

The English Volleyball Association - Whole Sport Plan
'Putting Volleyball at the heart of your community'

In November 2003 Sport England brought all the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of sport together to talk about a **COMMON VISION FOR SPORT IN ENGLAND**. This meeting mapped out what Sport England expected a 'Whole Sport plan' to look like. The plan would address three main issues - how NGBs would encourage people to **START**, **STAY** and **SUCCEED** in sport.

Start – increase participation in sport in order to improve the health of the nation.

Stay – retain people in sport and active recreation through an effective network of clubs, sports facilities, coaches, volunteers and competitive opportunities

Succeed – achieve sporting success at every level

To support the EVA, during this time, Sport England provided interim funding of £125,000. This funding was to carry out a number of pieces of work, a participation audit, a marketing audit and a modernisation review of the use of human resources and roles and responsibilities. The funding also provided the association with two new staff members, one to develop the Whole Sport Plan application and the other to start work on resources to support the Volleyball workforce, the volunteers.

The main objectives for the EVA Whole Sport Plan are

- ❖ To increase participation a thriving network of expanding clubs that provide enjoyment & access, irrespective of age or ability
- ❖ To develop a strong sustainable club structure and widen access
- ❖ To develop an extensive programme of volunteer recruitment, training and retention.
- ❖ To develop an integrated programme of competition at all levels and their promotion
- ❖ To identify and work with key agencies and develop a network of strategic partnerships to deliver a quality volleyball experience such as the County Sports Partnerships and School Sports Colleges
- ❖ To be flexible and respond to new ideas and opportunities
- ❖ To expand the staffing structure in our National Office. The main focus of the office based staff will be to support the workforce - the volunteers.
- ❖ To develop a robust data collection and IT system that will allow us to collect, collate, analyse, and share up to date information with the membership and other agencies

The plan was agreed by Sport England in March 2005 and the annual grant received from Sport England has increased from £208,000 to £350,000 per year for the 4 years of the plan 2005/2009.

The implementation of the plan has just started, the roll out will be gradual, through the EVA strategies and the Commission plans which are being developed and reviewed. The biggest change, that will be obvious to the majority of membership, will be the new website, with on-line registration, shopping, better navigation, many new areas and downloads.

For more information about the EVA WSP visit the EVA website / Club section.

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