

Welcome to all Volunteers!

Welcome to the April update for volunteers in Paddlesport. Please show this update to your fellow volunteers and if they would like to be added to the mailing list please email volunteers@bcu.org.uk.

European Canoe Slalom Championships

Volunteers still have time to register themselves to volunteer at the European Canoe Slalom Championships being held at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham in May 2009. Registration closes on Friday 8th May and volunteers can find the registration form on www.canoe-england.org.uk under the 09 Slalom Europeans section.

Club Forums

Following the success of last year's Club Forums, Canoe England have announced new dates for 2009. Canoe England staff will travel across the country to meet clubs and volunteers to provide information & updates and to listen to your ideas. More information is available on the Canoe England website.

BCU Club of the Year Awards 2009

Congratulations to Viking Kayak Club who are the winners of the BCU Club of the Year Awards 2009. The club have now been shortlisted in the CCPR's Sports Club of the Year (SCOTY) Awards 2009. Trentham Canoe Club and Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club were runners up in the BCU awards – well done to both clubs!

The Voice of Young People

Canoe England would like to encourage more young people to sit on committees and have their say on the future of the sport. If you are a young volunteer, or you know a young person, who sits on your club committee, please ask them to complete the "Voice of Young People" to help us in developing new resources and promotional material.

Volunteer Opportunities

Don't forget that your club can add your volunteer opportunities to the Canoe England Volunteers section of the website – if you are looking to recruit more volunteers in any role then let the Volunteer Development Officer know! Likewise, if you are looking to take on another voluntary role at club, regional or national level then keep your eye posted on the website.

Club Volunteer Coordinators – resource pack available!

Clubs are reminded that a new resource for Volunteer Coordinators is now available. The resource is designed to provide support in your role including a number of templates which may be useful. Focusing on recruitment, recognition and retaining your volunteers, the handy pack offers advice as well as useful documents.

The resource has been designed so that Volunteer Coordinators can dip in and out of the pack to support them in their role as well as a CD with easy to use templates already designed and ready for you to edit and adopt for your club.

For more information on the role of the Volunteer Coordinator please see the leaflet "Role of the Volunteer Coordinator". To make sure your club receives your resource pack and support declare your Volunteer Coordinator to Julia Robertson: julia.white@bcu.org.uk or 0845 3709530.