



Sport England's
Young People
Best Practice Awards

For the School Club Links, Step into Sport (Community Placements) & Extending Activities Workstrands

**Hosted by the School and Sport Partnerships' Conference
15th—16th October 2008**

**CALL FOR
ENTRIES**

Closing Date: Thursday September 11, 2008



THE THREE 'WORKSTRANDS'

EXTENDING ACTIVITIES

The Extending Activities workstrand will provide a range of attractive and sustainable opportunities in sporting activities for Children and Young People from the '50% semi sporty population segment' to take part in during term time. The workstrand will implement precise plans targeting Children and Young People that are generated by County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) working at a local level in partnership with School Sport Partnerships (SSPs).

Plans target Young People from across the segment and will include providing activities in areas of deprivation. The intention of the workstrand is to link with partners from the wider 'Young people agenda' where effective partnership working is important to help target and deliver in these areas.

CSPs are accountable for the delivery of the workstrand. A major role has been to undertake a planning and implementation process that will lead to 'joined up' and integrated delivery for Children and Young People across both sporting and wider 'positive activities' agendas. A critical role for CSPs is to identify providers (including clubs) that offer high quality and sustainable activities for young people.

The workstrand will aim to get 900,000 Children and Young People taking part in attractive and sustainable sporting activities over the delivery period 2008 to 2011.

STEP INTO SPORT

The aim of Step into Sport workstrand is to increase the quantity, quality and diversity of young people (aged 11–19) engaged in sports volunteering and leadership.

In essence Step into Sport is the tool which enables us to grow young people as leaders and deploy them as active volunteers both within the school and community settings.

Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust jointly lead the workstrand and work in partnership with Sports Leaders UK who provides leadership training and accreditation.

SCHOOL CLUB LINKS

The aim of the School Club Links workstrand is to create and develop links between schools and community sports clubs to support an increase in the number of children aged 5-16 years old who are participating in community sports clubs.

Sport England leads the workstrand and works in a close partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, National Governing Bodies and the Child Protection in Sport Unit.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

This is the first year of Sport England's Young People Best Practice Awards for School Club Links, Step into Sport and Extending Activities which has been designed to celebrate the achievements of all the partners that help deliver the workstrands.

CATEGORIES

A. EXTENDING ACTIVITIES AWARD CATEGORIES (Only open this year to the 12 trailblazer County Sports Partnerships)

The categories are:

i) Best communication to young people by a CSP

The **winning partnership** will have demonstrated the use of innovative and creative methods in communicating their activities to young people.

Entry Guidelines: Nominations for this category will be accepted by any stakeholder (e.g. CSP, NGB, SSP, Local Provider, Young Person) for a CSP.

ii) Best use of 'student voice' by a CSP

The **winning partnership** will have demonstrated that in pulling together their delivery plans they have widely consulted with the young people.

Entry Guidelines: Nominations for this category will be accepted by any stakeholder (e.g. CSP, NGB, SSP, Local Provider, Young Person) for a CSP.

iii) Best delivery in the youth club sector

The **winning youth club** will have demonstrated that they have turned their young people onto sport by providing a high quality experience. Young people are required to tell us their attitude towards sport before the sports activity at the youth club and how their attitudes and levels of participation have changed after the sports activity.

Entry Guidelines: Nominations for this category will be accepted by young people for a Youth Club Provider.

iv) Best 'cutting edge' delivery in an NGB club

The **winning NGB club** will have demonstrated a proactive and innovative approach to engaging semi-sporty types in club activity.

Entry Guidelines: Nominations for this category will be accepted by any stakeholder (e.g. CSP, NGB, SSP, Local Provider, Young Person) for an NGB Club.

B. STEP INTO SPORT AWARD CATEGORY

The category:

i) **Best support for Step into Sport community volunteers by a placement organiser (e.g. club, organiser or event)**

The **winning placement organiser** will have demonstrated providing 'exceptional support' to a Step into Sport community volunteer/s.

'Exceptional support' may cover the following:

Placement has a volunteer co-ordinator in place to continually support and mentor the young person throughout their placement

Placement offers a diverse range of volunteering roles

Placement has a recognition and reward programme for young volunteers

Placement supports the young person's personal development by actively promoting accredited training courses/awards

Placement actively listens and incorporates the views of the young volunteer in club management

Placement provides opportunities to encourage a diverse range of young volunteers to get involved

C. SCHOOL CLUB LINKS AWARD CATEGORY

The category:

i) **Best 'Cutting Edge' School Club Link by a club/school**

The **winning club/school** will have demonstrated a high quality school club link and will have used innovative signposting approaches to support and maintain that link.

Entry Guidelines: The nominee for this category is to be jointly nominated by a club and it's partner school with whom the link exists.

ENTRY FORM - PART 1

NOMINEE DETAILS

Name of Nominated Organisation:

Contact Name at Nominated Org:

Contact Telephone No. at Nominated Org:

Contact Address of Nominated Org:

NOMINATED BY (if different to above)

Name:

Contact Address: (if young person then please provide details of your school)

Contact Telephone Number: (if young person, as above)

CATEGORY CHECKLIST

Which category is this entry for?
(Please tick the box relevant to this entry only)

EXTENDING ACTIVITIES

Best communication to young people

Best use of 'student voice'

Best delivery in the youth club sector

Best 'cutting edge' delivery in an NGB club

STEP INTO SPORT

Best support for Step into Sport community volunteers

SCHOOL CLUB LINKS

Best 'cutting edge' school club link

ENTRY FORM - PART 2

Evidence to support Nomination

In no more than a short introductory paragraph (max. 150 words) and 10 concise bullet points give a clear description of how the nominee meets the requirements of the category.

Send your completed entry to: Sandra Smith, Sport England, 3rd Floor, Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1B 4SE. For enquiries contact: Sandra Smith T: 020 7273 1943 E: sandra.smith@sportengland.org

