

# SPORTSROUND

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

### YORKSHIRE ROUND

#### Race for Life 2009

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is the largest women-only fundraising event in the UK. Women of all ages are invited to come along and walk, jog or run 5k to raise money for Cancer Research UK's pioneering work to beat cancer. Events will be taking place all across West Yorkshire. Venues include: Lister Park, Bradford, Leeds Playing Fields, Huddersfield, Temple Newsam, Leeds and Pontefract Park. This year, we hope 680,000 women will do something amazing and come together to raise £62.5 million to help beat cancer. To enter now please visit [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org) or call 0871 641 2282. Dates: Lister Park, Bradford - 7th June - 10.30 and 2.30pm; Pontefract Park - 14th June - 11am and 2.30pm; Leeds Road Playing Field, Huddersfield 27th June 10.30am and 28th June 10.30am and 2.30pm; Temple Newsam, Leeds - 5th July 10.30am and 2.30pm

#### It's all happening in Skills

A course to be held on Friday 20th March in Leeds, run by NCVO in partnership with the new Third Sector National Learning Alliance (TSNLA) and the emerging Third Sector Workforce Agency. At the event they will:

- \* Launch the TSNLA
- \* Hear from sector providers about their learning and skills delivery
- \* Identify and explore the issues where we need the Alliance to influence public agencies
- \* Inform and consult the sector about the QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) and the impact on the sector
- \* Introduce the new Third Sector Skills Agency and explore its work
- \* Consult with the sector on the developing Sector Qualification Strategy

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#### Funding boost to meet coaching demand

Yorkshire and the Humber is set to benefit from £210,000 towards a sports coaching bursary scheme to increase the number of qualified coaches after a successful bid to Sport England. SkillsActive – the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure and Learning – secured the funding, after research revealed a substantial demand for a coaching bursary scheme in the Yorkshire and Humber region. The scheme reflects a strong partnership effort between SkillsActive and Sport England, a commitment to coach development and to building a sustainable model that continues to attract funding in the future. The coach bursary will provide sports coaches or those intending to become

coaches with financial assistance for coaching qualifications aligned with the UK Coaching Certificate (UKCC) framework. Funding will also be made available to improve the supply of tutors and assessors and skills for life assessment and provision. About 810 coach bursaries will be available to coaches in the Yorkshire and the Humber region from 2009 to 2011, increasing the number of UKCC qualified coaches by 450. The bursaries will be administered through the National Skills Academy for Sport and Active Leisure, a part of the SkillsActive Group.

#### Investing in rural community sport

Rural communities are the focus of Sport England's first themed funding round, which opens for business on 1 April 2009. The £10 million fund will support projects that tackle the barriers to, and unearth new opportunities for, getting people in rural areas playing and enjoying more sport. Sport England look forward to receiving bids to the Rural Communities Themed Round from a wide range of partners - from local authorities to sports clubs and smaller community groups. Rural communities have been chosen for the first round because they face particular barriers to participating in sport, such as a reduced choice of sports available to them and transport issues. The latest Active People Survey shows that two thirds of the local councils with the lowest sports participation rates are in rural areas. There are specific challenges to delivering sport in rural England, not least the higher unit costs associated with smaller local populations. The minimum grant available will be £10,000, but to maximise the positive effect on sport in rural areas, Sport England are encouraging high value, high impact proposals. They expect many of the successful bids to be projects requiring National Lottery funding of at least £500,000. A detailed application prospectus for this round will be available on Sport England's website by 1 April 2009, and there will be a three-month window for outline applications. The second themed round will be announced by 1 September 2009 and will open for business in October 2009

#### Funding Workshops

Harrogate Borough Council are running a series of funding information workshops, including the following:

- Funding Sporting Projects on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (and again on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009) from 6.30pm – 8.00pm
- Applying for a Grassroots grant on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (and again on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009)
- Capital Projects for sport and leisure on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 (and again on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2009)

Details from Leilah Vyner tel 01423 556702 or email [leilah.vyner@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:leilah.vyner@harrogate.gov.uk)

