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NEWSLETTER FOR THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER SKILLS, EMPLOYABILITY AND EDUCATION FOR THE 2012 GAMES VIRTUAL NETWORK

Sports coaching bursary scheme to increase the number of qualified coaches leading to a more highly trained sports workforce.

Funding Boost for Yorkshire and Humber

Yorkshire and the Humber is set to benefit from £210,000 towards a sports coaching bursary scheme.

The coach bursary will provide sports coaches or those intending to become coaches with financial assistance for coaching qualifications aligned with the UK Coaching Certificate (UKCC) framework. Funding will also be made available to improve the supply of tutors and assessors and skills for life assessment and provision.

Working closely with national governing bodies of sport, the coach bursary scheme will support the development of more frontline and grassroots coaching throughout the country and ensure young people and adults have access to high quality coaching.

David Gent, regional director of Sport England Yorkshire, says: "Yorkshire is at the very centre of coach development – with the UK Coaching Centre of Excellence based at Leeds Metropolitan University; the National Skills Academy having based its first regional hub in Sheffield; and Services 2 Sport, a groundbreaking sports coaching recruitment and deployment agency, having launched in the Humber a year ago. "

For more information visit <http://www.skillsactive.com/resources/bursaries>



For more information on the priorities of the SEE
for the 2012 Framework for Action visit

www.yhrsp.com



CALL FOR WORLD SKILLS ENTRANTS

World Skills 2009 will be held in Calgary, Canada later this year. To find out more visit <http://www.worldskillsuk.org/>

WorldSkills UK is a portfolio of 70 skills competitions designed by leading industry experts and training providers aimed at students, trainees and employees.

Their main aim is to help raise the standards of training and performance at work by strengthening the contribution of skills competitions to the UK economy.

Top performers in certain competitions could get the opportunity to enter an International WorldSkills Competition. The most recent was Shizuoka 2007 - WorldSkills Team UK 2007 site. The next will be Calgary, Canada 2009 followed by London 2011.

WorldSkills UK is supported by government, the Devolved Nations and a host of other partners across business, industry and the world of education and training.

The competitions cover a range of disciplines such as the Built Environment, Cultural & Creative Arts, Engineering, Information Technology and Business Administration and Professional, Social,

Public and Hospitality Services.

Yorkshire has seen winners at World Skills in the past, and the squad for Calgary 2009 includes Ben Eaton, aged 19 from Sheffield; Daniel Cain, 21, from Grimsby; Robert Kelly, 21 and Heather Adgie, 20, from Leeds; Adam Metcalf, 21, from Hull; Grant Finch, 17, from Scarborough and Luke Denby, 18 from Skipton.

WorldSkills UK 2009 Competitions are now open for entry and competitors must register on the website by 9th April 2009.

In the news

As many organisations around the region take up the opportunities that arise from the 2012 Games, there has also been an increase in local media coverage.

Ground breaking Partnerships links Barnsley and Newham

The buzz and excitement of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is heading North thanks to an innovative partnership struck by two local councils from differing ends of the UK. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council has instigated a unique agreement with The London Borough of Newham – home to the Olympic site – which will see the two authorities learning from each other's strengths to encourage mutual participation, excellence and higher achievement in sport amongst young people. One of the key drivers behind the initiative is Newham's reputation as one of the most diverse communities in the UK, whilst in comparison Barnsley has a contrasting image as a traditional community. By using the magic of The Games as a catalyst, the partnership aims to create a lasting legacy between the two authorities and will collaborate to share not just sporting links, but also artistic, cultural and economic initiatives. This will be brought to life by providing experiences linked to the Olympics and Paralympics that young people wouldn't usually experience. More information [here](#).

Yorkshire Business Club Launch



CompeteFor is the chosen site of London 2012 for the publication of Games-related contract opportunities.

Yorkshire Forward is launching the Yorkshire Gold Business Club. The Club has been formed to help the region's businesses and entrepreneurs recognise, negotiate, and maximise the commercial opportunities afforded by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The club will be launched at an event in York on 4th March. Guest Speakers include the Rt Honourable Richard Cabourn MP, Olympic Gold medallist Tim Brabants and Paralympic Gold Medalist Danielle Brown.

Compete For acts as a brokerage service between buyers throughout the London 2012 supply chain, and potential suppliers. It also provides access to business support services; building skills and capacity to ensure that businesses across the UK can access opportunities linked to the hosting of the London 2012 Games. The website is [here](#).

As the largest multi-sport event in Britain, the Championships bring together the top 5,000 student athletes from across the UK, competing to be the best in over 20 sports..

