

# SPORTSROUND

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2010

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

### LOCAL ROUND

#### Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund

Grants from £200 to £2,500 are available for local charities and community groups in the Parishes of Felliscliffe, Hampsthwaite, Birstwith, Norwood, Menwith with Darley, Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw and Fewston. For more information and an application pack go to [www.ynycf.org.uk](http://www.ynycf.org.uk) or Email [office@ynycf.org.uk](mailto:office@ynycf.org.uk) or Telephone 01759 377400. Grant Applications will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> February until 31<sup>st</sup> March with decisions being by the end of May

#### Nidderdale Junior Athletics Club

Nidderdale JAC have been successful in securing £850 of funding from a bid to Harrogate's Community Chest Fund, spending it on additional indoor athletics equipment to enable their athletes to compete against other local clubs.

#### Clubmark workshop

As several clubs in the area will be due for their re-accreditation in 2010, a Clubmark Clinic has been scheduled for the 25th March 2010 at Harrogate Hockey Club. 30 min appointments are available from 6.30pm. To book a place or for further information on ClubMark support, please contact Helen Dennis on 01423 556701 or email [Helen.dennis@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.dennis@harrogate.gov.uk)

#### Free Meeting Facilities

Harrogate Hockey Club are offering their meeting room for free to local sports clubs. The club, which is based on the site of Harrogate High School (Ainsty Road, Harrogate) has a function room that is hired out for meetings and private social occasions. For a trial period, free use of the room will be offered to sports clubs and charities. It is available for this purpose on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm until 10.00pm. The bar is also open at these times. To check availability or to make a booking, please contact: The office manager at Harrogate Hockey Club between 3.00pm and 6.00pm (Mon-Fri) on 01423 565696 or email [info@harrogatehockey.co.uk](mailto:info@harrogatehockey.co.uk)

#### Sports Hall Athletics programme

Places are still available on the popular Sports Hall Athletics Programme at the Granby Sport and Play Development Centre, Harrogate on a Wednesday evening during term time. Further details are available from Lindsay Spicer on 01423 556725 or email [Lindsay.spicer@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:Lindsay.spicer@harrogate.gov.uk).

#### Equity in your Coaching

This workshop (22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at Harrogate Hockey Club (6.30-9.30pm)) is a requirement for all clubs going for Clubmark accreditation. Any member of

the club committee can go on this course and it is recommended for coaches. Course cost = £28 including a £15 resource Payment can be made by cheque payable to Harrogate Borough Council or by card by calling 01423 556722. For further information or to book a place on the course please call Helen Dennis on 01423 556701 or email

[Helen.dennis@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.dennis@harrogate.gov.uk)

The 3 hour workshop covers

- What Sport Equity Means and why it is important
- Identifying barriers to participation
- Allows candidates to use appropriate language and terminology
- Identifies and challenges inequitable behaviour
- Interpret the legal framework that affects coaching
- Identifies how clubs can become more equitable
- Establishes where to go for further information

#### Grassroots Grants

Grassroots Grants will open again to funding applications during the period 1 March 2010 to 16 April 2010. The links to the online application form at the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation website will be reactivated from February 2010 and completed forms will be accepted from 1 March 2010. Grants of between £250 and £5,000 are available for not for profit, voluntary or community groups who; have been in existence & active in the community for a year or more; have an income of less £30,000 per year, averaged over 3 years; work for the benefit of their local community; are led by volunteers; and have a written set of rules or constitution. The grants are intended to benefit the community so may cover a wide range of projects. The project may be a new project or may expand on an existing funded project. Further information, guidelines and application forms and examples of recently funded projects are at the following website:

[www.ynycf.org.uk/grants/grassroots\\_grants](http://www.ynycf.org.uk/grants/grassroots_grants)

#### Harrogate Council Sports Development Unit

You can contact the staff at the Department of Community Services, Scottsdale House, Springfield Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 2HR Tel: 01423 556729 or Fax: 01423 556730 Email:

