



The asa South West Region and your County ASA has been awarded ASA funding for the Young Aquatics Volunteers programme for 2010/2011

This document outlines the Young Volunteers projects for 2010 – 2011 that your club can be involved in.

The initiative forms a partnership between the ASA South West your county Association and your club

The young volunteers programme involves young volunteers aged from 15-19 years of age (volunteers can be 14 but must be 15 years of age by the end of March 2011) from clubs, schools, or local colleges being invited to assist with activities within a swim21 club environment and gain an insight in to the role and structure and management of a voluntary sports club.

ASA South West and your County will require the young volunteers to complete a minimum of 25 hours voluntary service within a swim 21 club, which can include a variety of different tasks over different areas.

The objective is to increase voluntary involvement within swimming clubs through a proactive working relationship. The young volunteers will also be offered a series of training courses with additional development opportunities such as volunteering at local competitions and County Championships.

Please note this opportunity is offered to volunteers from all aquatic disciplines.

The programme will only be hosted by clubs identified by ASA South West SW as being Swim 21 accredited or, as 'actively working towards Swim 21' and is therefore, we feel, well equipped to provide a quality opportunity for a new young volunteer.

Lots of young people enjoy being involved as organisers, coaches, officials and administrators, and clubs can benefit from their essential contribution. Volunteers need to be positively encouraged to get involved in sport and feel valued and supported in their role. Through this programme opportunities will be created for young people to access swimming and contribute to the club environment.

We will expect clubs to utilise the volunteer's time effectively and efficiently, allowing them to volunteer within a safe infrastructure, where they know what is expected of them.

There are a number of benefits clubs will gain from registering with the programme, including:

- A wider base of volunteers
- Reduction in workload
- New and fresh ideas
- New skills and additional qualified teachers/coaches/officials
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Investment for the future

There are limited places offered to all swim 21 clubs and the club is expected to provide a member of club personnel (head coach, level 2 coach or above or committee member) to act as a mentor throughout the young person's experience.

Ideally we would ask that the clubs volunteer coordinator will act as the young persons mentor. However the supervision of the young person may change, depending on the nature of the activity.

Volunteers will be invited to complete and submit application forms, which are attached with the programme framework.

In addition from the young volunteers trained throughout the Country the asa are hoping to identify 40 volunteers who are interested in attending the British Swimming Volunteer training programme . Further details for this programme will be available in the future.

Yours Sincerely
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