April 2011

AGM/Celebration Event
19th June 2011

Have you registered to attend?
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Dates for the diary

May
11th- Sharp Shooting, Nottinghamshire
20th- CAPS pre assessment deadline
23rd- AGM/Celebration Event registration deadline
23rd- Regional priority booking for UKCC courses Oct 11-Mar 12

June
6th- National launch of UKCC courses
11th- Marion Smith Tournament, Soar Valley, Leicestershire
19th- AGM and Regional Celebration Event

July
8th/10th- Parrellel/Youth Games, Leicestershire
14th- School Sports Competition, Lincolnshire
14th-17th- UK Corporate Games, Loughborough

Further details of all dates of events and courses can be found on our website: www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk

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AGM / Annual Celebration Event Details

East Midlands Netball is holding the 2011 Celebration Event at Moorways Leisure Centre in Derbyshire on Sunday 19th June. The event will showcase a Fast Net game, a raffle will be held, competition winners will be identified and of course winners from the regional round of the Goalden Globes will be announced.

The AGM will take place ahead of the Celebration Event and clubs will be receiving joining instructions from their County Secretary shortly. Each member club is asked to attend the AGM, which will be held from 10:30 - 11:30am.

Those wishing to attend the Celebration Event will need to register ahead of the day by contacting eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk The Celebration Event will take place from 1pm-3:30pm.

Responses to attend both the AGM and annual Celebration Event should be with the Regional Office no later than Monday 23rd May.

UK Corporate Games 2011

East Midlands Netball Association is pleased to be involved in the UK Corporate Games 2011 which are being held in Loughborough from 14th-17th July 2011.

Netball matches will take place at the Loughborough Endowed School on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July. Approximately 50 ladies teams and 10 mixed teams are expected. The deadline for team registrations is 22nd June.

In order to make this event run successfully, having enough volunteers is crucial. We are seeking 24 "c" award (or above) umpires and 4 general volunteers to support other procedures each day. Officials will be paid for each full day completed, amount TBC. Should you be available on both the Saturday and Sunday, please contact eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk to register your interest, and include your name, qualification (if umpiring) and contact details.

Photo’s from the 2010 Corporate Games
April 2011

News from the Region

Back to Netball Tournament a first for the region!

On Saturday 2 April, the East Midlands Regional Netball Association held its first regional Back to Netball Tournament at Loughborough University. Over 150 ladies descended on the Sir David Wallace Sports Hall complete with banners, cakes and loads of enthusiasm for what was an excellent day of fun and competitive netball. Cancer Research UK, our partner charity, was also present to promote their Race for Life campaign and to provide a zumba exercise class to get the ladies warmed up, in the mood and raring to go.

Congratulations go to everyone who took part:

- Long Eaton Rubies
- Coalville Conquerors
- Jesters
- Harborough Hurricanes
- Ashby Griffins
- Harlequins
- Tibshelf Emeralds
- Lutterworth Ladies
- Wood Chuckers
- Laura’s Ladies
- Bemrose Beamers
- Long Eaton Sapphires
- Tibshelf Rubies
- Soar Valley Allsorts

After a full day of exceptional netball, the eventual group winners were: Ashby Griffins; Bemrose Beamers; and Wood Chuckers. Congratulations go to those teams and also to all of the winners of the Fair Play Awards.

Medals and certificates were presented by Olivia Murphy, former England Netball Captain and coach/player for Loughborough Lightning, the Region’s Superleague netball team. Loughborough Lightning also provided raffle prizes of a signed ball and free tickets to one of their Superleague fixtures. All proceeds from the day will go to Cancer Research UK.

At the end of the day the ladies went home very tired but very happy that they had come Back to Netball.

We want more ladies to get involved in netball so keep watching the East Midlands Netball website; the England Netball website and follow us on Facebook for details of Back to Netball programmes near you and the date of next year’s East Midlands regional Back to Netball competition. You can also find more photo’s from the day on facebook and the regional website.
Back to Netball provides a gentle introduction to the sport for female players over sixteen years of age. Sessions are coach led and cover basic skill development and court play. The emphasis of these sessions is on learning new skills and having fun playing netball with friends. Whether it is about rediscovering sporting abilities you forgot you had or about getting active again, these sessions cater for all abilities.