[sportsdevelopment@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@harrogate.gov.uk) or visit their website! [www.harrogate.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment)

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## REGIONAL ROUND

### Leeds Sports Awards

The Leeds Sports Awards for 2009 were presented at a special dinner, held at Headingley Stadium in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Award winners were:

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Sir Ian McGeechan (rugby union)

#### **Player of the Year**

Winner: Kevin Sinfield (rugby league)

Highly Commended: Rebecca Gallantree (diving)

#### **Sportswoman of the Year**

Winner: Lizzie Armitstead (cycling)

Highly Commended: Claire O'Hara (canoeing)

#### **Sportsman of the Year**

Winner: Alistair Brownlee (triathlon)

Highly Commended: Jonathon Brownlee (triathlon)

#### **Junior Sportswoman of the Year**

Winner: Jessica Fletcher (badminton)

Highly Commended: Jennie Cowen (diving)

#### **Junior Sportsman of the Year**

Winner: Ashley Watson (gymnastics)

Highly Commended: Gordon Benson (triathlon)

#### **Young Sportsperson of the Year**

Winner: Hannah Starling (diving)

Highly Commended: Jordan Bransberg (athletics)

#### **Trinity student sport award**

Winner: Sarah Cooke (trampolining)

#### **Disability Performer of the Year**

Winner: Claire Cashmore (swimming)

Highly Commended: Nick Smith (basketball)

#### **Coach of the Year**

Winners: Malcolm Brown and Jack Maitland (triathlon)

#### **Club of the Year**

Winners: Leeds Carnegie Ladies FC

Highly Commended: Seacroft Colts FC (football) and

Helen & Carol Galashan (diving)

#### **Outstanding Service Awards**

Malcolm Waite (rugby league)

Malcolm Hill (swimming)

Raymond Barrow (athletics)

### 2010 Leeds Year of Volunteering

If you are looking for something a bit different from the usual getting fit and losing weight, why not consider sharing your knowledge and experience with others in your local community by becoming a volunteer? 2010 is the Leeds Year of Volunteering, an initiative led by the council and Voluntary Action Leeds. Its aim is to engage every citizen in a volunteering activity during the year. A brand new volunteer centre has been opened in Leeds city centre to make it easier for people to find out. More info at

[www.leedsyearofvolunteering.co.uk/](http://www.leedsyearofvolunteering.co.uk/)

### Celebrating The Games 2012

University of Leeds presents a series of free lectures open to all. The series will reflect on the Olympic and Paralympic Movements, previous Games and look forward to the London 2012. Venues, timetable and full details about all lectures at [www.leeds.ac.uk/olympics](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/olympics)

- Monday 1st March 1pm: Professor Gary Rawnsley (Director of the Institute of Communication Studies & Chair of Asian International Communications at the University of Leeds): 'Chinese Whispers - Media & Communications at the Beijing Games'.

- Monday 8th March 1pm: Fiona Fairhurst (former Product Manager Research and Development at Speedo. Her team developed Fastskin swimsuit designs, which have revolutionised the sport of swimming: 'Supersuits - The Design & Development of Aerodynamic & Hydrodynamic equipment for the Olympic Games'.
- Monday 15th March 1pm: Dr. Harry Rossiter (Lecturer in Exercise Physiology at the University of Leeds, specialising in Exercise Bioenergetics in Health and Disease): 'The limits to human performance: Lessons from Olympias'.

