

Dear Clubs

Part of my role as Sussex Swimming Development Officer is to develop the 'workforce' within Sussex. Workforce is the term given to any teacher/coach/official/poolside helper or anyone else who volunteers in the club environment and in the swimming community.

One project I am currently working on in order to develop the workforce is the implementation of the Young Aquatic Organiser Award

The Young Aquatic Organiser Award (YAOA) is aimed at 14-18 year olds who are developing their leadership and coaching skills and wish to become involved in the administration, teaching, coaching or officiating of aquatic events. The course itself consists of 6 units and contains both theoretical and practical elements. The course concludes with candidates running an aquatic event they have previously worked together to organise.

Also, as part of the course candidates have to undertake a number of hours of voluntary work within a club environment. The work can consist of anything from assisting with teaching and coaching, timekeeping at galas or club championships, or even helping with club admin.

Therefore I will require the support of local clubs in order to run these courses.

There are a number of benefits that clubs can gain by being involved in the YAOA programme.

I have been liaising with School Sport Partnerships and Competition Managers to identify schools and students to work with, and events to link with YAOA.

From this I have developed a YAOA implementation plan. I have also produced an information pack containing all the necessary information for clubs and prospective volunteers. This information pack is attached.

If you would like to become involved and support the implementation of the YAOA in Sussex then please let me know ASAP, and I will be able to advise you on the next step forward.

If you have any queries regarding YAOA then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your help will be very much appreciated. I look forward to working with you in near future.

Kind Regards

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