

6th April 2011

Dear All

Volleyball England Volunteer Leadership Programme 2011/12

Volleyball England is committed to supporting volunteers in the sport. We have hundreds and thousands of people who continue to contribute in a whole variety of roles, from coaches, officials, team managers, administrators, etc and a whole host more who spend hours in committee meetings, for clubs, regions and nationally!

As part of a new programme of supporting and encouraging more volunteers to help at Commission and Board level we are launching a new Volunteer Leadership Programme for 2011/12.

The key aim being to support a small group of volunteers who would consider taking on a future elected role within Volleyball England. As many of you will know, it's often the case of learning on the job!! So we feel it is time to support people who see a longer term future supporting the sport on one of our Commissions/Board.

We're not looking for the usual sorts – if you've been on the Board and or a Commission before this is not for you – sorry! This is really focused on volunteers maybe working at club or regional level who in the future see themselves being potentially a Board member or leading a Commission. Any high flyers among you or just someone who is really ambitious and wants to be the next President!!

The Volunteer Leadership Programme aims to identify, develop and support future leaders within Volleyball England – could this be you?

The programme will cover the following areas:-

- World and European Volleyball.
- The role of a National Governing Body.
- Vision, Strategy and Good Governance.
- Understanding what members want and how to provide it .
- Stakeholder Mapping, Influencing others.
- Building the organisational brand, selling our assets
- Leading change and managing innovation.
- Lead more, manage less and show people the way; becoming a more effective leader by knowing yourself.

There is a maximum of 10 places available on the programme which will last a year from April 2011. There will be a commitment required from successful applicants to attend all training and to continue their personalised learning outcomes. All travel and accommodation costs will be covered by Volleyball England. All fee's for training will also be covered by Volleyball England. All fee's associated with the mentoring will also be covered.

So if you are interested, are you eligible?

The Nomination Criteria:-

- Must be members of Volleyball England.
- Is willing to commit appropriate time to the programme.
- Is ambitious and has aspirations to drive the sport forwards.
- Must not have held office previously within volleyball at Board level
- Must not have held a role on a Volleyball England Commission for over 5 years
- Staff of Volleyball England or staff who have previously held a senior role at Volleyball England are ineligible.

What are the next steps?

The Nomination Process:-

- Application will be by completion of the application form by the deadline date of 6th May 2011.
- Nominations can only be by a current member of Volleyball England.
- A 'referee' will need to provide a reference for the applicant.
- The decision of the selection panel is final.

If you would like more information or an informal chat about this new programme please contact Lisa Wainwright or Richard Callicott.

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Yours sincerely



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