### Regional champions

Nine new regional 'champions' have been appointed by Sport England to act as advocates for community sport in the run up to London 2012. They include, for Yorkshire and Humber, **Yuri Matischen**. The Champions will act as advocates for grassroots sport and Sport England's work with national governing bodies, local councils and other partners to increase participation. They will help to develop and take forward the key local partnerships that improve sports provision and take-up and secure continued investment in grassroots projects. You can find out more about the Champions' roles by visiting [www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/media\\_releases/6606.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6606.aspx)

### Grow Your Sports Club

Three-hour seminar packed with practical information on how to make your sports club vibrant, visible and viable on 6.30- 9.30 pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity Green, Bradford College. Sports clubs are facing strong challenges in order to survive and grow in an increasingly competitive and demanding market. How to attract new members and retain the existing ones, become a hub of the community, grow sponsorship revenue, improve the social life of the club, increase media coverage, benefit from new technology, introduce new revenue streams. The presenter will draw from best practice case studies from community-based, volunteer-run sports clubs from across most sports and leisure organisations. Fees: £15 for the first delegate from the same organisation; £10 for subsequent delegates. To book your place contact Sports Marketing Network on 01423 326 660 or email [svend@smnuk.com](mailto:svend@smnuk.com)

### Sports Club Manager

Dunnington & Grimston Sports & Leisure Club, located just outside York, is looking to employ a Club Manager to help drive the club forward as a social enterprise. The overall purpose of the job is to ensure Dunnington & Grimston Sports & Leisure Club achieves sustainable growth, satisfies club members by delivering a vibrant, visible and viable facility. To achieve this, a wider view on current activities above and beyond the local community will be required. The ideal candidate will have following background:

- Sports Business Management degree (or equivalent)
- Experience of Sports Club/Leisure Club/Conference management
- Project management
- Financial responsibilities
- Interest in sport

For further information contact Duncan Griffiths Email: [duncan@pomouk.com](mailto:duncan@pomouk.com) Tel: 079 7149 6632

## IN MEMORIAM

### Keith Mitchell OBE

We are very sorry to announce the death, on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, of Mr Keith Mitchell, OBE. Keith was Patron of England Basketball, having served as its Hon General Secretary and then its President continuously since 1953. He officiated at the Basketball Final in 5 Olympic Games. He was awarded The Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 and an OBE in 1979. In 2005, the Leeds Sports Awards honoured his 50 years in Leeds working at the highest level of sport by granting him a Lifetime Achievement Award. A special Memorial Celebration for his life will be held at Headingley Stadium on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Keith Mitchell was a lecturer in Physical Education at the University of Leeds from 1955 to 1991. He was the first Chairman of the Leeds Sports Federation in 1965 and continued as Chairman and then President until 2007, and was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) from 1981 to 1987. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Leeds Sports Awards Ceremony in 2005. Those who want to attend the Memorial event should contact Mel Welch at [mwelch@leedssport.org.uk](mailto:mwelch@leedssport.org.uk).

### Wilf Paish

Wilf Paish - one of athletics' best-known coaches and, arguably, its most knowledgeable across the whole range of events, sadly passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Paish had been battling ill health for some time. His passion for athletics led to his appointment as National Coach for the North, based in Leeds, where he moved in the early sixties and he has been an adopted Yorkshire man ever since. Athletes who trained under his guidance included Peter Elliott, Olympic gold medallist Tessa Sanderson, and a Leeds youngster Mick Hill, who went on to win numerous awards for the javelin including a World Championship medal and a UK record. In the early days, the role of National coaches was to coach at all levels from elite to grass roots as well as training new generations of club coaches and Paish was happy with all aspects of the job and particularly enjoyed going into schools where his innovative techniques were a huge success. Paish eventually left the British Athletics Federation to return to academia as a lecturer at Carnegie but his coaching output increased in an effort to help as many developing athletes as he could. He also helped football and rugby teams with fitness coaching and at one time was fitness advisor to Yorkshire cricket team. In more than five decades of coaching Paish went to nine Olympic Games. That said, Paish derived as much pleasure from helping youngsters in schools and clubs at far more modest levels of achievement. He was awarded an MBE in 2005 for services to athletics and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Leeds Sports Awards and a lifetime services award by England Athletics.