If you want to set up a Back to Netball programme in your area, your Netball Development Officer can provide you with support, access to coaches, knowledge about venues and a wealth of information to make your programme a success. Get in touch with them to discuss any ideas you may have (contact details can be found on the regional website www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk).

Should you wish to join a local Back to Netball programme, visit the programmes section of our website to find sessions near you. Prices range from free - £3 per hour and all have experienced coaches leading sessions. Why not take your Mum, friend, neighbour or a colleague along with you.

Get fit, have fun and make friends through Back to Netball

Local Tournaments

Many clubs throughout the region are hosting tournaments- some to gain experience in match play, some just for fun, and others raising money for great causes. Please find a list below of some of the tournaments happening in the East Midlands and details of where you can find further information.

- **Brigg and District Netball Club** are organising their 9th annual tournament to take place across June and July 2011. Entry forms are available for High 5; 7 a side and senior/veteran tournaments on the regional website. Contact Vanessa McErlain-Naylor on netball.nes@gmx.com

- **Fenton Manor Netball Club** would like to arrange friendly matches during the summer across all their age groups; senior first division in Stoke-on-Trent league, U16 and U14 regional level and all other teams (mixed abilities). Matches will take place at Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire on a Thursday evening. If you are interested please contact Alicia Watson via email awatson@sgfl.org.uk or call 07745 540284

- On 10th July 2011, **Boston Netball League** will host a charity tournament with proceeds going to Breast Cancer. Teams are over 14’s. For further details and registration forms, contact Kim Fletcher on 07954 341231 or email kimfletcher85@hotmail.co.uk

- **Moll Buzzers** announce their 5th annual tournament. This will take place on Sunday 10th July at Long Eaton School. Proceeds will go towards the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and also Amelies Fund. For further information and a booking form contact Sara: sazu_bostock@msn.com or 07881 911531

- **Sleaford Barge Netball Club** have arranged their annual tournament to take place on Sunday 4th September. A booking form is available on the regional website, or you can contact Mandy Hall on 07845 914849 or bargeandbottlec@aol.com

A charity tournament has been organised on behalf of **Nottingham County Netball Association** to take place on Saturday 7th May 2011, 10am to 4pm at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre. Team entry fees (£25) will go to the Child Brain Tumour Research Centre at Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. There will be many stalls e.g. tombola, cake stall, shooting competition and a snack stall. Should you wish to support the day, please contact Hannah Pacey via www.ncna.co.uk or simply turn up on the day to support the teams.
Regional Tournaments

The East Midlands will host various tournaments over the summer and these are listed below. For booking forms, entry requirements, rules and regulations and further information for each competition, visit the competition page of our website (www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk)

- 8th May 2011  High 5 Tournament  Lincolnshire (venue to be confirmed)
- 8th May 2011  U12 Tournament  Lincolnshire (venue to be confirmed)
- 15th May 2011  Over 35s Tournament  Woodlands School, Derby
- 25th June 2011  Schools High 5 Tournament  Northampton High School, Northampton

Marion Smith Tournament

Soar Valley College is once again hosting the Marion Smith Tournament which is due to take place on Saturday 11th June.

All entrants will have the chance to enter a ‘design a t-shirt’ competition with the winning entry printed onto a t-shirt that all participants will receive on the day. All players will also have the chance to take part in some training drills with some of the England squad.

To access an entry form, visit the competition section of the England Netball website (www.englandnetball.co.uk).

Regional Junior Clubs Tournament

Leicestershire hosted the ‘Junior Clubs Tournament’ on Sunday 10th March. As the sun shone through, clubs in the under 14 & 19 categories played some outstanding netball, much to the delight of the spectators.

10 teams played in the under 14 section who qualified from their county rounds to attend the event:

Winners: Charnwood Sapphires  (Leicestershire)
Runners- up: Cliftonettes Royal (Nottinghamshire)

Congratulations to both teams who will now represent the East Midlands at the National competition at Loughborough University on 14th/15th May. We all wish you good luck!!

Four teams from Lincolnshire and Northants played in the under 19 section - it was a shame that we did not have more entries for this age group, but the clubs involved demonstrated some impressive attacking and defending skills, which saw some very close games.

Winners Lincoln City
Runners-up Sleaford Barge

Congratulations to both teams!

