

Edinburgh Sports Clubs

Update

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Potential Funding for Sports Clubs

Edinburgh's new Neighbourhood Partnerships invite grant applications from fully constituted, voluntary clubs with open membership criteria.

Grants of up to £5000 may be available to organisations who are offering programmes that increase and support community participation, social inclusion and quality of life. Further information and applications from www.edinburghcompact.org.uk

Edinburgh Nets Euro Basketball Championships



Edinburgh has been chosen to host the Men's 2008 European "C" Championship after a successful bid by the City of Edinburgh Council. The event will be staged at the Edinburgh Universities, Pleasance between 16th and 22nd of June and will be one of the last major championships to be staged prior to the Olympics in Beijing.

This is a great opportunity to see the countries top young players in action and signs for Scottish success are good. Scotland Under-18 men lifted the trophy in last year's C division championship held in Wales so home court advantage and support should bode well for the Scottish team.

Advertise your Club's event city wide?

If you wish to have your club event advertised in the Edinburgh Sports Event Calendar for 2008/09 please email the following details: Title of event, date, venue, cost to spectators / participants and contact details (phone and email/website)

This calendar will be distributed to every school, leisure centre, museum, gallery, community centre and various retail outlets across the city and will also appear on the council website forwarded to all the major employers in Edinburgh to distribute to staff. Email your details donna.finnie@edinburgh.gov.uk



If you wish more information or require any other advice and assistance on club development please contact:
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BUPA Great Winter Run



The City of Edinburgh Council are delighted to be supporting this event which takes place on Saturday 12th January 2008 in Holyrood Park and would like to encourage you to publicise this to members of your club.

The BUPA Great Winter Run is a 5km road run

open to runners of all abilities aged 14 years and over. There is also a junior event, the Tesco Junior Great Winter Run which is a 2.4km run for youngsters of all abilities aged between 7 and 13 years.



The Winter Run course takes runners around Arthur's Seat and guarantees superb views back across the city. This is a really popular event and a great way to burn off the excesses of the Christmas break.

Entries are now open for the BUPA Great Winter Run and the Tesco Junior Great Winter Run. Go to www.greatrun.org where you can enter online or (for the Winter Run) download a paper entry form. If you would like a junior entry form or you would like to enter by phone please call 0845 389 2200.

Improve Communication with New and Existing Members

The importance of good communication is essential if clubs wish to grow and ensure their members are kept fully informed of all club activities.

Websites: Many clubs are now fully aware of the value of a good website in attracting new members and keeping existing members involved.

To have a site individually designed can be fairly expensive but there are many self design sites that offer a good quality product that are completely free to clubs and voluntary groups and fairly simple to set up and administer. Examples of these can be found at:

www.leaguelineup.com

www.communitykit.co.uk

www.hometeamsonline.com

www.teamlobby.com

emails: Clubs are recommended to create their own addresses using ISP's like hotmail or yahoo.

This prevents members receiving unsolicited mail to their personal accounts and can also allows several members of the club's committee to access the account.

Gumtree: This is a new website forum that allows clubs to promote their activities and advertise for new members. Check it out on www.edinburgh.gumtree.com



Coaches Corner

CoachingEdinburgh is still offering discretionary grants to club coaches and volunteers to assist in areas such as first aid, child protection and sport specific workshops. For more information please contact Lindsay Murdoch on 0131 652 4353 or check out www.coachingedinburgh.co.uk

Football Coaching Certificates

Early Touches -

Royal High School,
10th Feb, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Young Footballers -

Royal High School
17th & 24 Feb
10.00am to 4.00pm

Development -

Meggetland 8th March
10.00am to 4.00pm

Youth Footballers -

Meggetland,
22 & 29 March 10.00 to 4.00pm

For more information and applications contact David Sheldon on 0131 550 6489

Edinburgh Acers – New Club

This is an inclusive sports and activities club established to encourage children and young people aged between 5 and 18 who have additional support needs to participate in exercise and sport and enable access into other sport and leisure programmes. Activities include Basketball, Boccia, Football, Dance etc at takes place at Meadowbank Sports Centre on Mondays from 4.00 to 5.00pm.

Booking is recommended through Stewart Houston on 0780 2500150 or email ys-kids@hotmail.com