## NATIONAL ROUND

### Workforce development update event

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010, National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) is holding an update and networking event. The theme for discussion is the challenge of turning young people into workers through apprenticeships, internships and other programmes. For more information please contact NCVYS via email.

## Birkbeck Sport Business Centre

Birkbeck Sport Business Centre is holding a free one-day event on 16<sup>th</sup> April, for national governing bodies that will examine key challenges in governance and regulation. The event will be used to launch the findings from a recent survey research project undertaken by members of the Birkbeck Sport Business Centre. The survey involved national governing bodies from all four UK sports councils and the results should be of interest to NGBs of all sizes. The one-day event will include keynote speakers and a series of workshops and panel discussions focused on the most pressing governance issues facing NGBs today. To register an interest in this event, or to find out further details, please contact Dr. Geoff Walters on [g.walters@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:g.walters@bbk.ac.uk) or 020 7631 6884.

## National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)

The NAS is to provide up to 5,000 'golden hellos' of £2,500 to encourage employers to take on new 16-17 year old apprentices. This is a short-term measure, which will be available to potential employers of apprentices until April 2010. The NAS will also be able to support employers in finding training providers and recruiting apprentices. To find out more, please contact the NAS helpline on 08000 150 600.

## Community Channel: Your Sport

The Community Channel is re-launching **Your Sport**, the programme that focuses on the positive impact of grassroots sport. The TV programme is now half an hour long, with a variety of content from major broadcasters and sports bodies. As well as the films getting a national TV airing (Community Channel is available on Freeview, Virgin & Sky) the content will be available via a variety of online platforms. If your organisation would like to contribute contact Dominic Cotton via [email](mailto:dominicc@mediatrust.org): [dominicc@mediatrust.org](mailto:dominicc@mediatrust.org) or phone - 07767 686632 / 020 7217 3709).

## Community Voices grants

Community Voices are looking to fund 26 community-driven projects that help to address issues of isolation and disadvantage with the help of digital media. Communities will be selected based on the strength of their overall proposal and organisers are keen to represent a diverse range of communities, projects, and digital media across England. Examples of organisations who can apply in partnership with or on behalf of a community could include charities, social enterprises and local authorities. Applications do not have to be about creating a digital media project directly like a film, community radio station, or social network, as long as applicants can propose how harnessing digital media can make a positive difference in communities through their activities. Applications can be made at <http://mediatrustnews.org/46N-3B1A-11EPU5-1VO60-1/c.aspx>, or in writing by downloading the application form from <http://mediatrustnews.org/46N-3B1A-11EPU5-1W4F5-1/c.aspx>. Apply by 28 February 2010 to be considered for a grant.

## Legacy Trust UK – Community Celebrations

Legacy Trust UK have announced details of Community Celebrations, their latest national programme, and applications are now open for expressions of interest. Legacy Trust UK have made up to £4 million of funding available for this programme, which provides an opportunity to create a high-profile

celebration in five communities across the UK. They are looking for spectacular, extraordinary and innovative ideas for large-scale outdoor celebrations at moments of real local significance. The intention is that the five successful projects, after premiering in their home cities, will be given the opportunity to make their way, along with their many participants, to the five Olympic London Host Boroughs - Greenwich, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest - in July 2012 to join with the premiere of the Major Outdoor Arts Commission for 2012 to create a spectacular event which will involve thousands of people from the five Host Borough communities and from around the UK. For more information and details on how to apply to host a Community Celebration, please visit [www.legacytrustuk.org/national-programmes/community-celebrations](http://www.legacytrustuk.org/national-programmes/community-celebrations)