Many congratulations go to all those who took part in the Regional Junior Clubs Tournament, and special thanks to those who came to watch the netball on display. A fantastic day was had by all!
News from the Region-Competition

Regional League

Congratulations to Bluetits who will go forward to the National Premier League Play Off Finals on 30th April/1st May and to Leapoole who will be joining Division 1 next season. The Regional League Play Offs on May 22nd will decide which other two teams will join Division 1 and the Qualifying Tournament on June 12th will decide the remaining teams in Division 2.

Each team who has taken part in the Regional League 2010/11 will nominate a ‘player of the year’ and winners will be announced at the Regional Celebration Event on June 19th.

We are still working on the Regional Calender dates for next season, in particular waiting for England Netball to confirm major international events and to set deadlines for national competition entries. The Sir David Wallace (SDW) Sports Hall at Loughborough University has been provisionally booked for nine out of the fourteen league dates, which are all subject to England Netball calender dates being confirmed. SDW was not available for the remaining 5 dates due to Freshers Bazaar, England Hockey, university exams and a Frisby competition!!!!! As soon as the calender is confirmed, this will be released. If anyone has any other comments, good or bad, about any other aspect of the league or Rules and Regulations, please inform Carol Spencer, Competition TSG Lead (Carol can be contacted via the regional office on eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk).

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U16 Regional League play offs

The U16 Regional League play offs were an excellent day's netball - the standard gets higher every year. Congratulations to Charnwood Sapphires and Brigg and District Netball Clubs on gaining places in the National U16 Playoffs on May 7th/8th. The regional results were as follows:

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News from the Region- Excel

National Screening

The following girls were selected from the region to attend National Screening:

U17: Honor De-winton; Iman Thomas, Isobel Beighton, Lyndsey Cover and Harriet Frost
U19: Jessica Smith

Congratulations to Honour and Isobel who have been invited to attend the England Netball Easter Camp.

Regional Junior Clubs Tournament

On March 10th, Leicestershire hosted the Regional Junior Clubs Tournament. Teams in the U14 and U19 categories played against each other to be crowned Regional Junior Club Champions (see report on page 5)

National Excel Match Day

10 players were nominated from the East Midlands Regional Talent Development Squad and NTL Squad to play in a match day with girls from the other 9 regional squads. The event was held at Loughborough University on Saturday March 12th and the girls were mixed with similar players from the other regions to compete against other mixed groups. This was an excellent opportunity for the girls to gain experience of playing with different players and to work with other coaches.

County Academy Tournament

Girls in the County Academies visited Soar Valley College in Leicester on a very beautiful March 19th to play against other county squads from the region. After a fierce competition in two pools, the winners were Leicestershire.

Rosie Port, Regional Excel Coach said “This was a great opportunity not only for the girls to measure themselves against other players of similar ability, but for the coaches to see the athletes in competition”

Extra training for talented athletes

Rosie Port has been busy attending County Satellites and County Academies as well as the tournaments mentioned above. Rosie has spotted girls who have been invited for extra training with herself and other experienced coaches for intensive 1:1 and small group training in the summer. Coaches will also get the opportunity to be mentored.
In each newsletter, the Netball Development Officers will keep you up to date with work they are doing in the counties by setting our 3 of their key achievements from the past quarter, and their 3 key focus areas of work during the next quarter.

**Derbyshire- Hayley Bramley**

**3 Priorities**
- Assist High Peak in gaining bronze CAPS
- Run a successful High 5 County Final tournament in Derby
- Run a county Back to Netball Tournament in the summer

**Achievements**
- Successful High 5 Teacher Training course in Derbyshire
- Long Eaton gained bronze CAPS
- Back to Netball Regional Tournament

**Leicestershire- Val Kindred**

**2 Priorities**
- Back 2 Netball Eyres Monsell working in partnership with Sure Start
- Applying for Sportivate - to deliver netball in the city working to nominate 14+ and 3 leaders 11+

**Achievements**
- Funding application for delivering Back 2 Netball at Eyres Monsell has been granted working in partnership with Sure Start
- Highcross Shooting Challenge, working in partnership with Loughborough Lightning
- Back to Netball in North West now have formed a League as there were no leagues in the area

**Lincolnshire- Louise Key**

**3 Priorities**
- Developing disability netball sessions through funding received. Two clubs delivering dedicated inclusive sessions over for young people with MLD and hearing impairments.
- Lincolnshire is a pilot county for the school games. The top 10 teams from the School County High Five finals will be invited to the games
- Continuing to run Back to Netball sessions in Lincolnshire

