

December 2010

Hi everyone, this will be the last club and volunteer newsletter of 2010. I hope you have enjoyed reading them and that they have been both useful and interesting!

We are continuing our roles into 2011 and look forward to working with the clubs and volunteers from across Yorkshire, please feel free to contact either of us with any queries.

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ROYAL ARTILLARY LINK WITH RUGBY LEAGUE

Around 30 soldiers from the Royal Artillery linked up with the Leeds Rugby Foundation for a 4 day programme of Rugby League. They were introduced to the club, showed around the stadium and coached the skills involved to enable them to play the game by the rhinos development officers!

As part of the programme, the soldiers gave up their final day to volunteer in the local community at an amateur club. West Leeds hosted the soldiers where they helped out with all kinds of maintenance, including painting the changing rooms!

Both West Leeds and the Rhinos would like to thank the soldiers for their efforts and wish them all the best for their up and coming tour to Afghanistan.

How could a volunteer led project help your club? Get in touch with any ideas !



Pictured above are the soldiers at West Leeds ARLFC showing off their painting skills.

We have been promoting our new facebook site over the last few issues of this newsletter and it looks like our efforts have paid off.

An advert was posted on the site to recruit volunteers for the recent National Youth League under 18 cup final at Featherstone Rovers. Within hours we had recruited 5 volunteers to cover roles such as team liaison officers, media reporters and pitch managers, thanks!



Pictured from left to right are Ade tallon, Danny Tindall, Gavin Wilson, Jason Woodman and Sue Gunnett.

Please tell young members of your clubs to join our group so they can take advantage of the great opportunities available – just search

“Yorkshire Rugby League Volunteers”

**If you need any club support or more information on how you can engage with the RFL volunteer's scheme, please feel free to contact us at any time.
We are happy to help!**

The Calderdale Community Coaching Trust, led by Frank Watene have begun a great initiative to recruit young coaches and volunteers within the game.

The trust has put several students through their level 1 coaching badge – with the students then volunteering coaching hours back to the club. This has led to the trust receiving support with coaching at their events and holiday camps.

Several of the coaches on the scheme will now be helping Frank and his community coaches during their Christmas holiday activities.

This is a great way for young people to develop their coaching and volunteering skills under the guidance of top coaches. For more information, please contact Leon Crick who will put you in touch with Frank Watene.

ELITE LEADERS OF YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire volunteer program, led by Leon Crick and Danny Scott recently held an elite volunteers day at Pontefract College. Students from across Yorkshire attended, despite the snow and freezing conditions!

The main aim of the day was to engage with young people and get their views on what events young volunteers could run. The day was a great success with some fantastic ideas and projects being produced.

These will now be rolled out across the county for the volunteers to plan and deliver locally in the new year. We will be hoping to link into local clubs as part of this scheme, so watch this space!



HULL UNI LEADS THE WAY

Students on a sports coaching degree at Hull University were introduced to volunteering and coaching in Rugby league through a Rugby League Leaders Award.

Community staff from Hull FC and RFL volunteer coordinator Danny Scott delivered the course to the students to give them the skills to lead sessions for young children.



Shown above are year 7 children from Hull who took part in a tag tournament which took place at the university, organised by the leaders. All the children were told about playing opportunities available to them at local clubs.

As part of the course, the leaders gained a touch and tag match officials qualification, so they were able to referee the matches as well.

As the photo shows, the children had a great day and the leaders gained some valuable experience which many will now take into further coaching and volunteer opportunities.

DON'T MISS THE COURSE GUIDE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. THE COURSES ARE VITAL FOR IMPROVING CLUB ENVIRONMENTS AND SOME OF THE COURSES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CLUBS TO ACHIEVE CLUBMARK.

