



VOLUNTEERING NEWS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Welcome to the Summer Edition of Making a Difference

We hope that you have been enjoying the summer sunshine. Schools, universities and colleges are out for the summer, summer holidays are in! How will you be using those extra hours? Spend them volunteering by the pool!

The Volunteer Engagement Team have seen a busy few months fly by, with much more to come as we head towards the ASA Annual Conference in October. The 'ASA Aquatics Conference – A Fresh Approach' will take place from the 17th – 19th October in Daventry, for more information on how to reserve your place please [click here](#).

Volunteering News, as always, aims to provide you with an update on what has been happening, and provide you with an insight into our up and coming programmes and initiatives.

We want to know what your volunteers have been getting up to this month, if you have a volunteering story that you would like to share with us or a photo that you think would look great on our front cover please contact volunteering@swimming.org and get your hands on one of our limited edition pin badges.

Swim safe this summer and keep volunteering!

Best wishes,

The Volunteer Engagement Team



Francesca Kelly – Head of Volunteer Engagement



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RECRUITING AND RETAINING YOUR VOLUNTEERS



Are you looking to increase the number of volunteers in your club? Do you want to find out what support is available to retain volunteers in their role? If so we have the resource for you!

Following the recent delivery of an online workshop tailored to clubs you can now access the presentation online! Please [click here](#) to do so.

The short overview contains key information outlining recruitment and training methods to enhance your club volunteer workforce and explores the range of support that is available to retain volunteers in the sport. If you would like to find out more about any of the initiatives mentioned contact volunteering@swimming.org

AQUAFACT



Water polo originated as a form of rugby played in rivers and lakes in England and Scotland in the late 19th Century. Prince William, the patron of the English Schools

Swimming Association was captain of his water polo team at University.

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR YOUR COUNTY?

BE PART OF OUR NEW COUNTY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NETWORK AND HELP US DEVELOP OUR VOLUNTEERS!



The ASA are currently in the process of recruiting and developing a County Volunteer Coordinator Network (CVCN). This will be made up of Volunteer Coordinators from each of the counties who will come together to support local level volunteers and facilitate their development, ensuring they get the most out of the sport.

At present there are a number of CVCs already in place, and if you are already in this role we will shortly be in touch to inform you of the full plan and let you know about the resources we have created and how we will be taking the group forward. We have created a fantastic online toolkit for you, and plan to really develop the network over the coming year to ensure you are fully equipped to work with your clubs and provide a fantastic experience for our club volunteers.

In order to access the specific workspace we have created for you, you will need an IoS account – if you don't already have one of these you can go to the [IoS Online website](#) and register as an individual – it's free to do and will allow you to access the resources.

We currently have a number of counties without a designated Volunteer Coordinator role, so have a look at the [role description](#), and if you are interested please get in touch with your county board or with ourselves on volunteering@swimming.org.

NATIONAL YOUNG COACHES ACADEMY SET TO LAUNCH IN SEPTEMBER FOR 2013/14!



Are you an active young coach? Do you want to learn more about the type of coach that you are? Do you want to learn about coaching in an elite environment?

20 young coaches will become part of the National Young Coaches Academy (NYCA) delivered by the Youth Sport Trust in partnership with the ASA. The 12 month development programme will provide you with mentor support, access to unique opportunities and help you develop to become the coach that you want to be. Young Coaches must be a member of an ASA accredited club, aged between 16 and 19 and hold a UKCC ASA Level 1 or 2 teaching or coaching qualification. Coaches must be committed to the programme until December 2014.

Programme details and application forms will be released early September. Information will become available on the ASA website at this time www.swimming.org/asa/volunteering so keep your eyes peeled!

ACCESS THE WORKFORCE CO-ORDINATOR ONLINE GUIDE FREE OF CHARGE!

Have you recently been appointed as Club Workforce or Volunteer Co-ordinator in your swimming club? Or are you interested in taking on this role in the near future?

If so, the ASA Workforce Co-ordinator guide aims to provide you with support, advice, guidance and templates to assist you in this role. The online guide will take only 45 minutes to complete and will:

- Allow you to review the role and priorities of a Workforce Co-ordinator.
- Assist you to assess and evaluate your club's workforce.
- Identify methods for recruiting, managing and valuing the volunteers at your club.
- Provide you with templates and resources to support you to design a Workforce Development Plan for your club.

[Click here](#) to access the Workforce Co-ordinator guide. It is available via the IoS online, free of charge to all volunteers registered with an IoS account. If you do not currently hold an account, don't worry. It only takes a few moments to sign up and is free to do so!



ASA CLUBS MAKE A SPLASH AT THE 2013 COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION AWARDS



Earlier this year the Sport and Recreation Alliance launched their 20th annual awards to recognise sports organisations and bodies for the work they do in the community.