**Achievements**
- Two new Back to Netball schemes running at Grantham and Market Rasen
- Over 56 teams entered Lincolnshire’s County League in its final year

**Nottinghamshire- Hayley Bramley**

**3 Priorities**
- 3 new Back to Netball sessions: Lamma, Nottingham City, Bilborough
- Work with new teams on developing their clubs
- Assist with High 5 Schools Competitions

**Achievements**
- Work with clubs to gain CAPS accreditation
- Run CPD courses for high 5 and seven aside netball in Nottinghamshire
- Development of Clubs in Nottinghamshire

**Northamptonshire- Sam Meade**

**4 Priorities**
- County League
- Working with clubs on their CAPS
- More Back to Netball Sessions
- Officiating and Coaching courses in the County

**Achievements**
- 8 Goalden Globe Nominations
- District H5 competitions started in preparation for the county H5’s Final
- YNO Course started at NHS
- 2 Back to Netball sessions up and running
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News from around the counties

**Derbyshire**

**Derbyshire High 5 Grand Prix**

After months of planning and many meetings, the High 5 Grand Prix is finally in full swing in Derbyshire with 6 netball clubs taking part and hosting their own festivals. Pennine, Allestree, High Peak, Calow, Ashbourne and Hilton are putting in the hours at training ready for the end of every month when they take part in Derbyshire's Grand Prix style competition.

High fivers in Derbyshire were missing out on that next level of competition and so we put our heads together to see what we could do as a county to give these children the opportunity of regular competition, netball and play.

On the last Saturday of each month the clubs involved will host and run a festival whilst fundraising for their own club and giving parents the opportunity to come down and support their child. Each club puts in a lot of hours to put these festivals together and it is greatly appreciated by all to see the smiling faces of the children and gratitude of thanks from players, coaches and parents alike!

A big thank you needs to go to Mary Yardley and the Derbyshire Netball Association for supporting us, but the biggest thanks goes to the clubs; without you this wouldn’t be possible!

Next years Grand Prix will be bigger and better and we are now looking to invite other clubs and High 5 teams into the Grand Prix so if you’re interested please contact Hayley Bramely, your Netball Development Officer at hayley.bramley@englandnetball.co.uk

**Derbyshire qualifies youngest umpire**

Cherese Naylor from Ripley in Derbyshire has become the youngest girl in the country to qualify as a netball umpire at the tender age of just 12.

The Mill Hill School pupil attended a Young Umpire Award scheme in the summer of 2009 and has since been practising at training and league matches. She has also umpired in the Amber Valley Schools high five netball tournament and was even selected to umpire the Derbyshire high five finals in Chapel-en-le-frith. She was then assessed in a league game to see if she was ready to be put in for her test which she passed with flying colours.

On the day of an umpiring C award test, the criteria is to umpire a full match and Cherese took charge of an under 16’s game. A theory test followed in which she correctly answered 18 out of 20 questions with a minimum requirement being 17. Cherese (pictured) plays netball herself, not only for Ripley Netball Club, but she is also the youngest member of the Derbyshire County Netball Academy.

Cherese has been playing for Ripley Netball Club since she was eight years old but has been involved almost from birth as she has always gone to training with her mum Cheryl who is Head Coach with the club.

The other girls that passed their C award through the YUA were Katie Sheldon, Emily Beckett, and Shannon Pont. Well done to you all!
Highcross Shooting Challenge

On Saturday 12th March, Leicestershire Netball in partnership with Loughborough Lightning promoted netball at Highcross Shopping Centre in Leicester City Centre. The event involved the public challenging family and friends and Lightning players to score as many goals as they could within a minute.

Players young and old took the opportunity to have a go at the shooting challenge, and to meet some of the Lightning players, as well as Netball Development Officer Val Kindred and former England Captain, Olivia Murphy.

Workplace Challenge

The Active Together Workplace Challenge was held recently in Loughborough. Seven teams from work places across the county came together to show that they have not forgotten how to play netball. The teams consisted of players who have not played netball since leaving school and wanted to come along and help their organisations. The night was full of laughter, with ladies realising as the games went on that netball is not as easy as they first thought! This did not deter the enthusiasm and fun as umpires and team mates watched.

A big thanks goes to Loughborough Town Netball League for organising the event.