### **BBC ThrillSeeker**

ThrillSeeker is a BBC initiative to inspire everyone to get a taste of adventure. This programme aims to help thousands of individuals and families across the UK experience an adventure activity, with a particular focus on people trying such activities for the first time. Ultimately, by the end of the campaign, the aim is for people to be confident and knowledgeable enough to progress their interest and engage in adventure on an ongoing basis. The BBC is therefore asking sports organisations to run activities to support the initiative as well as registering them on the 'ThrillSeeker' database. These do not have to be new activities, but would need to meet the programme's criteria. For further information and the get your organisation involved please visit [www.bbc.co.uk/thrillseeker](http://www.bbc.co.uk/thrillseeker)

### **Sport relief - Rise to the Challenge**

Sport Relief 2010 has arrived and is now building up to The Sport Relief Weekend. It starts on Friday 19th March with a day of fundraising fun at home, at work and at school, before a night of special Sport Relief telly on BBC Then there is The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 21st March, where hundreds of thousands of people will take to the streets to raise money and change lives. You will be able to see all the action on The Sport Relief Mile Show on BBC One later that day. Now you can rise to a challenge of your own because that is what Sport Relief is all about! Visit [www.facebook.com/sportrelief](http://www.facebook.com/sportrelief), <http://twitter.com/SportRelief2010> and [www.sportrelief.com/the-mile/find-a-mile](http://www.sportrelief.com/the-mile/find-a-mile)

### **Age Discrimination**

The Government has published its response to the consultation on banning age discrimination within service provision. Key points to note for sport and recreation within the general provisions are that age-specific societies and associations will still be permitted, as will beneficial age-based concessions (i.e. cheaper rates for particular age groups). Sport is also addressed specifically, with an exception for 'age-banded or age-specific sporting events, leagues or training facilities where the restriction is proportionate to ensure fair competition, the safety of competitors or some other legitimate aim.' This exception will allow the continuation of age-restricted competitions in sports, games or other competitive activities where the capabilities of average people of one age group put them at a disadvantage compared to average people of a different age group. Assuming the Equalities Bill itself

receives Royal Assent, the Government plans to consult on secondary legislation to introduce the ban in Autumn 2010.

### **Facilities Inquiry**

The Facilities Inquiry is an independent national inquiry examining issues around the UK's sports facilities. Chaired by sports broadcaster John Inverdale, the inquiry asks whether the country has enough sport and leisure facilities, what condition they are in and how easily people can access them. Next steps for the panel include undertaking a number of site visits to both indoor and outdoor facilities in London and Derbyshire, and holding an evidence session with under-represented groups in sport. Evidence will continue to be gathered until 31 March 2010, with the panel due to report in April 2010. The inquiry aims to give a representative account of the health of the UK's sports facilities and can only truly do this with the contribution of as many people as possible from all over the UK. A dedicated website has been set up for the inquiry, which includes more details of the inquiry itself and a background paper providing key facts and figures on the existing facility stock. There is also a section for you to share your views with the panel via a short online questionnaire. The questionnaire should only take 5 minutes of your time to complete and your views are crucial to gaining a true understanding of facilities in the UK. To provide your views please visit [www.facilitiesinquiry.org.uk](http://www.facilitiesinquiry.org.uk)

### **Active People Survey 3**

In December 2009 Sport England published the full year results of the Active People Survey for the period October 2008 to October 2009. The number of adults (aged 16 and over) participating in sport at least three times a week for 30 minutes at moderate intensity in 2008/09 has reached 6.93 million. This is an increase in participation of 115,000[1] adults since 2007/08. The increase in participation was far greater between 2005/06 and 2007/08, when it rose by 520,000 adults.

- Participation has particularly increased amongst men, rising by 176,000 from 4.027million (20.0%) in 2007/08 to 4.203 million (20.6%) in 2008/09. However, amongst women participation has decreased by 61,000, falling from 2.788 million (13.1%) in 2007/08 to 2.727 million (12.7%) in 2008/09.
- Regular participation among non-white adults has increased by 98,800 from 615,000 (16.1%) in 2007/08 to 713,800 (17.0%) in 2008/09.
- Sporting participation for adults with a limiting disability/illness has decreased by 42,800 from 429,500 (6.7%) in 2007/08 to 386,700 (6.1%) in 2008/09.
- Looking at participation by region, it has increased by 0.7% in both the West Midlands and London; there have been no statistically significant changes in other regions.

