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The newsletter of the England Handball Association

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Handball to launch courses in run up to 2012 Games

With the new academic year fast approaching, the England Handball Association is proud to offer a comprehensive range of courses to develop teachers and pupils alike in the run up to the 2012 London Olympic Games. The courses offer both fantastic value and return on investment while being a stepping stone on a wider England Handball coaching and leadership pathway. See page 3 for more details!

Look what can be achieved!

'Start of something special' in Liverpool school

It wasn't long ago that handball was totally new to St Julies High School, Liverpool, however now the sport is now a key part of their Leadership Academy. Through handball, thirty female young leaders have been trained up and deployed within the school, community and primary schools; taking on roles in Olympic Partnership days, sports days and language specialism days. The girls regularly plan and lead sessions for the club they created, while also playing themselves. Miss Dawber commented, "With the talent here, many of the girls will chose to take handball to a higher level". While this is just the first step on a coaching and leadership pathway in handball, it is evident the girls are hungry for more. EHA tutor Andy Clark described events as, "...the start of something special".

Sally Gunnell takes on a handball challenge!

On Saturday 9th July England Handball was present at the 'John Lewis Partnership and Gold Challenge' event in Cavendish Square London. The event was an opportunity for Olympic Sports, John Lewis and Gold Challenge to engage passing families in their activities.

The guest of honour was none other than Sally Gunnell who decided that she better have a go at all the sports and activities herself. Having never played the game before it was up to Handball Development Officer Chris Park to explain the rules and techniques to her; this photo shows that she is a natural! Sally has been lucky enough to get tickets for Handball at London 2012 and will be taking her three sons to see the games; hopefully they will be inspired by our great sport and improving GB teams.

The day was a great success for all involved and many children and adults took part in a Handball challenge, learning how to shoot and playing some small games. Handball was a big hit on the day and this provided another great opportunity to spread the word.

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Above – Sally Gunnell OBE

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Change4Life ready for Round Two!

The development team at England Handball are gearing up for what is set to be another busy year supporting our 419 Change4Life Sports Clubs across the country. During the last academic year we delivered over 80 leadership courses for 1,400 young people, engaging with over 400 teachers and AOTTs - resulting in around 8,000 young people playing handball on a regular basis!

The focus from September will very much be on offering on-going support for schools to develop their young volunteers, grow their teams and aspire towards entering both local and national competition.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for young people that are inspired by the Olympic Games to take part in a fast and exiting sport." said John Thomason from England Handball. "We can offer some great progression for these youngsters to ensure that they stay involved and continue to enjoy the game. "To discuss how your school can maximise the opportunities from Change4Life in 2011-12, please contact Liam McCarthy at England Handball on 01925 246482 or by email at liam.mccarthy@englandhandball.com.



Active Universities

Newcastle University Students' Union have been successful in its bid to Sport England's Active Universities fund and are looking to develop handball as part of the mass participation legacy from London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games. They plan to run a six-week introductory course for students who enjoyed primary handball taster sessions

The Active Universities project will give students the chance to try out a new sport in Olympic year and in turn, aid the growth of the game in the North East Please contact Jo Day, Sports Activator at Newcastle University Students' Union for further details.

Handball staff members sign up to Gold Challenge

Liam McCarthy, Tom Smith, Chris Park, John Thomason and Chris Abbot have all chosen 10 Olympic Sports to compete in over the next 12 months in the lead up to the London games. *The purpose of this?* Well of course the enjoyment of gruelling training regimes for marathons, triathlons, kayaking, boxing, and wrestling to name but a few! It also means the staff will be raising money for their chosen charities as they compete against each other to complete the challenge. The charities include Diabetes UK, NSPCC, Make a Wish Foundation and Cancer Research. Please feel free to donate or just take a look at the challenges ahead on the staff pages.

Find us all on: uk.virginmoneygiving.com
Liam McCarthy: /LiamMcCarthy
Tom Smith: /TomSmith183
Chris Park:/ChrisPark1
And Chris Abbot at
www.justgiving.com/christopherabbott

With more staff set to join in the coming weeks. If you want to sign up and have a go at 1-30 challenges in the true Olympic Spirit please visit www.goldchallenge.org



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Exciting Opportunities for New School Year!

Teachers and Staff

Introduction to Teaching Handball is a three hour course aimed at PGCE students or NQTs interested in gaining confidence in and knowledge of adapted games and rules for delivery in Primary Schools.

Teachers Award KS2 Module is designed for QTS Primary School staff who wish to deliver handball to their students. The three hour course ensures the attendee leaves with knowledge of the rules, the game and skills and techniques required.

Teaching Award KS3 Module is the perfect progression from the previous two courses. Secondary School teaching staff can feel confident, upon completion, that handball can become a strong part of the curriculum and confident in running a successful school team capable of entering our school competitions.



For more information and to book, please contact the England Handball Association head office on 01925 246482/3 or e-mail ehacourseadmin@googlemail.com. For any specific advice or materials, contact our development team at: john.thomason@englandhandball.com and/or liam.mccarthy@englandhandball.com

EHA Level 1 Coaching Certificate is a post 16 qualification which is the ideal progression from the handball leader award. Building on the leadership qualities gained, the Level 1 course bridges the gap between leading and coaching; while developing knowledge and understanding of coaching principles, tactics and referring full sized games. The qualified coach would be comfortable in delivering sessions and/or assist a club coach.

EHA Level 2 Coaching Certificate is the highest level current coaching award at the EHA. Aimed at serious handball players and those wishing to coach at the highest level; be it in school sport or the national league. The course outcomes include knowledge and understanding of complex attacking and defending phases of play, goalkeeping techniques and how to coach a team in a match situation.