

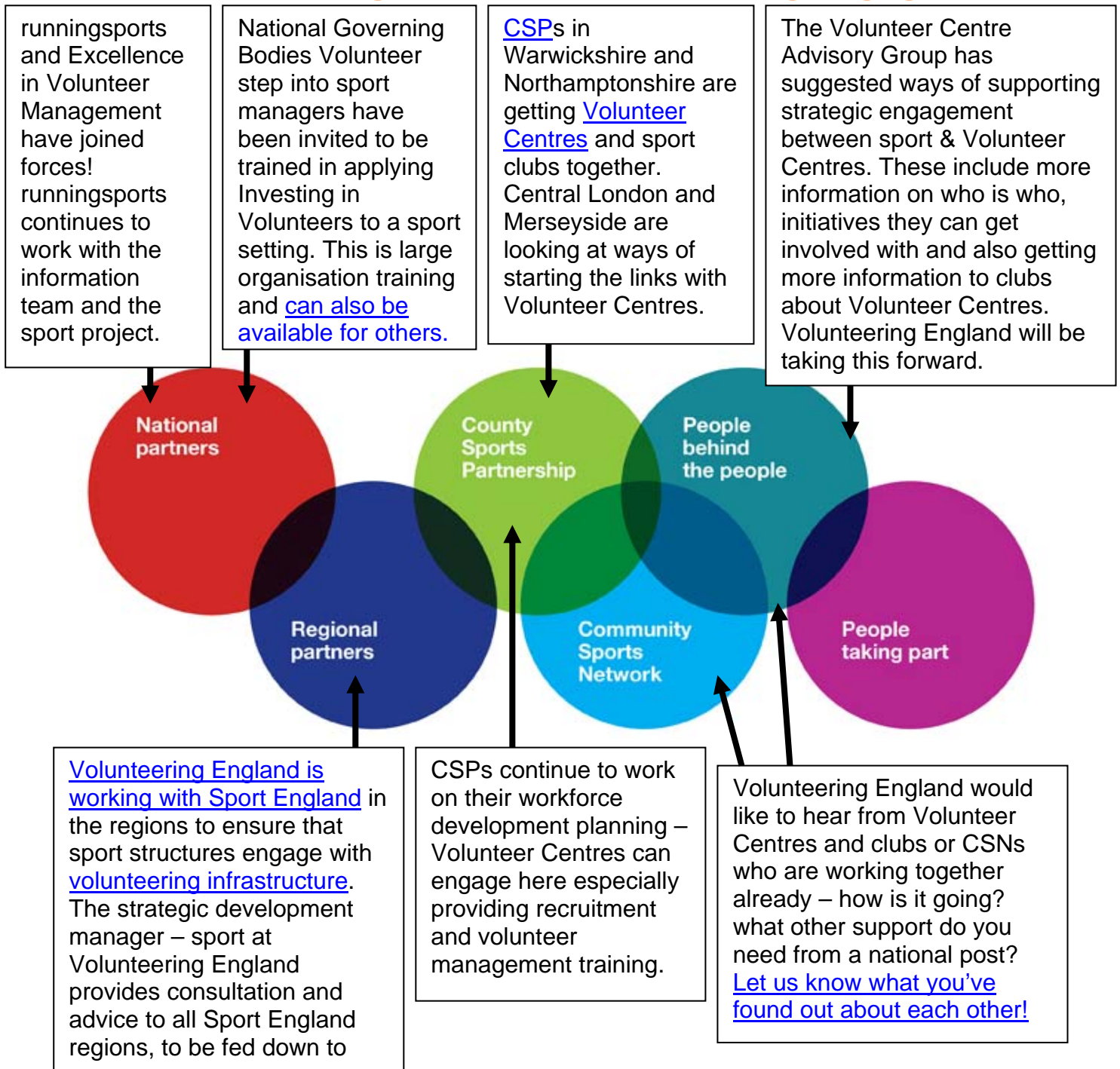
# Wider volunteering – sport volunteering update

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## What's happening: sport and volunteering engagement



This image gives a snapshot of the engagement of hundreds of organisations and individuals within organisations. The leadership for the engagement of sport and volunteering comes from the volunteering in sport project at Volunteering England, funded by Sport England. The main focus of this project for this year (2007 - 2008) is:

1. Volunteer management in sport – what it is, why it is important, how it can improve the quality of sport volunteering.
2. Engagement between sport and volunteering infrastructure organisations (Q: what is infrastructure? – A: a jargon word for organisations, such as Volunteer Centres, who work to support other organisations' volunteer management)

For further information on this work, visit the [sport webpages](#) or contact [Laura Ferguson](#)

## News items for sport and volunteering

Please either respond yourself, or cascade this information through your newsletters, e-newsletters and websites to your networks and clubs:

## News for national organisations and governing bodies

### **Information team work with CCPR**

The information team has been turning its attention to getting its information to more and more organisations. The team are working with CCPR (the Central Council of Physical Recreation), as one of many umbrella bodies across a few sectors. They will create new systems for spreading volunteering guidance.