Chairman’s Trophy Awards 2011

The Leicester-shire & Rutland Sport competition Board recently hosted The Chairman’s Trophy awards (2011) at Leicestershire County Council. The nominees were:

Most Improved Performer (Athletes are nominated by their County NGB's or Schools Associations.

Sarah Beaty - Loughborough Lightning NTL
Megan Burnside - Loughborough Lightning NTL (she was also nominated for the Chairman Trophy, and is part of the Go Gold Scheme for Talented Athletes)
Hetty Gittus County - Leicestershire County Excel Programme

The Stuart Lindeman Award (for contribution to sport Under 21)
Sophie Bingham - The Robert Smyth School

The Alan Kind Award (for Contribution to sport Over 21)
Jane Cook - Charnwood Sapphires Netball Club

Photographs will soon be available on www.leics.gov.uk/civic
News from around the counties

Lincolnshire

Netball Official gains award

Vanessa McErlain- Naylor, Chair of Lincolnshire Netball Association, was recently awarded the Joseph J. Magrath O.B.E. award for Public Voluntary Service to the Community of Brigg from the Town Council. It is given to Vanessa in recognition of her tireless commitment to the Brigg and District Netball Club, which provides the opportunity for countless children and young people to be involved in a positive activity, access coaching, and compete in netball matches, regardless of their level of ability. Vanessa continually strives to deliver her ethos that Brigg and District Netball Club is, and will always remain, a ‘local club for local children’.

Around 13 years ago, Vanessa started coaching netball part time at a local primary school but the word spread and she was asked to help at other schools within the area. From this Vanessa started Brigg Junior Netball Club. The popularity of the club grew, and in April 2000 the club changed its name to the present Brigg and District Netball Club. All involved with the club agree that without Vanessa’s drive, enthusiasm and hard work, the club would not be the success that it is today.

If you meet Vanessa and talk to her, it will not be long before she steers the conversation around to her beloved netball club. Vanessa truly believes that the club benefits all of its members, but it is particularly beneficial for young people as it provides them with a healthy and active place to socialise, and build confidence and character.

Back to Netball in Louth

The Louth Back to Netball scheme is continuing to run extremely well. There are a total of 42 ladies signed up with a regular attendance of at least 14 ladies weekly. The ladies that attend have not played for a number of years and don’t necessarily like exercise.

Coach and East Lindsey Cultural Officer Lindsey Burton said ‘The ladies enjoy meeting new people and doing something different that they didn’t do before. Some of the ladies have approached me about playing competitively which is a great step up, I will make sure this happens for the ladies that want to. There has also been talk of starting a new team up through the Back to Netball ladies and entering into the local league. This is such a great scheme for ladies’.

Louise Key, Netball Development Officer, spoke to two of the ladies who have been with the scheme since June 2010. Kate Bar said ‘The sessions are competitive but also great fun. I enjoy coming for the exercise as well as the social side, and the coach is great!’ Annabel Rigell reinforced this and added ‘The different capabilities of everyone keeps the sessions interesting.’

If you are interested in attending a session on Monday evenings (6-7pm, at Meridian Leisure Centre Louth) contact: Meridian Leisure 01507 607650, Lindsay Burton 01507 601111 ext 648 email Lindsay.burton@e-lindsey.gov.uk
Northamptonshire

National Schools Finals

On Saturday 19 March, the Oundle School U16 netball team travelled to Southampton to take part in the Eteach.com National Schools Finals. Captain Annie Bolle-Jones (15) commented, “Our first match was against Millthorpe. We were keen to start the tournament positively and so beating them 11-3 gave us a great boost and calmed some of our nerves.” The girls won the second match against Shambrook 9-5, and then with a short turn around faced Sevenoaks who they beat 8-6. After beating St Peters 9-4, the girls then went on to play Brighton; with a fantastic performance from Alice Marks at Goal Attack they subsequently beat them 15-6. The next few matches were hard as fatigue started to set in on what was a very warm day. Playing Bacup and Rawtenstall in a tough and close fought match, the Oundle team narrowly won, 7-6. The next match was against Bromsgrove who won 17-6. The Oundle girls came out in their final match to beat Central High School 9-2, which took them into the semi finals.

At half time, Oundle were winning 6-3 in a match against Hulme, but a few mistakes and unlucky decisions saw a final score 9-10 with Oundle through to the play-offs for third and fourth place. Truro proved to be strong opposition in the play-offs and whilst the Oundle team tried extremely hard they lost 7 -10.