For further highlights and a more detailed breakdown, please visit [www.sportengland.org/research/active\\_people\\_survey/active\\_people\\_survey\\_3.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/research/active_people_survey/active_people_survey_3.aspx)

## EUROPEAN ROUND

### European Conference on Sport Economics

Please be invited to submit a paper to the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference in Sport Economics in Cologne, Germany. The conference will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> at the German Sport University Cologne. The deadline for submissions is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The conference is open to all areas of sports economics. The scientific committee invites individuals to submit a variety of abstract types. Submissions will begin to be accepted on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Completed research or research in progress is acceptable. Empirical as well as conceptual manuscripts are welcome. Manuscripts for the conference must not be published elsewhere at the time of the conference. The conference language will be English.

### European Union Spanish Presidency

Spain have taken on the European Union presidency for the first six months of the year, the first since the Lisbon treaty was ratified, and there are fears among English football's governing bodies that there could be a renewed push towards Europe-wide sports regulation and a diminution in their power. The Lisbon Treaty enshrines a formal role for the EU in sports regulation for the first time. The Spanish presidency will host the first sports ministers' meeting since the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty. The Lisbon Treaty means the ministers' meetings now have the power to pass recommendations onto the Council. The first formal meeting will be held on 10 May in Brussels - previous meetings were considered informal and could not recommend action to the EU. Betting is now formally on the agenda following the recommendation of the Swedish presidency. The UK Minister for Sport, Gerry Sutcliffe, may not be able to attend the Spanish meetings due to the impending elections in the UK, but he has started a series of bilateral meetings over the coming months to ensure the UK's views are heard.

### Applications open for WILD

CCPR is leading the Women's International Leadership Development (WILD) programme for the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO). The project has received €280,000 of European funding to provide training for potential women leaders in the UK and in our partner countries, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Hungary, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. The programme is designed to improve skills amongst potential women leaders in sport and to create a pan-European network for women leaders in sport. If anyone is interested in the programme, application procedures will take place throughout February and details on how to apply can be found at [www.ccpr.org.uk/WILD](http://www.ccpr.org.uk/WILD)

### European Commission funded sports projects

The European Commission has funded 18 European sports projects from its preparatory actions in the field of sport. The projects focus on the four fields of health enhancing physical activity, gender equality, disability sport and education and training. [More information on all the projects can be found here.](#)

These pilot projects represent the first true sport projects funded by the European Union. Funding for 2011 will focus on doping, volunteering and social inclusion, with a further set of topics yet to be established for 2012. It is hoped that the preparatory actions will develop into more significant funding

streams for the next full budget period of the EU alongside a full sports programme from 2014-2020.

### EU Health

The European Commission (EC) has recently published its Work Plan for 2010 for the implementation of the second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-2013).

The objectives of the Health Programme are to improve citizens' health security, promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities and generate and disseminate health information and knowledge.

Projects eligible for funding include those in the field of nutrition and physical activity, specifically in developing and/or implementing good practice on how to promote physical activity in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas through future planning of infrastructure, recreational policies and whole community actions.

Deadline for application is 19 March and further information can be found at

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/health.html>

### Financing of Grassroots Sport

The study into financing of grassroots sport kicked off in January. The study's name has changed to a study into internal market barriers in sport due to the delay of the Lisbon Treaty ratification. This meant the EU had no competence in sport and therefore had to change the direction of the study slightly when asking for tenders last year. The study will examine aspects of the funding of grassroots sport across Europe and is likely to focus on five sports chosen following preliminary investigation. The initial research has focused on funding for sports clubs, media rights, lottery funding and betting. More information at

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news881\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news881_en.htm)

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