

Girls' and Women's Football



New Girls' and Womens' Football Development Officer Appointed

October 2008 saw the appointment of the new Girls' and Women's Football Development Officer for Tayside and Fife.

Samantha Milne has been involved in Girls' and Women's football as a player, league administrator and in club development roles. She graduated from University of Abertay with an Honours degree in Sports Development in 2007 and is looking forward to working with girls' and women's football in the East Region



Sam stated: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to help develop girls' and women's football in the East Region. Girls' football is the fastest growing participation sport in the world and this is reflected in the East Region. Many girls are playing football in schools and many new girls clubs are constantly being formed. There are currently sixteen girls from the region playing in youth International teams and this season saw the SWF/ SFA Integration. Season 08/ 09 also saw the move to summer football for all girls' youth teams across the nation. The regionalisation of the girls youth leagues allowed this summer season to go ahead and once again the East has proved to be strong by having a league for U13, U15 and U17. U11 football has also been regionalised with many fixtures being played over the short season.

...for me, there are exciting times ahead for girls' and women's football across Tayside and Fife of which I am overjoyed to be part of..."

For any girls/ women's football enquiries please contact **Sam Milne** on **01382 431829** or **E-mail: Sam.milne@scottishfa.co.uk**

A European Visit!

Sam travelled to Czech Republic, which was organised by the Scottish FA for coaches who work regional and development squads. The visit, which was organised in November as part of the **Leonardo Da Vinci Project** was planned to support the education and development of the coaches working across the Regional Player Pathway. Twenty coaches travelled with the party, including: the National Manager, the Head of Girls' and Womens Development, the National Development Officer and the Technical Programme Manager. The group shared experiences with the two top teams; Sparta Prague and Slavia Pargue as well as having conference time with the Czech Republic National Manager. High on the agenda was to network to establish training philosophies, talent plans and identifying talent.

Coaching

Coaching Development Seminar



The National Coaching Network gathered at sportscotland's National Sports Centre, Inverclyde on the 26th and 27th of November.

The two day seminar was staged to create momentum for moving forward. A core group of Officers was selected to represent the Network as the 'Coaching Network Task Group'. The group will create and establish a vision of best practice in the delivery of the nine key actions set out by Coaching Scotland.

A series of workshops were facilitated to create clarity and where potential strength and weaknesses lie, with regards to current delivery in a variety of organisations.

A 'Developing Fundamentals Skills' workshop was provided by Tommy Dowens, current Scottish Volleyball Director of Coaching.

Day two acknowledged the outcomes of the previous day and a 'Route Map for the Future' was agreed by everyone. This will allow all the Coaching Network to work more effectively to deliver the nine Coaching Scotland Actions. A vision to action was presented by Jock Peggie, SRU Coach Education and Development Manager.

To close, Billy Bell, Lead Manager, **sportscotland**, provided an information and consultation exercise to shape the agenda for the UK Coaching Summit, to be held in Glasgow during April 2009. The Conference will be delivered in conjunction with SportsCoach UK, with planned topics including: The Coaching Workforce 2009-16, Building a Leading Coaching System, School Sport Coaching, Creating CPD for High Performance Coaches. A further Coaching Network Seminar will be held during May 2009.

Any information for inclusion in the next newsletter should be submitted by Monday 16th February 2009.



Research Seminar Series

A series of seminars will be presented at University of Stirling, the Department of Sports Studies. For further details contact: Karen Caldwell on 01786 466498 or go to sports.stir.ac.uk

Coach Education

Jan 13th - How to Coach Disabled People. Contact P&K on 01738 637129 **clubgolf** Level 1. Contact Martin Ritchie on 01382 431851 Rugby Foundation and Referee Courses. Contact Doc McKelvey on 01382 431 829 or Paul Hunter on 08451 555555 Ex: 402599

Coach Awards

The Dundee Sports Awards were held on November 25th, with 7 **SportTayside & Fife** Scholarship Coaches being nominated. Beate Petersen, a previous Scholarship, won Coach of the Year, with Pam Bowie receiving the award of Community Coach.

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