

ENGLAND NETBALL 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE'

The England Netball Game Conference returns in September at Loughborough University. Led by top coaches, umpires and administrators with invited keynote speakers, there will be something for everyone in this exciting, truly integrated programme.

'Making a Difference' is all about all partners working together to move England Netball forwards at every level. We will be exploring areas that can help you to be as good as you want to be in whatever role you choose. Sessions will include topics such as different learning styles, communication methods and pathways, and

'Our Great Game' is not simply about the athlete, although of course, they are central to everything we do, however Umpires, Coaches, Administrators and other partners are all critical to the success of England Netball.

Three key areas will be addressed during the conference:

- Partnerships
- Stages of Athlete Development (based around the LTAD Framework)
- Developing a Quality Netball Environment for All

Conference objectives:

- To acknowledge and embrace new ideas and ways of working through the use of different learning styles and communication methods
- To ensure everyone has a greater understanding of how the different components of Netball work together and to facilitate joined-up thinking
- To provide opportunities for interaction and exchange of ideas between umpires, coaches, players, administrator and other partners
- To provide a forum where issues can be identified for future action
- To communicate and share the vision for England Netball 2005 - 2009

It is highly recommended that in order to take full advantage of this event, delegates attend both days of the conference. However, if you can't attend both days, then each day is packed full of very useful presentations and workshops and you will find it worthwhile to attend for only 1 day.

FRIDAY PARTNERSHIPS

This day will focus on the integrated delivery of Netball and is specifically aimed at invited Partners i.e. Counties, Regions, Partnership Development Managers (PDM's), School Sports Co-ordinators (SSCO's), and will provide an essential opportunity for all to link up and communicate to ensure everyone is working together towards a common goal.

Workshops will include the following topics:

Physical Education & School Sport Club Links (PESSCL) ■ Step into Sport Regional and County Planning ■ Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Player Pathways ■ England Netball Competition Structure Review

SATURDAY STAGES OF ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Saturday's Programme is the first of two days open to everyone involved in 'Our Great Game' whether you are an Umpire, Coach, Player or Administrator. A variety of interactive, integrated practical and classroom based workshops and updates will be on offer, including:

Communication methods ■ Developing Fundamentals in Schools ■ Coaching and umpiring High 5 Netball ■ Preparations for the 2006 Commonwealth Games United Kingdom Coaching Certificate ■ Volunteer Pathways

In addition there will be the opportunity to attend a range of Running Sport workshops which will run simultaneously throughout the day and will be very useful for any volunteers:

Volunteer Management ■ Funding and Promoting your Club ■ Developing your Club

GOALDEN GLOBE AWARDS

'Goalden Globe' Awards

On Saturday evening, England Netball will be hosting the Goalden Globe Awards Dinner which is open to for all conference attendees. Bring your posh frocks and suits and be prepared for an evening of celebration and fun for all that is great about England Netball - the volunteer!!

SUNDAY DEVELOPING A PERFORMANCE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

Again, aimed at everyone involved in 'Our Great Game', the programme will focus on creating a quality Netball environment to enable everyone to perform to their potential.

Workshops will include:

Practical on-court sessions with coaches, umpires and players working together to explore the Technical, Tactical, Physical and Mental aspects of the Game ■ An opportunity to observe top England Coaches leading a coaching session with the England Under 21 Squad, on their return from the World Youth Championship in Florida