorities may also submit expressions of interest in offering free swimming to under-16s, and will be notified of funding for this purpose by 15 October. Local authorities offering free swimming to both over-60s and under-16s may also bid for one-off capital grants to improve their swimming facilities. A total of £10 million is available for this purpose in 2008-2009. A further £25 million per annum will be available for capital improvements from 2009-2011, and will be distributed by Sport England.

Select Committee inquiry into liquor licensing

The DCMS Select Committee has announced a new inquiry into the effects of the Licensing Act 2003 and is seeking views on:

- Whether there has been any change in levels of public nuisance, numbers of night-time offences or perceptions of public safety since the Act came into force;
- The impact of the Act on the performance of live music;
- The financial impact of the Act on sporting and social clubs;
- Whether the Act has led, or looks likely to lead to a reduction in bureaucracy for those applying for licences under the new regime and for those administering it;
- Whether the anticipated financial savings for relevant industries will be realised. Scope

This inquiry provides an opportunity to call again for a fairer fees regime. Written submissions should be sent to Rowena Macdonald, Committee Secretary, at cmscom@parliament.uk by Tuesday 30 September 2008.

Club premises certificates

Currently, sports clubs which hold a Club Premises Certificate allowing the sale of alcohol are required to undergo a lengthy variation process should they wish to alter any part of their premises which are attached to the licensed area. DCMS is proposing a simplified process for variations which will not alter the club's licensable hours or otherwise impact on licensed activity. The proposal will benefit sports clubs as it will reduce the administrative burden and cost on clubs that wish to make small changes to their facilities.

Discovering Lost Ways

Following Natural England's (NE) decision to end the original DLW project, there is some concern that, without NE's lead, there will be little imperative to discover lost ways. Therefore, there is a growing consensus amongst stakeholders that the current 2026 deadline, after which no further ways may be discovered, should be repealed. The Ramblers' Association have launched a petition to mobilise support for this proposal, which can be signed at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/repeal2026> Natural England's statement on the closure of the DLW project may be viewed at: www.countryside.gov.uk/LAR/Access/DLW

Government launches 'Communities in Control' White Paper

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published a White Paper on community engagement. The primary purpose of publication is to outline proposals to engage more people in running their local community – from contacting the council through to standing for election. Whilst the paper also addresses volunteering and the management of community assets, it pays little attention to the role of sport in these. To view the document visit:

www.communities.gov.uk/communities/communityempowerment/communitiesincontrol

Taking Part: The National Survey of Culture, Leisure and Sport

The latest results from Year 3 of the Taking Part survey have been published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The survey measures the Government's progress against Public Service Agreement 3 -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. The priority groups are defined as those from black and minority ethnic groups, those with a limiting disability, those people in lower socio-economic groups and, in the case of sport, women are also defined as a priority group. View the results at:

www.sportengland.org/psa3_report_first_6_months_year_3_final.doc

Celebration of grassroots sport

ITV have launched a sporting video section in their community website- ITV Local Grassroots. Anyone can upload short films from video cameras, cameras or mobile phones on to the site and they are looking for your videos! If you want to celebrate your work or just want to share a special performance or victory, why not upload your sporting clips to Grassroots Sport section of the site? You can: create your own groups to talk about any sport or team; upload video of your finest moments; Visit:

grassroots.realitydigital.net/Clip.aspx?key=5E0336159F2C88C2

Yorkshire Sports Awards 2008

Sport England is delighted to announce that, following the success of their association with the BBC Yorkshire for the Yorkshire Sports Awards in the past five years, they are again working with them for the 2008 awards. Nominations will be accepted from governing bodies of sport, schools and specialist sports colleges, local authorities and district sports councils, or from any organisation or individual. Nomination forms are available on-line from www.sportengland.org/yorkshire
Achievement Awards: Nominations for these awards are in seven categories, to recognise the personal achievements of juniors, seniors and teams, able bodied and athletes with disabilities. Simply complete the form and return by the closing date of Friday 17 October 2008

Volunteers in Sport: Sport England and the BBC recognise the enormous contribution made by volunteers to sport in Yorkshire. Nominations in this category will be accepted from any organisation or individual. To make a nomination in this category go to the BBC Website for further information. For more information contact the Sport England regional office in Yorkshire by telephone 020 7273 1610 or email chantal.kemp@sportengland.org

£130 million of grassroots grants available

The £130 million grassroots grants scheme offers awards of between £250 and £5,000 to local community groups with annual incomes below £20,000. The programme, funded by the Office of The Third Sector in the Cabinet Office and administered by the Community Development Foundation, aims to make a real and immediate difference to the work of local voluntary and community groups. Grants are available to help: 'local clubs get hold of new kit, coach new volunteers or give the village hall a fresh lick of paint'. For information visit:
www.cdf.org.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_305300

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), the provisions for which are currently going through Parliament as part of the Planning Bill, enables (but does not require) local authorities in England and Wales to levy a charge on most types of new development in their area. CIL charges will be based on simple formulae which relate the size of the charge to the size and character of the development paying it. The proceeds of the levy will be spent on local and sub-regional infrastructure to support the development of the area. As the proposals currently stand sports clubs who undertake new development to their facilities will also be subject to the levy. For information visit:
www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/communityinfrastructurelevy

Participatory budgeting

The Department for Communities and Local Government has announced twelve 'participatory budgeting' or 'community kitties' pilot areas, actively engaging with local people in how public money is spent. The pilot areas will work with the help and guidance of the Participatory Budgeting Unit, letting their communities choose between local organisations' pitches for council cash. Different local groups can make proposals for a portion of public budgets and local people can consider which ones they feel will best meet the area's priorities and needs. The intention is for all local authorities to use this system by 2012. No

specific mention is made of sport and recreation within the documentation, which lists examples such as recycling, health, local environmental issues and children's services. However, the focus is on local need, and if residents deem sport and recreation provision to be a priority, then a sport focussed proposal may well be successful. For further information visit:

www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/968816

Survey of third sector organisations

The Office of the Third Sector within the Cabinet Office has launched a national survey of third sector organisations. The survey is intended to be the biggest ever of its kind with over 100,000 charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises being selected to take part. The aim of the poll is to identify which local authorities provide effective support to the voluntary sector within their locality. With an estimated 151,000 sports clubs in the UK, sport and recreation is a significant part of the voluntary sector. Historically, however, this link has not always been fully recognised either by sports organisations or the broader voluntary sector. The survey is being conducted by invitation by IPSOS Mori. All clubs receiving the survey are urged to complete it, to ensure that they gain recognition for the contribution they make to their communities. For further information visit www.nstso.com/

DCMS plans increase in society lottery jackpots

Society lotteries are typically national and local charities, sporting and social clubs that run lottery draws in order to raise funds. This proposal will see the maximum jackpot for individual society lottery draws increased from £200,000 to £400,000 and the maximum amount raised from each draw increased from £2m to £4m. Most sports clubs operating society lotteries will be classified as 'small' society lotteries, and will be unaffected by the changes. This consultation runs until 9 October 2008 and the documents are available at:
www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/5288.aspx

Music Licensing Fees – consultation on exemption

Copyright law currently requires any sports club which uses audio-visual equipment to purchase a licence from the Performing Right Society but not Phonographic Performance Ltd. This consultation proposes either to extend the PPL exemption to PRS for all clubs with a turnover of less than £20,000, or to rescind the PPL exemptions. CCPR will respond to the consultation calling for a full exemption for sports clubs. The consultation closes on 9 October and the documents are available at:
www.ipo.gov.uk/press/press-release/press-release-2008/press-release-20080701.htm

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