Welcome to the second edition of England Netball’s Development Newsletter. Thank you for your positive feedback on the first edition, we hope you enjoy this one just as much!

It’s been a really busy summer with the launch of our Big Summer of Netball, extended roll out of some of our newer programmes and of course the Netball World Cup in Sydney.

Alongside the on-court action we’ve also been busy recruiting for some new staffing positions. I’ll be heading off on maternity leave at the beginning of October and I’m delighted to confirm that Helen Wynn (previously National Development Manager – Adult Participation) will be covering the Director of Development role in my absence. As a result of this change and the departure of Lauren Templeton (National Development Manager – Children and Young People) we’ve taken the opportunity to slightly tweak and strengthen the development structure by introducing a new ‘Participation’ team. An updated staff structure is included in this edition to ensure you can put faces to some of the new names!

As always if there is anything you would like to hear more about in the next edition of the newsletter please do drop us an email at Development.In@englandnetball.co.uk.

I wish you all the best both on and off the court for the 15/16 season and I look forward to catching up on your local successes when I return from maternity leave next year.
On the 25th July, at Wright Robinson Sports College, Manchester, in almost 20 degrees of sunshine, 263 Back to Netballers, ranging in age from 16 to 55, took to court to play in a Back to Netball Event.

The festival was run in conjunction with Manchester ‘This Girl Can’, local radio station Key 103 and the Manchester Netball Development Community Coaches (NDCC’s).

To get the 32 teams ‘netball ready’ a mass Zumba warm up was taken by Manchester City Council.

A great atmosphere was created for the event with Key 103’s Debbie Mac blasting out music to accompany the Netball.

Children’s Sporting activities were also held on the fields next to the courts, keeping the youngsters entertained whilst the parents played Netball. Attendance from the local Fire Service and Dog Unit, also gave the participants and their families the opportunity to take a look around the Fire Engine and make some new friends with the dogs from the Dog Unit.

The teams were split into 4 divisions, with netball played until 3pm in the afternoon, the following teams were declared winners:

- **Division 1: Flavour**
- **Division 2: UKFA**
- **Division 3: Goal-den-girls**
- **Division 4: Rochdale B2N**

The medals were presented by Debbie Mac (Key 103).

The winners of Division 4 were a group of ladies from the local Rochdale Back to Netball session, they had never competed in a competitive game before, and managed to pull off the winners spot, remaining undefeated all day.

Katheryn from Rochdale B2N said “I really enjoyed the event! It was a great opportunity to put all the things we’ve learnt into practice, to meet new people, and to get to know the people from my own back to netball sessions even better. It was an amazing day and I know that everyone had a great time, and we can’t wait to do it again”.

The event overall had a great family friendly atmosphere, all ladies enjoyed the netball and some great support was received from family and friends.

**UNO PROGRAMME**

*Where are we now?*

We are in phase 3 of the UNO programme and have the below universities now involved in this successful programme.

We have worked with each university to recruit a student volunteer, the UNO (University Netball Officer) and have recently ran a 2 day national training event where all the UNO’s came together. This was a great event providing the opportunity for the UNO’s to receive the appropriate training to ensure they are empowered and equipped to fulfil their role.

They are a really enthusiastic and great group of motivated students who we are excited to be working with!

*Review and the future!*

The programme last year engaged around 3500 – 4000 students (with just 30 UNO’s in place) and this year we want to get even more involved.

There is a big emphasis on forging links with the netball community to enable longer term playing for the individuals.

Additional benefits that we have seen as a result of this programme are future career influences for UNO’s. 3 of last year’s UNO’s have gone on to gain full time employment with England Netball. One of our UNO’s is working with our media partner TriNorth and a number of others are pursuing careers that their UNO experience influenced.

*Universities within the UNO programme*

- Birmingham University • Bournemouth University • Brighton University • Brunel University • Bucks New University • Chichester University • Derby University • Edge Hill University • Essex • Exeter University • Falmouth & Exmouth • Gloucestershire University • Huddersfield • Hull University • Kings College, London • Lincoln • Northumbria University • Nottingham Trent University • Oxford Brookes • Portsmouth University • Sheffield Hallam University • St Mary’s • Staffordshire University • Surrey University • Teesside University • UCLAN • University of Chester • University of East Anglia • University of East London • University of Hertfordshire • University of Kent • University of Leicester • University of Northampton • University of Warwick • University of West England • University of York • Wolverhampton University • Worcester University •
England Netball’s Youth Camp programme has once again proven to be a popular choice for netball juniors in the summer months with over 300 children booking to attend camps across the country.

This summer we have successfully delivered 16 NYC’s. Designed to provide children aged 9-16 with the chance for more netball in the summer months, each camp provides a fun and friendly environment with the opportunity to make new friends whilst improving netball skills. Plus each camp gets the chance to meet and be inspired by an England player!

