

Taking the lead (May 2009)

This newsletter is designed to keep you posted with the developments of the **Kent Sports Leadership Project**. For more details or to submit your own news please contact project co-ordinator Stuart Butler on stuart.butler@kent.gov.uk or 01622 605065 / 07921 996312

Kent Sports Leadership Project

'To increase the number of young people and adults involved in leadership & community volunteering, increasing participation in safe sporting activities that are being organised and supported.'



Places available at Sports Leaders UK convention at MK Dons football stadium

We have 2 places up for grabs to attend Sports Leaders UK Leaders for Life National Convention being held on Saturday July 4th 2009 at the MK Dons football stadium in Milton-Keynes.

The day itself will provide attendees with progression and personal development opportunities through the activity, media and learning zones present.

The day is free to attend so please register your interest with Stuart Butler (stuart.butler@kent.gov.uk) ASAP. You will have to provide your own transport costs and you must be aged 16+ to attend.

Tutor training opportunity

A community tutor training day is running on July 2nd at the Valence School near Sevenoaks. To attend a national training day it costs £160.00, rising to £170.00 as of 1st August. The cost to attend this course will be just £100.00. To register your interest in attending please contact Stuart Butler (stuart.butler@kent.gov.uk) ASAP. Those attending will be qualified to deliver the Level 1 Sports Leadership and Level 2 Community Sports Leadership qualifications.

KCC Community Wardens & Youth Workers working in partnership

On March 14th 11 youth workers and 6 wardens came together to take part in a Day Certificate in Sports Leadership course at the Shepway Youth & Community Centre in Maidstone. Added as an additional unit to the course the candidates completed the day by developing their own action plans, which they'll take back into their local communities to identify groups who may benefit from further courses and opportunities.

The course was of a practical nature and candidates had the opportunity to develop and run their own activities. One such example was a tug-of-war competition as shown below, which caught the attention of local youngsters in the park next-door who wanted to take part themselves!



Dan shows what can be achieved

17 year old Daniel Lant last year attended a Level 2 award run by Charlton Athletic Community Scheme Solutions who attached themselves as a satellite to the Kent Sport Leisure & Olympics Service. The course was funded by Connexions Kent & Medway and Dan passed the course with flying colours. Since passing the course Dan has gone on to complete his FA Level 1 badge and has been doing work experience with Charlton's Medway and E2e co-ordinator Freddie Ruby, delivering evening sessions in Gillingham and assisting with the delivery of a Level 1 Sports Leaders course at a school in Maidstone. He has also been awarded Volunteer of the Year 2008 through the Kent Sports Leadership Project and is looking forward to attending the Sports Leaders UK Leaders for Life National Convention in July 2009. With his portfolio growing Dan is now hoping to gain paid employment through the Charlton scheme.

Dan can be seen below with his Level 2 award.



PCSOs host Day Certificate

Early in April a group of PCSOs from Kent Police completed a Day Certificate course run by the Kent Sports Leadership Project. The course was run at Kent Police College in Maidstone and the 13 PCSOs all appeared to enjoy the day, particularly the practical's and organising and running their own games and activities. Further courses are planned and a PCSO will take the lead in training more staff in the award.



On www.sportsleaders.org

10% increase with 200,000 candidates in 2008/09

Latest 'Leader' magazine
<http://www.sportsleaders.org/media-centre/the-leader-magazine.aspx>

New charges from April 1st 09

Place still available on level 2 course in Canterbury

Kent Youth are starting delivery of another Level 2 Community course in May 2009. The course is free of charge for those aged 16-25 and will run on Tuesday evenings 6-9pm at the Riverside Youth Club in Canterbury. Participants will also benefit from a free residential on this course. Candidates are also being sought for a **Gravesham/Dartford** based course, starting mid-June. Anyone interested in either should contact Nicola on Nicola@kentyouth.org quoting this newsletter as reference.

Coming up...

If you would like to submit details of your achievements or promote a course please send them through. We're also looking for case studies to showcase on the Sports Leaders UK website. For anymore information or if you need guidance or support in setting up your own Sports Leaders UK award please don't hesitate to contact Stuart Butler on stuart.butler@kent.gov.uk or 01622 605065 / 07921 996312.