



This newsletter provides NAVCA members and sporting partners with an update on the work of the sport partnership project.

National activity

There has been a significant amount of activity in the past six months as we have continued to work with Sport England's Centre of Excellence for Volunteering to inform the delivery of its strategy. We have also contributed to the DCMS third sector strategy and attended the DCMS Third Sector Forum meeting on 28 September 2009. By contributing to the strategy, we are promoting the value that generic infrastructure support brings to community sport at the most local level.

National Governing Bodies of Sport

The Sports Partnership Adviser, Carrie McKenzie, has met with a number of National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) including: British Canoe Union, England Rounders, Rugby Football League, English Cricket Board, England Gymnastics, Wheel Chair Rugby to name a few. She will continue to work with CCPR to develop information, advice and guidance for NGBs and sports clubs on working with the third sector. This includes the promotion of SKiLD training so NGBs can give relevant and high quality support to community sports clubs. We provided a place on the 'Tools for Development Work' training for a volunteer development officer from Rugby Football League.

"Enjoyed course and content and it will have a positive impact on my output."

The British Canoe Union has booked a training session for its development staff in January 2010 and we will feed back their experience in the next newsletter.

Spreading the word

We have run a number of workshops that showcase the work of the sport partnership project and the pilot project. These include 'Getting Physical' at NAVCA annual conference and AGM and at the Local Government Association culture, tourism and sport conference. Delivered in partnership with York CVS, the workshops highlighted the role that LIOs can play in providing development support to sports clubs. Participants found the workshops useful and we received very positive feedback. Copies of the presentations are available at www.navca.org.uk/events/pastevents/navca09.htm

NAVCA 'sportal'

The NAVCA 'sportal' www.navca.org.uk/sport is going from strength to strength, with more than 4,000 views in the past six months. Visit the sportal to find out the latest news, case studies, publications and articles relating to sport and the third sector. You can also follow the sport partnership project on twitter twitter.com/navcasports and join the sport group on the 'NAVCAboodle' social networking site www.navcaboodle.org.uk.



Publications

Over the past six months, we have published articles about Clubmark, Runningsports, the NAVCA pilot project and the Community Amateur Sport Club (CASC) scheme as well as others that may be of interest to LIOs. All are available on the portal.

'Targeting the Third Sector' information resource

This publication is for sporting partners who want to find out more about working with the third sector. It is available to download from the news section of the NAVCA website www.navca.org.uk/localvs/sport/sportnews/targeting.htm

Sport partnership pilot project

The pilot project was completed in March 2009, and has proved to be a success, demonstrating

that LIO services are of value to sports clubs. The sport pilot project found that community sports clubs have the same 'generic' organisational development needs as other third sector organisations.

"On a scale of 1-5 I would put the value of the NAVCA project as 5 very high" David Farmer, Woodhouse Grange Cricket Club

"Since the pilot project, we have seen a significant rise in the number of sports groups accessing our general services." Kate Tayler, Information and Development Manager, York CVS

Copies of the case studies are available to download: www.navca.org.uk/localvs/goodprac/sport/Home.htm

What's happening in the regions?

Over the past six months we have worked in the North East, West Midlands and Yorkshire and the Humber:

- supporting Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE) in the ongoing development and subsequent review of the Regional Sports Volunteering Strategy and partnership group
- on the steering group for the West Midlands Regional Sports Volunteer Co-ordinator for 2012 project which is hosted by Regional Action West Midlands. We offer information, advice and guidance on the development of a volunteering strategy for the region
- holding the Sport and the Voluntary Sector Event on 26 October in York, in partnership with Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Forum. This information and networking event was a great success.

"A great event and has at least begun the connection of CVS's with sport"

Bruce Kelsey, Director of South Yorkshire Sport

If any region would like support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

News for County Sport Partnerships

Black Country Sport has funded a Club Development Officer post in Dudley CVS, so the CVS can provide support, advice and guidance to clubs including supporting them through Clubmark. If you are working closely with third sector organisations please let us know.

News for LIOs

Have you thought of working with sports clubs? Unsure of how to approach this?

Visit the portal www.navca.org.uk/sport for more information on how sport and the third sector can work more closely together, and to see how NAVCA members are already doing it.