COURSE	DATE / TIME	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	COST	CONTACT
Safeguarding and Protecting Children	Tuesday 14 th December 18:30 – 21:30	Rodley Rockets ARLFC, Leeds LS13 1HP	A sports coach UK recognised workshop	Free for CWO's £15 for other club volunteers	Adam.Treeby@rfl.uk.com 0113 237 5036
Safeguarding and Protecting Children	Wednesday 15 th December 18:30 – 21:30	Stanley Rangers ARLFC, Wakefield, WF3 4EQ	A sports coach UK recognised workshop	Free for CWO's £15 for other club volunteers	Adam.Treeby@rfl.uk.com 0113 237 5036
A Club for All	Tuesday 11 th January 18:30 – 21:30	Stanley Rangers ARLFC, Wakefield, WF3 4EQ	How a club can benefit from reaching all members of the community – and how to reach out to them.	£30	Gemma.clarkson@wysport.co.uk 01484 234087
Fundamentals of first aid	Thursday 13 th January	Weetwood campus, University of Leeds	An intensive first aid course designed to give basic life support and first aid techniques	Please contact for details	coacheducation@leeds.ac.uk 0113 343 8595
Valuing your volunteers	Tuesday 18 th January 18:30 – 21:30	Bradford College, Trinity Green	Informative course on how to retain, recruit and reward volunteers within your club	FREE	Gemma.clarkson@wysport.co.uk 01484 234087
West Yorkshire sport 1 st Aid course	Tuesday 25 th January 18:00 – 22:00	Carlisle business centre, Bradford	A 4 hour first aid course covering the basics of first aid training	£30	Gemma.clarkson@wysport.co.uk 01484 234087
Equity in your coaching	Wednesday 26 th January 18:00 – 21:00	Leeds Metropolitan university, Headingley campus	This workshop details how coaches can be equitable in their practice.	Please contact for details	coacheducation@leedsmet.ac.uk 0113 812 7437
Coaching disabled performers	Tuesday 8 th February	Siddal sports and community club, Halifax	A workshop to identify how you might need to adjust coaching practice to cater for disabled performers	£30	Gemma.clarkson@wysport.co.uk 01484 234087

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COURSES WILL BE RUN SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT NUMBERS. COURSES MAY BE CANCELLED BY THIRD PARTY ORGANISATIONS OR THE RFL AT THEIR DISCRETION.

IF YOU NEED A COURSE BUT NONE ON THIS LIST ARE SUITABLE, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT (Leon.Crick@rfl.uk.com) AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FIND A SUITABLE COURSE FOR YOU, OR ENDEAVOUR TO ORGANISE ONE OURSELVES.

SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN COURSES CAN BE DELIVERED IN YOUR CLUB IF YOU HAVE BETWEEN 12-20 PEOPLE ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEAD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER, COLLETTE EDEN AT Collette.Eden@rfl.uk.com

CLUBMARK UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CLUBS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED **CLUBMARK** AND **CLUBMARK GOLD** STATUS RECENTLY. WE KNOW A LOT OF HARD WORK GOES INTO CREATING YOUR CLUBS FILE AND VALUE THE EFFORT PUT IN BY ALL INVOLVED.

IF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARDS CLUBMARK AND FEEL THAT THERE ARE BARRIERS YOU CANNOT OVERCOME WHEN COMPLETING YOUR FILE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SERVICE AREA COORDINATOR WHO WILL ADVISE YOU.

AS STATED ABOVE, IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING FOR COURSES, PLEASE CONTACT US, WE CAN ONLY HELP IF WE KNOW THERE IS A PROBLEM !!



FUNDING AND PARENT RECRUITMENT WORKSHOPS

The RFL is committed to supporting its clubs recruit, retain and reward its volunteers. As stated in previous issues, we can offer Parent Recruitment Workshops to clubs at no cost. All we need is a space to host it and an enthusiastic audience. The idea is that while juniors train, we deliver a short presentation to their parents on the benefits and need for volunteers within their clubs, with the hope that they will take up some of the roles that the club requires. Each presentation caters for the specific needs of the club, which will be discussed beforehand.

We can also offer a funding workshop to clubs. This workshop shows clubs the different ways they can access funding, how to attract sponsors and generate money within the club by holding various events. The workshop includes tried and tested ways that other clubs have used to generate money.

If you would like more information on either of the above workshops, please contact Leon.Crick@rfl.uk.com or you can reach me on my mobile, 07775 421138