



Dear Eastern Counties Club

### **Eastern Counties Volunteering Summit – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

I am writing to invite you personally to the inaugural Eastern Counties Rugby Union Volunteers Summit.

We know that you will be fully aware of the fact that no rugby would happen in our area without the work of the volunteers that work so hard behind the scenes to enable so many to enjoy the great sport of rugby union.

You will also be all too aware that it is increasingly difficult to find people prepared to step forward and take on voluntary roles; that too many individuals are wearing multiple hats; and that a worryingly large number of clubs are highly dependent on a small number of key people. Each of these factors increases the risk that clubs might not be able to sustain themselves – just as much as a shortage of players, coaches or referees does (though rest assured we're working on those as well!)

We also know that there is lots of good work happening around the three counties to tackle these problems and we want to provide an opportunity for you to share what you are doing with others who are also trying to make a difference.

The Summit will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at Ipswich Town Hall, and will run from 10am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. Please find enclosed your personal invitation to the event.

Places are limited, so please get your entry in fast. We are particularly keen to welcome the Club Volunteer Coordinators from each club, as well as those individuals who work a lot on volunteer recruitment, retention and support within their clubs.

To enter please click the link below and complete the online form.

Application form - <https://goo.gl/forms/TYCXAj4JfBYVX4MM2>

You can find the full programme of the day by going to [www.ecrurugby.com](http://www.ecrurugby.com). You will also receive a copy on application to the Summit.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Details of event**

Ipswich Town Hall and Corn Exchange, King Street, Ipswich IP1 1DH

Teas and Coffees: 10am

Start: 10.30am

Finish: 4pm