We are looking for more casual coaches - please encourage coaches in your region to apply by visiting: www.englandnetball.co.uk/About_England_Netball/recruitment

Any questions? Email - NYC@englandnetball.co.uk

The Ricoh Arena was the venue for this years Goalden Globe Awards to celebrate and reward our amazing volunteers. The theme for this years awards was the Great Gatsby and within the 300 guests in attendance included England Head Coach Tracey Neville and several of the squad from the recent Netball World Cup.

Congratulations to all our winners below:

**National Long Service Award** - Lynne Booth, Susan Danson, Hilary Flint, Heather Gleadall, Christine Kelso, Helen Lillie & Mary Yardley.

**Pass on Your Passion Award** - Georgia Ashworth, Antonia Chaytor, Laura Kelly, Rachel King, Erin McCabe, Carla McShane, Chloe Piper & Amber Sorsby.

**Young Volunteer Award** - Paige Jackson

**Outstanding Netball Club Award** - Kats Netball Club

**Grassroots Coach Award** - Jean Leigh

**Grassroots Officials Award** - Danny Neill.

**Teacher Award** - Sarah Davies

**Mary Bulloch Administrator Award** - Val Bentley

**Muriel McNally Grassroots Award** - Mary Yardley and Dayl Dufrane.

**Unsung Hero Award** - Beryl Webb.

**Inclusive Award** - Friars JMs

**Rose Award** - Laura White, Active Devon and Paul Clark

**Honorary Life Members** - Jillean Hipsey, Carol Spencer and Charlotte Rose

**Clubs - providing a great customer experience**

England Netball have been working with Sport England and Club matters to pilot the first ever customer/club experience workshop. The workshop looked to encourage and support clubs with practical tools to help them understand what their members want and to be able to cater appropriately for them.

England Netball will be further developing this pilot workshop with a view to rolling it out and extending our club support in the future.
In the last issue we told you we were working on our Community Competition How to Guides. The first 3 of a series of 6 have now been completed and will soon be available, these include:

- Creating a competition
- Administering a competition
- Competition Regulations and Competition Referees

We are also pleased to announce the launch of our Club How to Guides, which are now available to use. These guides are not intended to target every type of club and are particularly focused on groups starting out and creating new clubs. They are available as a web download or an App. Targeted promotion of the resources will take place by NDO’s and NDCC’s – let them know if you are aware of any groups that would be interested.

Disability update

In the last 6 months, over 370 new participants have taken the opportunity to try netball via 2 new clubs, 8 new sessions, and 12 Disability Festivals. The first ever Level 3 Inclusive school games took place in Coventry with England Netball linking with the CSP to deliver the event, and first Intellectual Disability Netball Club was formed in Northamptonshire as a section in an England Netball affiliated club ‘JM’s’. JM’s Netball Club now boasts 16 players who train weekly, and there has been an increase in their skill level as well as improvement in their social and personal development.

The first National Deaf Women’s Tournament was held in May with teams travelling to Birmingham from all over England. 61 women with a hearing impairment took part in the Tournament and umpires came along to try different ways of communication to ensure the women could play with a flow to the game, without fear about the rules or their impairment being a barrier. Our partnership with BID Services was key in bringing this tournament to life after a 20 year absence and it will now be an annual event.

The Marion Smith Competition was once again successful with 6 teams competing across the Over 17 and Under 17 sections, with some mixed gender teams. It was the first time that we held the competition in partnership with Special Olympics GB, who are the main national Disability Sports Organisation for people with an Intellectual Disability. They aim to provide opportunities in training all year round through 150 Special Olympics clubs, and provide competitions at all levels. England Netball has formalised a partnership with Special Olympics and MENCAP, who operate together as the English Learning Disability Alliance.
During August, England Netball launched a campaign targeting young people who are finishing school and compulsory education; #NetballNeverStops

What is Netball Never Stops?
The campaign has a multi-faceted approach, which will run through to October. It is aimed at 18 and 19 year old women, who will be entering higher education this year. Our focus for the campaign is around reducing the drop off and retaining our current participants, as well as engaging new people.

What does the Campaign entail?
The campaign began on A-Level results day with direct communication to all of England Netball’s membership, who fall within the target age range, as well as clubs who offer netball activity to students. The communication gave students and clubs all the information that they need to either support students, attract students and ultimately find netball once they have made the key decisions they need to make beyond gaining their results. In addition, there is a strong online presence on social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. As an organisation, we have appointed 2 Bloggers who will blog over the next month, either looking back at their time at university or giving us a real time insight into the steps they are taking to attend university as a Fresher and a netball participant.

Our online content has been updated to reflect this campaign and all the information that students need can be found at http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/my-game/Universities. The content includes all the blogs, videos, a student guide and details on where and how they can play netball at university. We have all the tools a university needs to join in with this competition and these are being distributed out to regions. We will be monitoring the success of this campaign over the next few months and this will be shared at a later date to define future direction.

Be prepared as a result to answer a greater number of enquiries regarding this campaign and remember; #NetballNeverStops.

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**Children and Young People programme update**

2014-15 season saw 21 Premier League football clubs delivering 58 satellites delivering netball to over 2200 participants.