In its' 120th Anniversary year, Farnham Swimming Club was selected as the winner of the Volunteer Management Award, scooping a £1000 cash prize for the club and being publically recognised for the fantastic work they are doing for volunteers. On 9th July, Chris Lee the club Chairman, and Graham Chalkey the Volunteer Manager attended the Sport and Recreation Alliance's AGM and received their award from HRH The Earl of Wessex.

"This award recognises the fantastic example that Farnham Swimming Club sets in how it recruits and supports its' volunteers, capitalising on the talents at their disposal to ensure the club continues to go from strength to strength. We are also grateful for all of the best practice guidance and tools which the ASA make available to clubs such as ours as well as for their continuing support," said Chris and Graham.

In addition to Farnham's success, Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club was highlighted as a Highly Commended nominee in the Volunteer Management category which again is a fantastic achievement!

There was also an Overall Community Sport and Recreation award, for which the ASA were only able to nominate three clubs - an incredibly difficult decision considering the number of impressive applications received. The clubs selected were Chelmsford Swimming Club, Farnham Swimming Club and Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club. The ASA are delighted that our clubs have been publicly recognised for the work they are doing and it is a great testament to the work that is going on in swimming up and down the country to develop and recognise our volunteer workforce.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES THIS SUMMER!

We want to hear about how our volunteers are making a difference in the world of swimming. You can let us know about your volunteer experiences this summer by sending us a letter, an email, photos of your experience or even giving us a call. We will then send you one of our brand new ASA pin badges to wear with pride whilst you volunteer.

Contact us at volunteering@swimming.org, ASA Volunteering Department, 3 Oakwood Drive, Pavilion 3, Loughborough, LE11 3QF, 01509 640457.

ARE YOU A CLUB CAPTAIN WITHIN YOUR SWIMMING CLUB?



The ASA has created a 90 minute interactive resource which aims to equip you with the necessary support and guidance to become successful in your volunteering role, and to make your time in post as rewarding as possible for both you and your club.

The new online learning resource has been developed for recently appointed Club Captains or young people who wish to take on this responsibility in the near future and want to know more about what the role entails.

The Club Captain resource is available via the IoS online, free of charge to all volunteers registered with an IoS account. If you do not currently hold an account, don't worry. It only takes a few moments to sign up and is free to do so! [Click here](#) for more information.

AQUAFORCE AWARDS UPDATE



Nominations are now closed for the 2013 Aquaforce Awards and the ASA are delighted to announce that we have received the highest number of nominations to date. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who nominated – your Aquaforce Pin Badge is on its way to you.

Regional winners will be announced from the end of August, with national winners being announced on the 19th October at the ASA conference. Look out for the winners and pictures from the awards ceremony in the next issue of Volunteering News.

BRITISH SWIMMING'S EVENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO BE LAUNCHED END OF AUGUST!



The Event Volunteer Programme (EVP) is a national programme delivered by British Swimming, designed to develop volunteers for our event management roles across the disciplines to ensure we have the highest quality people delivering our events throughout the UK.

We will be looking for passionate, confident and positive individuals who think they could help with the running of our national events in management roles. Successful candidates will be given a full induction and access to a number of fantastic training opportunities to aid their development.

The 2013/14 programme will be launched towards the end of August, when full details about the programme and how to apply will be circulated and released on the ASA website.

**ARE YOU A CLUB WHO WOULD
LIKE TO RUN AN AQUATIC HELPER
WORKSHOP, OR A YOUNG LEADER
THAT WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ONE?
READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE.**



The ASA Aquatic Helper workshop has been designed for young people between 13 and 16 years of age who wish to actively assist on poolside in any aquatic environment, e.g. clubs or learn to swim schemes.

If you are looking to run a workshop in your club, you will need to register the workshop at least 28 days prior to delivery. [Click here](#) for more workshop details and to download a registration form.

Once you have organised your course you will be able to advertise it on the IoS, allowing young people to book onto it online.

If you are a candidate wishing to attend an Aquatic Helper workshop, there are two ways in which you can register:

1. Attend a course being run by your club or organisation
2. Attend a course which is being advertised on the IoS website.
[Click here](#) to see a list of courses running in your region.

In order to book onto one of these workshops, you must hold an IoS account. Visit www.theiosonline.com for more information.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO 'JOIN IN!'

Join in*

27 July-9 Sept 2013

joininuk.org

Last summer, the UK's first Join In was hailed as the country's biggest celebration of local sport. Join In asked people across the UK to come together and celebrate where it began for all of our Olympians – at their local sports clubs.

From the 27th July to 9th September 2013, Join In is inviting every sports club in the UK to host a fun event for the public to inspire more people to lend a hand and make a difference to their local community. In return, Join In will promote your club's event via a national and local media campaign. You could even receive a surprise visit from an Olympian. 6,500 events have already been registered, so don't miss this amazing opportunity for your club to capture the nation's enthusiasm for local sport, and attract new members and volunteers!

If you are a club who would like to register an event or a volunteer who would like to browse the list of events taking place, visit www.joininuk.org for more information on how to get involved