### Senior Sports Development Officer (Leeds)

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Sport and Active Recreation Service to be part of the management team within the Sports Development Unit: **Senior Sports Development Officer** - Ref: 9660 (PO3 - £31,348 - £34,107). As part of the Sports Development Management Team and one of three Senior Sports Development Officers, you will be responsible for effectively managing a group of mainly sports specific development officers and taking lead responsibility for several key areas of work to drive forward the Service. Through innovative work programmes and a close working relationship with Community Sports Officers, Facility Managers and other external partners, this post will ensure the development of sports at all levels and for all sections of the community. Leeds are seeking to recruit a candidate who is highly motivated with effective management and leadership skills. We require someone with an extensive knowledge and understanding of sports development, the role of sport in the social and regeneration agenda, maximising external funding and Safeguarding Children and Young People. Experience of working in sports development or an associated field is essential and ideally in a management role. The post will initially be based in the Sport Development Unit at The John Charles Centre for Sport. For an informal discussion, please call Sara Birkinshaw – Principal Sports Development Officer on (0113) 3950166. Look on [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk) council vacancies for further information.

### NATIONAL ROUND

#### New Chairman of Sport England

Richard Lewis appointed as Chair of Sport England  
Richard Lewis has been named as the new Chair of Sport England. Richard, who has enjoyed sporting success at every level - as an elite player, coach and senior administrator - will take up his position at the beginning of April 2009. Richard has been Executive Chair at the Rugby Football League since 2002, bringing unity, financial stability and a higher profile to the sport, while at the same time delivering a significant growth in participation. He will now stand down from his executive duties to become the RFL's non-executive Chair. Prior to joining the RFL, Richard was Director of Tennis at the Lawn Tennis Association and before that he was an international tennis player and coach.

#### National Survey of Third Sector Organisations

The National Survey of Third Sector Organisations closed in December 2008 with a very high response of 48,949 organisations (47%). The survey, which reports in full in April 2009, will deliver an unprecedented level of information and insight into the third sector at local and national level. It also measures a key local government performance target: National Indicator 7 (NI7) – An Environment for a Thriving Third Sector.

**National Picture** - Click here for a table giving results across each local area

**Local Reports** - Click here to see the headline report for your area

#### Quality Experience Study

Understanding and measuring the quality of experience is a crucial element of the recently published [Sport England Strategy 2008-11](#) and is central to Sport England's commitment to develop a world-leading

community sport system. The 2008-11 strategy identifies three key strategic outcomes related to:  
**Growth** – increasing community levels of participation;  
**Sustain** – keeping people involved in sport by improving the quality of the experience; and  
**Excel** – for those with talent increasing the opportunities for their identification and progression into elite sport performance

#### Tesco Community Awards

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. In addition the Trust also provides grants for projects that support children's education and welfare. The next application round to support children's education and welfare projects will re-open on the 1st May 2009. The closing date for applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities is the 31st March 2009. For more information and to apply see [www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk](http://www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk)

#### ISPAL Awards 2009

In its role as the professional body for sport, parks and leisure, ISPAL seeks to reward exceptional service to the industry and provide recognition for excellence in the form of two awards:

- Innovative project that increases participation in physical activity (group)
- A leader who has demonstrated outstanding achievement which cuts across physical activities in open spaces.

The presentations will be given out at the ISPAL Gala Awards dinner as part of the National Conference at Chesford Grange, Kenilworth, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009, and the awards will comprise of a personal trophy retained by the winners, a trophy to be held for one year and a free delegate place at the Conference. ISPAL is keen to encourage as wide a range of entries for the awards as possible from all sectors of sport, parks and leisure from public, private and voluntary organisations. **Final Application Date is March 23rd 2009**

#### Healthy Lives, Brighter Future

This document sets out how the Government aims to ensure that children and young people receive the best possible health care. The strategy focuses primarily on clinical issues, with a key section on children with acute healthcare needs. However, it also recognises the role of the Physical Education and Sport Strategy for Young People in providing opportunities for healthy activity, and requires Primary Care Trusts to work with school and county sports partnerships. To view the strategy visit