Head of Netball Bev Burnham commented, “The games played were a lot more physical and fast paced than the girls are used to, however, this did not faze them at all. They showed self belief and maturity which helped them overcome any nerves or misgivings they had had! Our defensive duo of Honor De Winton and Annie Bolle-Jones proved to be a force not to be overlooked by most teams throughout the day. A fantastic result for such a young squad on their first time at the Finals.”

Nottinghamshire

New Netball Development Community Coach

Kaylea McQuade has been appointed as Nottingham City’s Netball Development Community Coach (NDCC). 10 new NDCC’s have been appointed across the country as a result of England Netball’s new £1 million programme that is launched in April.

Netball in the City in association with ASICS, part of the Back to Netball initiative, is designed to overcome barriers to participation amongst women residing in lower super output areas and those caring for children under 16. It aims to attract 12,000 participants to the sport over a three year period.

Kaylea will be taking her innovative approach to developing opportunities in Nottingham City and is tasked with creating a localised netball legacy, establishing a strong and sustainable netball infrastructure for continuing participation.

If you live in Nottingham City and would love to start playing again, you can contact Kaylea at kaylea.mcquade@englandnetball.co.uk Kaylea will be working closely with Hayley Bramley (Netball Development Officer for Nottinghamshire) to achieve the aims set out above.
Lauren Hindle, part of the Lightning in the Community team, will be travelling to Uganda in June and July with the Netball Development Trust. The Netball Development Trust was set up in 2010 to introduce netball at grassroots level to primary school children in some of the poorest areas. The scheme empowers young people with the skills to transform the lives of young and underprivileged children; it introduces netball to primary school children in Uganda with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of children in Africa through the implementation and development of netball; and it means that teachers and netball volunteers are left with the necessary skills and resources to continue playing and coaching netball.

If you would like to make a donation to Lauren’s trip (who is travelling with Hannah Brett from the London and South East region) you can do so by visiting www.justgiving.com/netballdevelopmenttrust
For the fourth year running England Netball has teamed up with British Gymnastics and UK Athletics to offer a unique opportunity for young coaches, umpires and volunteers to attend their Young Leaders’ Camp 2011. So, if you are a young leader / volunteer, or if you know of one, please read on… The purpose of the Young Leaders’ Camp is to deliver an inspirational leadership opportunity for young people aged 16-19 years and to train those young leaders in a number of areas of the game, using them as long-term advocates and volunteers within Netball Clubs.

The camp returns to Bradfield College in Berkshire, and will run from Sunday 14th August - Wednesday 17th August 2011 and will involve a whole variety of learning opportunities around leadership skills, team building and netball in general. The event will be run by staff from the three sports with the programme covering a whole breadth of netball from learning about coaching and umpiring, to sports psychology, high five, running a club and much more!

England Netball is offering 50 of our most dedicated young volunteers from across the Country, the opportunity to attend the Camp completely FREE of charge (including all accommodation, workshops and meals). Attendees are required to transport themselves to the camp, however there may be the opportunity to share transport with others. If it is felt appropriate, Clubs or County Associations can make a contribution towards travelling costs.

To be eligible, you need to meet the following criteria:
- Young Leaders should be aged between 16 and 19 years of age at the time of the camp
- Are currently engaged in volunteering in netball, either in a school, club or community setting
- Can demonstrate their commitment to volunteering and articulate the aspirations they have as a volunteer and their desire to succeed

If you would like to apply to attend the Young Leaders’ Camp 2011 you need to contact Gemma Morris on 01462 442344 ext. 136 or at gemma.morris@englandnetball.co.uk or visit www.englandnetball.co.uk

The deadline for applications is Friday 4th May 2011. Applicants will be notified of their success by Friday 27th May. Unfortunately, to ensure the maximum impact of the event, we are unable to accept applications from those people who have previously attended the camp.

The World Netball Series is once again returning to Liverpool and will take place from 25-27 November 2011. The six countries competing in the competition, in IFNA World Ranking order are; New Zealand, Australia, England, Jamaica, South Africa and Fiji. According to the IFNA World Rankings the top teams in the world have shifted slightly with Fiji replacing Malawi from the event last year.

To purchase tickets, visit www.echoarena.com where early bird prices are available until 8th May.