

ICES Webinar speakers to share their experience collaborating sport and development agencies

Participants viewing the next ICES Webinar on April 1 will have the opportunity to hear from speakers who boast experience collaborating with hundreds of sport and development agencies. These speakers will focus on 'Maximising Networks and Professional Collaboration'.

Chris Middleton manages a project that involves over 250 sport and development agencies. Chris manages the Sport and Development platform, an online platform devoted entirely to the field of sport and development. Currently 277 organisations are signed up to the platform along with over 1,400 'team players'. This gives Chris a unique insight into collaborative and cross-organisational work and how to maximise this for individual and organisational development.

During the webinar Chris will provide a conceptual framework for maximising participation in professional networks and involvement in collaborative work. This conceptual framework will assist coaches, practitioners and agencies reflecting on what support systems are relevant for their specific needs. Lessons learned from his work with the Sport and Development Platform will be used as case studies throughout the presentation.

Following Chris, the leaders of two well renowned sport organisations will share their experiences of taking part in an agency to agency exchange as part of ICES. Steve Nelson, CEO of Wesport (UK), and Mark Mungal, President of the Trinidad & Tobago Alliance of Sport and Physical Education (TTASPE), will discuss how they maximised the value and impact of this exchange programme that took place over the first three months of 2011. Through their work with Wesport and TTASPE Steve and Mark work with over a hundred organisations in the UK, Caribbean and internationally and will use this experience to frame their learning so it is appropriate for other organisations and contexts.

Lastly, a panel of practitioners have been sourced to share their developmental experiences as network members or within collaborative development initiatives. The panel members include sport and development coaches, educators, and coach development managers. They will provide insights into positive and negative experiences they have had working alongside and learning from external agencies, mentors and peers. The panel is made up of Paul Otieno from CHRISC Rwanda as well as Shadrick Kaputa and Mwape Konsolo from Sport in Action in Zambia.

ICES Webinars are an initiative of UK Sport International to support members of the ICES network to connect with each other, exchange ideas and access expertise from across the sport and development community. Utilising a simple web based system, participants are able to view key-note speakers, interact with each other and sign-post their fellow sport and development professionals to information, resources and good practice in the field.

For further information about the ICES Webinars please contact the team at UK Sport - ices@uksport.gov.uk.