

# What's happening? Sport and volunteering engagement

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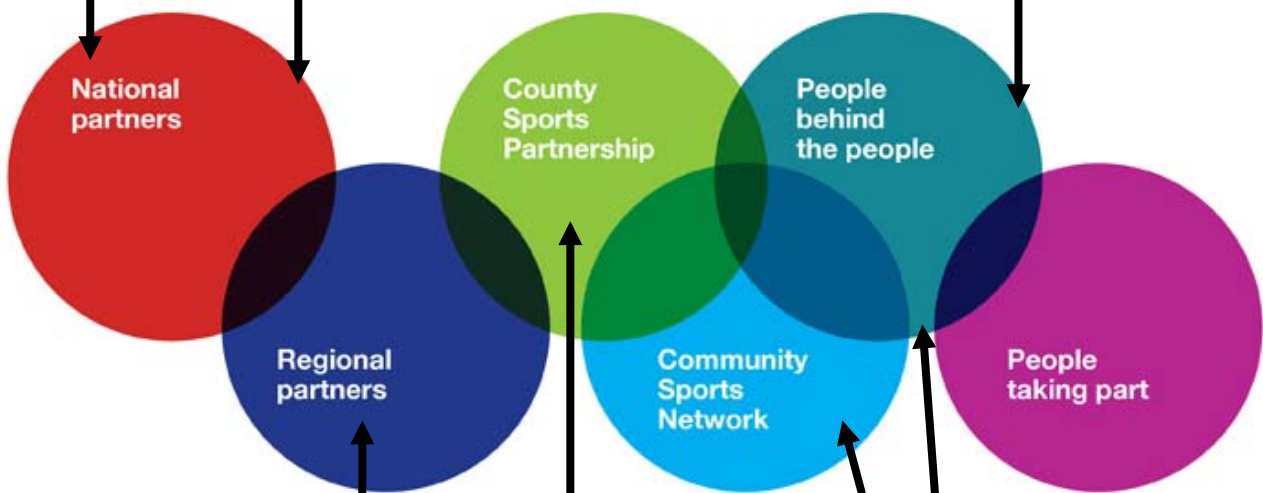
[runningsports](#) and [Excellence in Volunteer Management](#) have joined forces! runningsports continues to work with the information team and the sport project.

National governing bodies volunteer step into sport managers have been trained in applying [Investing in Volunteers](#) to their sport setting. This includes using the standard as a framework for good practice throughout their volunteering work. This is being followed up by a pilot for sport clubs from these NGBs to achieve liV.

Volunteer Centres have placed volunteers into golf and netball clubs in the last month.

## Has your Volunteer Centre placed sport volunteers?

[Let us know](#) – the more that sport clubs hear about Volunteer Centres working in this way, the more joint working there will be.



[Sports Volunteering North West](#) have developed the Excellence in Volunteer Management training with [Volunteer Centre Warrington](#). This is being funded by workforce development funding and rolled out with volunteer managers in sport in the North West.

Leicester-shire and Rutland CSP and 12 Volunteer Centres have been awarded [£600,000](#) from [vinvolved](#), to improve and increase sport volunteering for young people.

CSNs across the country have Volunteer Centres on their boards, or in their main stakeholder groups. Volunteer Centres are advising on strategic development of volunteering, and meeting volunteering goals under initiatives such as LAAs. If your CSN or Volunteer Centre are working in this way, [let us know](#).

## [Let us know your news about how you are engaging with sport or volunteering](#)

This image gives a snapshot of the engagement of hundreds of organisations and individuals within organisations. The main focus of the national project at Volunteering England, funded by Sport England 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 web pages](#) 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

### **Responsible for volunteering? – Get ready to book your place at the volunteering event of 2008**

Volunteering England will be hosting their National Volunteering Convention in Newcastle. If you want to keep up with what's new, hot and innovative in volunteering, register for further information now – you can then book your place in January. The event is for volunteer managers, officers leading on volunteering in sport, people leading a sport charity, those working with or who want to work with volunteer centres, and those of you who are interested in employer-supported volunteering and sport. For further information about the Convention, please keep visiting [the website](#). **Programme and booking details will be available in the New Year.**

### **Update on the Impact of Sport Volunteering**

The impact of sport volunteering project, funded nationally by capacitybuilders is now working with 10 local sport clubs to assess the impact that volunteering has on the club and people within it. The project is going well and we'll let you know more in the new year about results. The project will produce its end results by March 2008.

For more information about the generic impact assessment toolkit, visit the [Institute of Volunteering Research website](#).

### **Employer Supported Volunteering Symposium – 13 February 2008**

This event is for you whether you know nothing or everything about employer supported volunteering.

- How volunteer involving organisations (like NGBs and other national sport organisations) can attract companies to support their cause
- The development of employer-supported volunteering programmes to be more relevant to a company's business
- Successful strategies for increasing employee and senior executive participation
- How to assess the values of a programme and communicate these effectively

On Wednesday 13 February between 9:30 -16:30 at the Barbican Conference Centre in London: the morning's activities will focus on peer-to-peer learning. In the afternoon, delegates choose between a series of master classes, run by experienced practitioners from a variety of organisations including Zurich, BAE Systems and the Surrey Consortium of Volunteer Centres. To register your interest contact [events@volunteeringengland.org](mailto:events@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!](#)
  - We have many national organisations and NGBs who are members.
  - Are you?

### **Do your networks (regions, counties, clubs) know that Volunteer Centres can also provide support?**

- Let your networks know about Volunteer Centres – your local branches, clubs and groups can receive support from their local Volunteer Centre. An example of how you can add information to your website can be seen on the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sports Partnership website](#).

## **News for CSPs & CSNs**

### **Local and regional support from Capacitybuilders**

Capacitybuilders has announced the roll-out of a new **three year funding investment programme** to support strategic change and modernisation in the way support for third sector organisations is provided at local and regional level. The two principle strands to this funding, starting in April 2008, are £12m for local and regional consortia to help with strategic development; and £18m for project funding to help third sector support services to improve their support for frontline organisations. This funding represents a significant reduction on investment in previous years. However, volunteering remains a priority at a national level, and there should be opportunities to ensure continued support at a local level. Further information, including details of support available locally is available on the [Capacitybuilders](#) website.

## **News for Volunteer Centres**

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

Other Volunteer Centres 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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### **Find out about your county sports partnership**

[Who they are](#), why you should work with them and who they can introduce you to.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for more information online and in the Volunteering England member's update and magazine...

### **NAVCA's 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 of your local Volunteer Centre).

## Other Volunteering England & volunteering news:

### **1. National offender management service – consulting on partnerships with the third sector – this includes sport!**

The deadline for this consultation is [18 February, 2008](#).

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

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## **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 visit the website or contact the [Volunteering England information team](#) by [email](#), or by free phone number: 0800 028 3304

### **Want to get the latest volunteering news?**

Receive regular updates about volunteering and volunteer management – Join Volunteering England as a member – visit our website for more information <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/aboutus/joinus/>

### **News to share?**

Let us know what you're doing to improve volunteering – if you're working in a new partnership with Volunteer Centres, or if you're a Volunteer Centre maybe you have just placed your first volunteer into a sport setting and would like to let that volunteer sing your praises: [Let us know](#).

