

January Webinar to focus on Children and Young People

Protecting and empowering children and young people is key for community coaches and those responsible for developing and supporting these coaches. The next ICES Webinar, to be held on January 19, will focus on good practice in working with children and young people in community sport.

The webinar will feature a headline presentation from UNICEF, the world's leading organisation protecting the rights of children and young people. UNICEF works in over 190 countries to protect children's right working with local communities, partners and governments to ensure these rights are upheld. Since 2007, UNICEF have worked with UK Sport and British Council as the delivery partners of International Inspiration, London 2012's official international sports legacy programme. Liz Twyford, UNICEF's International Inspiration Programme Specialist will share key learning from UNICEF's work with sport and sport-for-development agencies headlining key considerations for agencies' governance, strategy and implementation to protect and empower children and young people.

Two practical case studies will also be presented during the Webinar. Henry Lihaya, the Secretary-General of the Tanzanian National Sports Council will share the key principles of their programme that aims to empower young people in schools and communities across Tanzania. Henry will provide an overview of the work that they have been leading in four regions in Tanzania and the impact that this has had on teaching in schools and the skills and training that it has given to young people in communities.

Lastly the Caribbean's leading body supporting youth sport and physical education, TTASPE (Trinidad and Tobago Alliance of Sport and Physical Education) will overview their efforts to promote child friendly sport. TTASPE's Development Manager Kerish Maharaj will discuss the practical measures his organisation have implemented above and beyond child protection policies to ensure children in TTASPE supported programmes have a safe, enjoyable and developmental experience in sport.

The focus of this Webinar three links directly to two specific areas within the ICES Framework:

- Coaching Capability 1: Create Safe and Positive Learning Environments
- System Area 1: Infrastructure, Policy & Programming

The coaching capability 'create safe and positive learning environments' recognises that a key role of the coach is to provide a safe and positive learning outcome is created. To do this the coach adopts an inclusive, participant-focused approach that safeguards participants and creates a positive learning environment.

- CA1.1 Identifies activity space
- CA1.2 Ensures physical safety
- CA1.3 Protects emotional wellbeing especially for children and young people
- CA 1.4 Shows empathy and sensitivity
- CA 1.5 First aid
- CA 1.6 Is inclusive
- CA 1.7 Engages vulnerable and disengaged participants
- CA 1.8 Recognises signs of abuse and supports intervention

The system area 'infrastructure, policy and programming' relates to the structures and management processes in place to support the coach education and development

functions of the organisation. In particular the webinar is focusing on these areas related to protecting and empowering young people in sport:

- System Area 1.3 Policies and procedures
- System Area 1.5 Practitioner development pathway
- System Area 1.7 Workforce development and recruitment planning
- System Area 1.8 Workforce
- System Area 1.9 Workforce Training and Development

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