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_094400](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_094400)

#### Funding for current and potential coaches

The National Skills Academy have recently announced a bursary scheme for coaches taking up coaching qualifications before the 31st March 2009. Even if the courses have started there is the opportunity to reclaim funding. More information at:

[www.sportactivensa.co.uk/assets/coachingbursary/index.html](http://www.sportactivensa.co.uk/assets/coachingbursary/index.html)

## **Evolving an Inclusive Fitness Facility'**

The Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) is running a series of seminars during 2008-2009 with the aim of enhancing the benefits of providing an inclusive fitness provision. The next series of seminars will have a focus on health; specifically health inequalities, the health agenda, the role of the fitness industry in addressing health inequalities as well as government involvement in supporting these issues. The seminars will include speakers on behalf of the Department of Health, FIA and the IFI Team. Each seminar also includes a case study from an IFI facility user.

## **National Skills Academy Teams Up With IFI**

Health and fitness organisations within the National Skills Academy network will now be able to take advantage of funded IFI Mark accreditation through the National Sports Foundation (NSF). The funding will provide support and training to existing Centres of Excellence and Academy Providers that have fitness suites used to help health and fitness training courses accreditation by the Skills Academy. The support package provided to facilities committed to achieving accreditation includes: a Mark assessment and IFI Action Plan; disability equality training for all staff; specialist training for fitness instructors in exercise for disabled people at levels 2 and 3; advice on equipment purchase and marketing support. In addition, the Skills Academy and Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) have partnered to increase the number of disabled people that are both training to become fitness instructors and working within the leisure sector. The IFI has been working to provide better access to fitness facilities for disabled people for over six years. It has supported over 300 fitness suites across England through its quality assurance tool, the Inclusive Fitness Mark (IFI Mark), which demonstrates to disabled people that facilities have considered their needs and that they will receive a good level of service provision. The NSF funded programme has a limited capacity for 200 facilities so an early response is recommended. To apply or for more information contact Marie Hepburn at the IFI office on 0114 257 2051 or email [marie@inclusivefitness.org](mailto:marie@inclusivefitness.org).

## **Be Active, Be Healthy**

The role of sport, recreation and physical activity in improving mental and physical health has been increasingly recognised in recent years – culminating in the Government plan to drive up levels of physical activity amongst the population. This document focuses primarily on adults, as plans to increase physical activity amongst children are laid out elsewhere – not least in the Physical Education and Sport Strategy for Young People. The plan centres on the 2012 Legacy Action Plan target of 2 million more people being active 3 x 30 minutes per week. This target is further refined to include:

- 1 million more people being active for more than 1 x 30 per week
- 200,000 more people achieving 5 x 30
- A 5% increase in activity duration throughout the population

The plan includes some significant developments including:

- Swimming: which is to benefit from a network of county swimming coordinators ·
- Dance: which will see the creation of a dance working group ·

- Walking: which will see a challenge to establish 2012 walking routes

To download the plan visit:

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_094358](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_094358)

The Active People survey will be broadened to include recreational activities, whose participants will be counted within the 2 million target. Furthermore, the Department for Health has confirmed £1 million funding for County Sports Partnerships in 2008-09 and £3 million in 2009-10. This is to enable the partnerships to develop their work in promoting physical activity in addition to sport.

## **£42.5 million for the voluntary sector**

Irreverently dubbed the 'charity bailout' by some commentators, this money is in fact primarily targeted at front-line organisations working with people at risk of significant debt or homelessness. To view the details of the document visit:

[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/121758/real%20help%20for%20communities.pdf](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/121758/real%20help%20for%20communities.pdf)

Whilst voluntary sports organisations are not key targets, some of the funding streams may be relevant to sport:

- Up to £10 million investment in a volunteer brokerage scheme for unemployed people will create over 40,000 opportunities for people to learn new skills and give back to communities through volunteering. ·
- A £16.5 million modernisation fund to help with the cost of mergers, partnerships and moves to more efficient sharing of back office functions for at least 3000 third sector organisations.