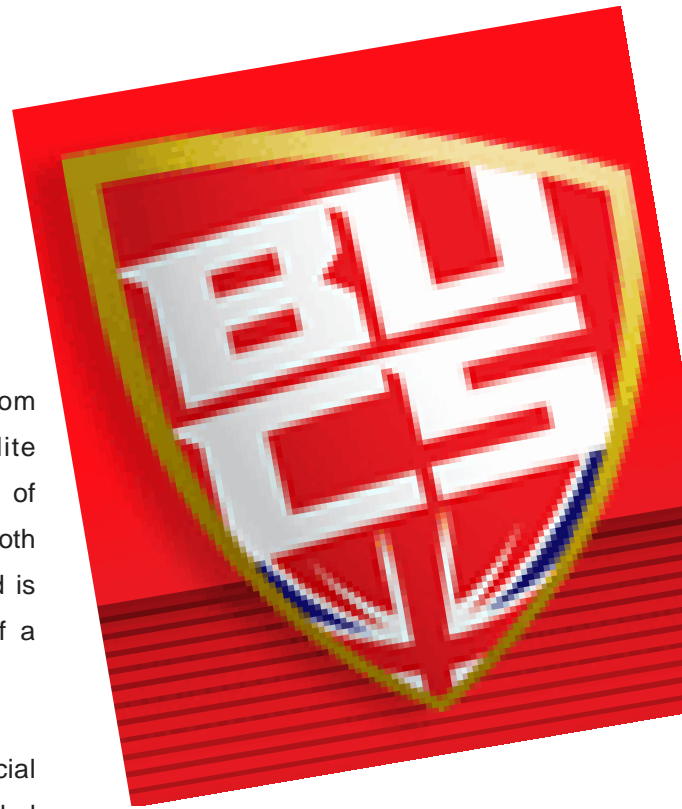
British Universities and Colleges Sport

The 2nd Annual BUCS Championships in Sheffield, from 11-15 March 2009, will draw over 5500 student participants into the region.

The Championships are the UK's biggest annual multi-sport event, and took place for the first time in Sheffield in March 2008 and were a huge success. The four-day championship, which will act as a culmination of a year-round programme of sport, will feature 24 sports across a combination of Team Finals and Individual Championships and take place in 14 venues across the region. The aim is to raise the level and

profile of student sport from participation through to elite competition, creating a legacy of experience for students - both participants and spectators - and is designed to replicate the feel of a major championship event.

There will also be a special conference alongside BUCS called "Sport Fuelling the Economy!". We have the huge catalyst of the London 2012 Olympics and the 2014 Commonwealth Games, but we must rise to the challenge to make the best of this decade of sport. Yorkshire Forward who in association with BUCS and SportsPulse, have brought together



industry and community leaders from the Yorkshire region to showcase and share best practice.

If you have any queries, then please contact Emma Dean at MLS Ltd on emma.dean@mls.gb.com

PODIUM UPDATE

Podium held their first conference on Wednesday 10th December, titled "Four years in the global spotlight: How the 2012 Games can involve and enhance the FE and HE sectors. Lord Coe, Lord Young and Tessa Jowell were the key speakers along with 22 interactive workshops on a variety of topics. Podium have also relaunched their website : www.podium.ac.uk. The website promotes collaboration and offers the opportunity for Further Education Colleges and Higher Education Institutions to showcase their activity through the new regions section which has populated maps, showing where colleges and universities are actively engaged with the 2012 Games. For students there is a separate student area where student lead activities and events inspired by the values of the Olympics and Paralympics can take the spotlight.



MAKE YOUR MARK SUCCESS



The London 2012 Education Programme called Get Set now features successes from Yorkshire and the Humber.

The Make Your Mark Challenge 2008 is part of London 2012's Inspire Programme and in Yorkshire and the Humber 5,080 students and 639 teams registered to take part in this year's Make

Leeds and Holy Trinity C of E Senior School in Calderdale. Students from Crawshaw School want to set up an Xband scheme, which rewards young people with wristbands for taking part in community

Website : <http://getset.london2012.com>

Your Mark Challenge. Two finalists from Yorkshire have been

activities including volunteering. Anyone earning five wrist bands

could be entered into a prize draw to win tickets to the London 2012 Games. Holy Trinity came up with the idea of 'Joining of hands – joining of nations', which aims to draw together people from all over the world and create a symbol which represents worldwide unity and encompasses the Olympic and Paralympic Values. Visitors to the 2012 Games could have the chance to make their mark by imprinting their hands in cement or signing a flag.

SEE FOR THE 2012 CHANGES

The last month has seen a couple of changes in the personnel involved with Skills, Employability and Education for the 2012 Games.

The Secretariat for the network will now be provided by Skyblue Research of York, with the

lead there being taken by Alan Graver.

Emma Hoddinott, has left the Learning and Skills Council and has been replaced by Kay Butterfield as the regional lead. Kay already has experience of working with the sports and health sectors.

Emma has moved on to take up the post of 2012 Project Manager for the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit and we wish her every success in her new role. She can be contacted at emma.hoddinott@ynypu.org.uk.

Your News...

This newsletter goes out bi-monthly to over 400 partners in Yorkshire and Humber that have expressed an interest in exploring opportunities related to 2012. If you have a story or best practice that you would like to share then please email alan@skyblueresearch.co.uk

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