

ASA Update – June 2013

Workforce Development

- Level 1 Teaching Aquatics
 - Coventry 29 Jul – 2nd Aug
 - Tudor Grange 28 Oct - 1st Nov
 - Stratford 28 Oct - 1 Nov
- Level 2 Teaching Aquatics
 - Coventry 19 – 30 Aug
 - Stratford 22-26 July & 29 Jul - 2nd Aug

Candidates must book on through IOS on line www.theiosonline.com

Full West Mids course listing available on www.westmidlandswimming.org

Safeguarding – clubs to contact Amy Bird at BSPAP - Amy.L.Bird@Birmingham.gov.uk or 0121 464 6004

Time To Listen CPD – Free seminar, 15th September, 10.30am – 3.00pm, Summer Hill School, Kingswinford. Recommended for club Welfare Officers, requirement for Swim21. Please e-mail westmidland@swimming.org to book your place.

Swim 21 Workshops

With the new swim21 launch, West Midland Swimming is organising a series of workshops to run through the new accreditation and revalidation process and to demonstrate the new swim21 online portal.

All clubs due for accreditation, reaccreditation and revalidation from August 2013 will be required to transfer to the new swim21 and as such the West Midland Region will be offering additional support for clubs.

The following workshops are available for clubs to attend (2 officers per club):

- **Thursday 4th July** 7pm – 9pm at Warwick University (Room WTO.01), Westwood Campus, Coventry CV4 7AL (directions available)

To book onto a workshop please contact the regional office by telephone 01527 888929 or email westmidland@swimming.org

Talent Development Review

Following the Olympics and Paralympics the West Midland Regional Management Board decided to undertake a review of the current talent development provision and the swimmer pathways within the region.

As part of the project Sports Structures will be reviewing clubs and their coaches, and the Regional Management Board would appreciate the support of clubs in completing the surveys and questionnaires.

The reason for selecting an independent company is to make sure that any sensitive information is managed carefully and used in a confidential manner and Sports Structures has an excellent record in this regard.

Clubs and head coaches will be sent questionnaires to complete. Counties will have a telephone interview.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Lesley Hill (lesley.hill@swimming.org or the regional office (westmidland@swimming.org).

Aquaforce Awards 2013

Nominations now open. Nominations will close on the **15th July**.

Categories:-

- Club Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution by a Young Volunteer
- Outstanding Contribution to Swimming in the Community
- Outstanding county/regional contribution
- Services to Officials' Development
- Club Volunteer Teacher/Coach of the Year
- Celebrating Excellence in Club Volunteering – new for 2013

Nomination forms and full details available on West Midland Swimming website.

West Midlands AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Amateur Swimming Association West Midland Region will be held **at 10:00am on Sunday 15th September 2013**. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am.