- 2623 School Games Level 2 Netball competitions engaging 155,349 participants
- A 15% growth in L2 Competitions with over 17218 teams involved
- 297 School Sport Clubs (Netball) with 17,198 Young people attending.

The Youth Advisory Group was set up in 2009 and continues to give a voice to the youth of netball. Its purpose is to advocate the experiences, opinions and ideas of young people in order to develop the impact that netball has. It aspires to cover all aspects of netball that affect young people such as leadership and volunteering, players and fans.

There has been some changes to the members of YAG here is a list of current members:

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Regional Roadshows

England Netball are beginning to plan for the next 4 year cycle of funding. In November and December members of the Executive Team will be travelling around the regions doing Regional Roadshows. These will be used to consult with the Regions on future direction for netball to guide the planning process. Dates for the roadshows can be seen on the map below.

Disability preview

This autumn / winter will see the launch of the Disability Club/Session Starter fund that will enable more people to have the opportunity to take part in netball. A small pot of money will be available for disability clubs to apply for small grants. Details of this will be circulated once finalised. We will also be launching an online toolkit to enable coaches to feel confident in delivering sessions to people who have a disability, as well as raising the awareness of disability issues and how netball as a sport can be more easily accessed and enjoyed across our growing netball family.

Improving school netball

England Netball have recently completed comprehensive research into how we can support schools at every level (primary, secondary and further education). From this we now know what support is required to deliver a quality netball experience in schools. For the rest of the year we will work to determine our offer and how we can better support and empower teachers to deliver netball with confidence.

Intranet Update

During the coming weeks we will be providing all Counties and Regions with their own Intranet, this has been designed following consultation with volunteers about an appropriate place in which information from England Netball can be stored and used by volunteers. The Intranet will provide Regional Management Boards and County Netball Associations with key contacts and information, along with policies, procedures and details of England Netball staff.

The Intranet will also contain all the documents and information that was previously distributed via the Handbook, making this an online resource which will allow for far easier end user interface and allow documents and articles to be easily updated and uploaded.

For more information please contact your Regional Coordinator.
We have established the Coaching Development Model

The Coaching Development Model identifies the 6 different coach categories and we are in the exciting process of bringing this to life, through videos, photos and audio of each of these coach categories. This will be launched alongside our media channels.

Media Channel Launch

The Media channels were launched over the Make the Game Live weekend, 19th/20th Sept, and include: A Series of 3 Podcasts (England Netball Podcast), Twitter (ENCoaching_), Facebook (England Netball Coaching), a Blog and a Coaching specific mailing list. This will enable England Netball Coaching to talk more specifically to coaches. To communicate our key messages and build a community/coaching network. Please feel free to share with your coaching contacts.

‘How We Coach’ Philosophy

The principles behind the England Netball Coaching Philosophy will now be communicated to all coaches through our communication channels.

New INF Rules Changes Agreed

Following the INF Congress in Sydney this August, there have been a variety of changes to the rules of netball after being approved by the member nations. The first time we will see these rules used will be in our upcoming Vitality Netball International Series against Australia in January, and then during the exciting new Vitality Netball Superleague season.

England Netball will use a phased approach for when and how these are implemented for England Netball and local competitions. The schedule for introducing the new rules into competitions are as follows:
- Superleague Pre-Season Friendlies - Oct-Dec 2015
- International Competition - Jan 2016
- Superleague - Feb 2016
- Local Leagues - Sept 2016
- England Netball Domestic Competitions - Sept 2016

As part of our roll out we will once again conduct joint Coaching and Officiating Rules Forums in the Regions to deliver the new rule changes, discuss the various impacts on the game and to answer anyone’s questions. These will be open to players, coaches and officials from all levels.

Cheryl Danson OBE, Chair of the INF Rules Advisory Panel responsible for writing the new rules and who was also awarded an INF Service Award at the INF Congress, commented; “The new rules were developed to meet the changing needs of the game and to reflect a modern forward-looking sport. “Our primary aim was to ensure that Netball continues to be entertaining for everyone involved in the game. There was extensive consultation and feedback from members including undertaking rules trials. We have also delivered a new rules book which is modern in layout and presentation.”

In addition to the rules changes, the INF have created a new look rules book and England Netball will develop supporting materials, as well as upgrading our Learner Resources and Courses.

New Officiating Assessor Course Introduced

Education and Training have recently launched a New Officiating Assessors course, to bring all of the Coaching and Officiating Assessor workforce in line with the qualification standards of the AAVRA (Achievement in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement). The first course was well received in June and we will run nine more over the coming months. Our very own Sheelagh Redpath is one of the national deliverers for the course. The course has been open to the existing Officiating Assessors and will be open to officials looking to join the Assessors team from April 2016.

Nets Officiating Resource

The Officiating Department is working on the very first England Netball Nets Officiating Workshop to help our commercial partners ensure they have the appropriately qualified umpires to officiate their matches. Initially this will be aimed at existing Nets Umpires or traditional Netball Officials who may be interested in taking up this exciting form of the game. Later a more formal award for those that are new to the sport will be introduced.

https://englandnetballcoaching.wordpress.com/