## **Performing Right Society Code of Practice**

Many sports clubs will have heard stories of clubs receiving aggressive telephone calls and unannounced visits from representatives of the Performing Right Society, insisting on the purchase of a music licence. PRS are now consulting on a Code of Conduct which aims to ensure a less strident approach. Details are available at

[www.prsformusic.com/playingbroadcastingonline/music\\_for\\_businesses/customerconsultation/Pages/Currentconsultations.aspx](http://www.prsformusic.com/playingbroadcastingonline/music_for_businesses/customerconsultation/Pages/Currentconsultations.aspx)

## **Ticket touting**

Tickets for sports events are widely sold on secondary markets, often at grossly inflated prices. This Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) consultation aims to reassess the ticketing landscape and reach a new agreement with distributors and spectators. The consultation period runs from 19 February to 15 May. More information is available at [www.culture.gov.uk/images/consultations/Ticket\\_Touting.pdf](http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/consultations/Ticket_Touting.pdf)

## **EUROPE ROUND**

### **Report into betting integrity**

The European Parliamentary report into the integrity of on-line gambling continues to progress through the European Parliament. The publication, an own-initiative report, provides direction for any future Commission action on gambling, without having a legal status. The proposed changes are wide-ranging as is to be expected at this stage; many further emphasise the role of betting in sports integrity.

## European Commission: Sport priorities 2009

The main priorities for the European Commission's Sports Unit for 2009 are:

- To implement the €6m pilot funding projects
- To organise a conference on doping to take place in spring
- To organise a conference on licensing systems for clubs to take place in early summer, with the possibility an ad-hoc working group on licensing systems
- To strengthen dialogue with the IOC and international and European federations on nationality issues and dual careers
- To participate in two Sports Directors meetings
- To work on the studies outlined in the 'Action Plan Pierre du Coubertin' analysing players' agents and the financing of grassroots sport and volunteering.

## European Sport Forum

At the end of December the Commission published its official report on the EU Sports Forum in Biarritz. The paper records two important issues in sport that failed to make it onto the Commission's work schedule for 2009. Firstly, in addressing the specificity of sport, the Commission "underlined that sport did not exist outside or beyond EU law and that the specificity of sport could not be described in an abstract way. In the Commission's view, progress was possible only if work was carried out on a theme-per-theme basis. The Commission pledged to have consultations also with international (world-wide) stakeholders". The difference this represents between a pre-emptive clarification of EU law with respect to sport by the Commission and a retrospective ruling by the European Court of Justice after cases are brought to court is immense. Secondly, "the Commission agreed that IPR [Intellectual Property Rights] aspects had not been sufficiently addressed in the White Paper on Sport and promised to look more into this matter in the future, based on existing EU legislation". Both issues are weighty and will require extensive analysis, but just because the tasks are difficult does not mean they should be ignored. The sport movement must ensure the Commission keeps its word -especially as these are areas where Europe can add value to the sport movement.

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news689\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news689_en.htm)

## Czech Presidency of the EU

January saw the start of the Czech presidency of the EU which should prove to be a less confrontational six months for the world of sport than the preceding French presidency. The Czech presidency will take a less aggressive stance on sport and shift it further down the agenda, with volunteering in sport the Czechs' key issue.

## European Youth and Sport Forum

The 2008 European Youth and Sport Forum took place in Paris at the start of December with over 100 European young people from 32 countries taking part. The Forum focused on the recent White Paper on Sport, and responded to it with a "Pink Paper" which included a declaration and a good practice guide. These were presented to representatives from the European Union, the French government, Sportif Français and other European organisations on the final day of the Forum. More information about the Forum, including a copy of the Pink Paper displaying good practice examples in the field of youth sport at:

<http://isca-web.org/english/youth/eysfeuropeanyouthandsportforum/eysf20080>

## Youth in Action priorities 2009

Youth in Action is the EU Programme for young people up to the age of 30. It aims to inspire a sense of active citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background. The total budget is €885 million for seven years (2007-2013), with the 2009 priorities set to rolling deadlines and including:

- Sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport

More information:

[http://ec.europa.eu/youth/news/news1336\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/news/news1336_en.htm)

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