

Welcome to all Volunteers!

Welcome to the June update for volunteers in Paddlesport. Many of you haven't had an update for a few months and the official newsletter is not being produced for a while yet, therefore this newsletter should enable you to catch up with the latest information until the official news is sent out. Please show this update to your fellow volunteers – coaches, officials, helpers and administrators - and if they would like to be added to the mailing list please email volunteers@bcu.org.uk. A pdf and word version are also available for clubs and volunteers to have a look at on the volunteers section of the website, www.canoe-england.org.uk.

Youth Action Network – Website Review

A group of young volunteers, Cadet Leaders and coaches have formed the Youth Action Network (YAN). This group of 14 young people provide regular support and advice to Canoe England's Volunteer Development Officer. Welcome to all members of the group and a big thank you for the support you have provided Canoe England so far!

With the assistance of the Youth Action Network, the volunteer section of the Canoe England website continues to develop in order to offer clubs and volunteer's news, information, resources and details of opportunities to volunteer at events.

Earlier this year, the 'Volunteer Opportunities' section was added to provide clubs, centres and event organisers the opportunity to promote and recruit any volunteer which are needed. If you would like to promote your opportunities, please email volunteers@bcu.org.uk.

Club Forums 2008

Canoe England staff descended on four regions this spring to provide information, updates and a networking opportunity for club members and volunteers. An outstanding number of volunteers attended the North West (March 15th), London & South East (March 29th), South (March 30th) and East (April 13th) Club Forums.

A similar programme will be followed for the remaining regions in the Autumn. Dates of the forums are now on the website and venues will be confirmed in the coming weeks. To keep up to date, please keep your eye on the Canoe England website www.canoe-england.org.uk.

Club Volunteer Coordinators

The main role of the Club Volunteer Coordinator is to offer guidance and support to other club volunteers. Aspects involved in this role may include coordinating the recruitment of new volunteers and targeting retention, as well as identifying training for, developing and rewarding existing club volunteers. More information on the role is available from the Canoe England office or on the website.

The Canoe England Volunteer Development Officer would like to offer support and information to your Club Volunteer Coordinator. A Volunteer Coordinators pack will also be available soon to assist coordinators in their role. If your club has a Volunteer Coordinator, please let Canoe England know – volunteers@bcu.org.uk.

National Volunteer & BCU Club of the Year Awards 2008

Individuals and clubs attended the Canoe England Volunteer Awards presentation on June 7 at the National Watersports Centre. More information on the winners, including the successful clubs in the BCU Club of the Year Awards 2008 are available on the Canoe England website, www.canoe-england.org.uk.

Role Description Templates

Canoe England now has a set of templates available to clubs and volunteers which outline the role of various volunteer's positions in clubs. The set of role descriptions can be used to assist clubs in recruiting volunteers into positions and to help recognise what is involved in each role and where the duty ends – a helpful tool for both committees and volunteers to ensure individuals won't take on too much!

Copies of the role description templates are available from volunteers@bcu.org.uk and on the website www.canoe-england.org.uk under volunteers (Good Practice Bank). More will be added throughout the coming months.

Equality Update

The BCU/Canoe England have updated their Equality Action Plan which is now available on the website. The document is a developing plan to allow scope for new projects. The newly formed National Equality Advisory Group will assist in reviewing and implementing the plan, while thoughts and ideas are always welcome from our members.

Equality Policy Template:

Following the updated version of the BCU /Canoe England Equality Policy, clubs can now access a template to assist them in writing their own policy. The policy is available on the website and gives guidance on the maximum wording to use within your own policy. The policy can be edited to ensure it is relevant for each club and sections which are deemed not relevant to your club can be deleted.

Workshops in Your Area

Runningsports is an organisation focused on supporting volunteers. They provide courses and resources to assist clubs and have recently launched four new workshops - Planning, Awards for All, Making the Most of Your People, and Role of the Volunteer Coordinator. Have a look at www.runningsports.org for more information.

The courses detailed below are a selection of those submitted to Canoe England and not a complete list of those held throughout the country. If you would like to find out more details of courses in your available contact your County Sports Association. You can find more information on your county on:

www.sportengland.org/get_resources/developing_sport/county_sports_partnerships/csp_contacts.htm

July:		
Tues 1 st	runningsports Club for All runningsports Club for All	Stour Centre, Kent Addlestone
Thurs 3 rd	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children runningsports Funding for Your Club	Leeds Solihull Central Library
Mon 7 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children runningsports Club for All runningsports Club for All runningsports Club for All runningsports Club for All runningsports Awards for All runningsports Developing Partnerships with Clubs & Schools	Cambridge Barking, London Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottingham Gateshead Int. Stadium Kindle Centre, Kent Shirehall, Shrewsbury Addlestone
Tues 8 th	SCUK Equity in your Coaching	Staffordshire
Weds 9 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children runningsports Awards for All	Buckinghamshire Credon Centre, Plistow
Thurs 10 th	SCUK Introduction to Long Term Athlete Development SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	Surrey Runcorn
Mon 14 th	SCUK Introduction to FUNdamentals of Movement runningsports Role of the Volunteer Coordinator runningsports Valuing your Sports Volunteers	Rotherham University of Hertfordshire West Bromwich
Tues 15 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	Buckinghamshire
Weds 16 th	runningsports Club for All	Wyvern House, Winsford
Thurs 17 th	runningsports Club for All runningsports How to Get Tax Breaks for your Club	Gloucester University of Hertfordshire
Mon 21 st	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children runningsports Valuing your Sports Volunteers runningsports Club for All	Surrey Ford County Ground, Essex University of Hertfordshire Polkinton Wolds Gliding Club
Weds 23 rd	runningsports Club for All	Carlisle
Thurs 24 th	runningsports Club for All	Newquay Sports Centre
Mon 28 th	SCUK Equity in your Coaching	Surrey
Tues 29 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	Staffordshire
Weds 30 th	SCUK Equity in your Coaching SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	London Borough of Hillingdon Stafford