A new project to get good practice to local organisations is being rolled out. Volunteering England's information team is working with a number of umbrella bodies to improve the cascading of information about volunteer management. The Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) and their contacts with the sport and active recreation world are combining with the information team to get good practice messages through to governing bodies and clubs.

### **Volunteering England is working on two pieces of research with National Governing Bodies**

1. The impact of sport volunteering project will be working with 10 local sport clubs to assess the impact that volunteering has on the club and people within it. It will also examine the impact of volunteer management on volunteering. We'll let you know more in the new year about results.

2. The Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) is working on a new research project which will explore the challenges of volunteering within smaller groups that are led by volunteers. 'Volunteering to Lead' will investigate issues of leadership within small, volunteer-led groups and the challenges associated with their growth and development. To inform this research, IVR will work with six groups from the environment/conservation, arts/heritage, and sports sectors. IVR are currently in the process of identifying two sports clubs in the Thurrock and Manchester areas who would be interested in working with them as case studies. The research will take place between September and November 2007, and the final report will be published in March 2008. For more information on the project, please contact Nick Ockenden on [nick.ockenden@volunteeringengland.org](mailto:nick.ockenden@volunteeringengland.org).

### **Do you know how Volunteering England can help you improve your volunteering?**

- You can find out about **good practice** directly from the [information team](#)
- For **research**, bring in the [Institute of Volunteering Research](#) or assess the impact of your organisation's volunteering with the [toolkit](#) yourself.
- Looking for **training** for your volunteer manager? [Excellence in Volunteer Management](#) consists of classroom-based and eLearning training modules, as well as an array of resources.
- Be the first to know... keep up to date with volunteer management news. [Join Volunteering England!](#)

## **News for CSPs & CSNs**

**Have you got your volunteer management page on your website yet?**

[Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Sports Partnership](#) are among those who have added information about volunteer management for their volunteers and volunteer co-ordinators to their website.

**Are you introducing clubs, Local Authorities or CSNs to your local Volunteer Centres?**

If not, how about the next step of getting Volunteer Centres and Community Sports Partnerships or Local Authority sport development teams together. There are examples of this work in London and Cumbria.

Other CSPs and sport clubs want to hear about your work... let us know if you have any stories to tell, case studies of where it is going well.

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## **News for Volunteer Centres**

**Are you working well with sport clubs in your area?**

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**[Find out about your county sports partnership](#)** – who they are, why you should work with them and who they can introduce you to.

**Keep your eyes peeled for more information online, in the Volunteering England member's update and for your "pass it on" toolkit coming soon...**

## **NAVCA launch their strategic sport project**

Volunteering England are working closely with NAVCA to ensure messages about infrastructure organisations are engaging with sport, whether they be Volunteer Centres, Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS) or others. NAVCA now have a strategic post also funded by Sport England. For further information, visit the [NAVCA website](#).

## **News for sport clubs**

**Want to be top of the league?... for your volunteers**

**Or are you more about doing the best you can?... for your volunteers**

Other clubs and sport organisations are getting ideas and practical advice from Volunteer Centres to improve their clubs.

Find your [local Volunteer Centre](#) (your local CSP should already be aware of Volunteer Centres, and may be able to point you in the right direction too).

## **Other Volunteering England & volunteering news:**

### **1. 22% of all people who volunteer give their time in sport**

Sport is still one of the most popular areas for people to volunteer says a new one-off survey which reveals the popularity of volunteering and charitable giving. Launched on 5th

September by Minister for the Third Sector Phil Hope. Conducted by the National Centre for Social Research with the Institute for Volunteering Research, it found that 59 per cent of those surveyed had volunteered in the last year, and 69 per cent in the last five years. More statistics and link to the full report 'Helping out: a national survey of volunteering and charitable giving' at [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/research\\_statistics/helping\\_out.asp](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/research_statistics/helping_out.asp), or [see press release](#).

## 2. SAVE THE DATE! National Volunteering Convention - 23-25 April 2008

Volunteering England will be hosting their National Volunteering Convention in Newcastle at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead - bringing together a diverse range of delegates from volunteer managers from volunteer-involving organisations, charity representatives, volunteer centres and private sector companies with an interest in employer supported volunteering, including organisations working with and for sport.

The Convention will allow participants to discuss, debate, and share ideas about the current and future volunteering landscape, addressing key issues and challenges. It will also give delegates the opportunity to develop and share best practice as well as increase their skills, knowledge and expertise. This will be done through a mixture of entertaining keynote speakers, plenary sessions, panel debates, workshops, fringe meetings and networking receptions including wider volunteering and also sport specific issues

For further information about the Convention, please keep visiting [the website](#).  
**Programme and booking details will be available from late September 2007.**

## 3. Excellence in Volunteer Management and runningsports are working together.

[runningsports](#) have signed up to become a training provider with [Excellence in Volunteer Management](#) – providing sport-specific volunteer management training. Watch this space for more information.

## Further information from Volunteering England

**Got a question about volunteer management** (Legal questions, problems with volunteers or your volunteer programme, volunteer policies, CRB checks)?  
You can contact the [Volunteering England information team](#) by [email](#), or by free phone number: 0800 028 3304

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