I am pleased to announce recent activity that will strengthen our work as partners in the short and the longer term.

For the longer term benefit of sport, the strength of our individual and collective partnership leadership, across all sectors with an interest in the benefits of sport is vital. We are therefore pleased to announce the opportunity to join our Leadership Development Programme. After sifting proposals from 22 tenders we believe we have a programme that participants will find stimulating and highly beneficial. Combining theory with practical examples from elite sport people and contrasting approaches across different industries, we believe this to be a unique opportunity to develop sports leadership potential in Cornwall. Details can be found below.

In the shorter term we are pleased to announce that Jonathan Woods of KKP consultants will be joining the core team to strengthen our immediate delivery capacity, offering support on three days per week, over the next three months. This will be an interim position, while we finalise details and recruit a further senior manager to the core team.

Best wishes,

Mike Thomas
Strategic Director
Cornwall Sports Partnership
Update from extra Sports Board meeting on 23 April 2007

Review of the Sports Board – role, composition and membership – After discussion, the Board agreed

i. to proceed with a restructuring of its role, responsibilities and composition, including its supporting sub-groups and the likely time commitment sought of Board members

ii. to establish a working group comprising:
   - Jonathan Harris – Board Chairman, Sports Partnership
   - Malcolm Moyle – Executive Chairman, Sports Partnership
   - Jim Mckenna – Chief Executive, Penwith District Council
   - Len Smith – Cornwall Enterprise
   - John Green – Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
   - Michelle Baker Caton – Leisure Officer, Caradon District Council
   - Mike Thomas – Strategic Director, Sports Partnership

iii. To receive a paper from Sport England on what is expected by them, to help the group.

iv. The group should prepare a formal report to the Board in September.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Cornwall Sports Awards

The Judges panel met on the 4th May to decide the winners all those nominated for a sports award have been invited to the awards night on Wednesday 6 June 2007 (evening). More information is available from Natasha Sandoe nsandoe@cornwall.gov.uk or telephoning on 01872 324395. For a full list of the nominees please visit our website (details below).

Cornwall Youth Games 2007

As Saturday 23 June fast approaches we thought it time to give all our partners an update as to how this years CYG event is gathering pace.

The event this year has changed emphasis by moving towards secondary children rather than it being a primary event and has also altered from a district led event to a school sports partnership event. Therefore the winners and runners up of each qualifying event will represent the respective School Sports Partnerships (SSPs).

By the time you receive this most of the SSPs will have held their qualifying events, albeit Penryn who hold there’s on the 22 May at Pool School.

The Sports included this year are: Table Tennis, Girls TAG Rugby, Hockey, Badminton, Netball, Girls Cricket, Rounders, Dance, Basketball, a demonstration Squash event and Athletics.

We hope to have good weather as we have been lucky over the last few years!

Should you require any further information please contact Adrian Nott CYG Coordinator for the CSP on 07973 813 547 or email anoott@cornwall.gov.uk
Parallel Games

The first Cornwall Parallel Youth Games is designed specifically for students with disabilities to gain the thrill and sense of achievement of competing at a Youth Games. The event is a collaboration between the School Sport Partnerships, Disability Cornwall and the Cornwall Sports Partnership. The event takes place on Friday 22nd June 2007 at the Par athletics track from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Further information available from Vicki Gregory on 01872 324385 or vgregory@cornwall.gov.uk

Do you know of a Cornish Olympian or Sporting Great?

We are searching for the names and contact details of Cornish Olympians and sporting greats - past and present. The 2012 group want to collect names and contact details to assess the potential for their involvement, in the lead up to the London 2012 Games. They are interested in participants from all sports not just the Olympic ones, so thinking caps on and e-mail your responses please to jleat@cornwall.gov.uk

Leadership Development Programme

I would like to invite you to apply to take part in the Cornwall Sports Partnership Leadership Development Programme, targeted at people who are influential in the way that sport and physical activity is promoted and developed in the county. The programme represents over £90,000 worth of investment in the development of leadership of sport in Cornwall.

Participants in the programme can expect to be part of the team leading the way in taking sport and physical activity to a new level of achievement, through the further development of their own and the group’s collective leadership and partnership working skills. The course is equally applicable to those for whom sport is their main activity as well as for those who seek to achieve other outcomes through sport such as health, community safety, education, community cohesion etc.

The programme will be led by Professor Rakesh Sondhi, Programme Director at London Business School. Participants can expect a mix of theory and practical application. Practical sessions will include the 'football experience', used to highlight specific leadership traits and issues. The 'football experience' will be led by ex international and Manchester United footballers Gary Bailey, Ray Wilkins and Frank Stapleton.

Each participant can expect on completion of the programme to be part of a key group of leader’s influencing sport and physical activity, supported by their own personal leadership development plan and a wider partnership development plan. This programme is intended to make a difference.

The programme is planned to cover:
- Strategic thinking
- Organisation transformation
- High performance leadership
- Shared values and team goals
- Managing relationships
- Achieving high performance

The programme will begin in July 2007 and continue through to May 2008 consisting of 7 sessions each of 2 days duration including evening sessions. All materials, overnight accommodation and refreshment costs are included in the one off inclusive fee of £650 plus VAT. I believe that this represents exceptional value to participants and hope you will be enthused to join me on this unique leadership development programme. We are recruiting participants to the course now and we have limited places.

If you would like to apply to join the programme or want to discuss any aspect of the programme, please contact Mike Thomas mithomas@cornwall.gov.uk or telephone 01872 324654. Applications to join the programme should be notified by Friday 1st June 2007.
Active People – supporting the development of Community Sports Networks (CSNs) – Training Opportunity

We have secured an additional training opportunity on the Active People diagnostic – this is the online tool that allows you to investigate sports participation rates for the 16 plus population across Cornwall, by location, age, socio economic status etc. Understanding Active People is becoming increasingly crucial to provide an evidence base for sports participation and fundamental to the development of effective CSNs. The training will be valuable to anyone with a need to understand sports participation rates.

If you are new to Active People or looking to develop your skills further this is the opportunity for hands on training with Sport England’s regional expert Matt Roebuck. Places are limited for this event and available on a first come first served basis. The event will take place on Tuesday 26th June 2007. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Jake Leat to book your place at jleat@cornwall.gov.uk

We have said goodbye to;
Barbara Bardsley who has moved on from the position of Clerical Assistant with the core team to seek a new opportunity. We wish Barbara well in her future endeavours.

And welcome to:
Danielle Rooth the new Competition Manager at Penwith School Sports Partnership, Danielle can be contacted via Mounts Bay School.

Job opportunities with the CSP

We have two job opportunities within the CSP core team both posts are advertised in the West Briton and on the Cornwall County Council & CSP websites. Initially one year posts in the first instance. Closing Date: 18 May 2007.

Clerical Assistant (24hrs) Ref 2920


Swimming Development Officer and Community Swimming Coach (30hrs) Ref 2919

http://db.cornwall.gov.uk/recruitment/form-details.asp?VacID=2919

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Sports Awards Evening – 6 June 7pm Truro School, Burrell Theatre
Sports Board 13 June 10am - Isles of Scilly
Parallel Games – 22nd June 10.30am – 2.30pm at Par athletics track
Cornwall Youth Games – 23rd June 10am - 4pm Truro School
Active People training event – 26th June venue to be confirmed
Sports Executive 27 June – CSP Office 10am
Sports Panel 4 July – CSP Office 10am

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