

Young Ambassadors Programme 2008-2009

Dear

I hope that you and your Young Ambassadors are having a rewarding and successful year. As we enter the London 2012 Olympiad this summer the Young Ambassador Programme continues to build momentum and enters a new and exciting phase. Plans are well underway for the Young Ambassador Programme for 2008-9. This letter and the enclosed information provides important information on the programme going forward, details about the Young Ambassador Conferences this autumn and a brief reflection on achievements throughout 2007-8.

Enclosed documents include:

- **Summary of what Young Ambassadors have done throughout 2008-9**
- **Selection criteria and guidance in recruiting your two new Young Ambassadors**
- **Information sheet outlining the Young Ambassador programme 08-11**

Selecting Young Ambassadors for 2008-9

There is the opportunity for all School Sport Partnerships to select **two new** Young Ambassadors for 2008-9. The Young Ambassadors selected will undertake the role for a **two year** period. Please see the enclosed selection criteria and guidance to support you in the selection process. Young Ambassadors undertaking the role throughout the last year (2007-8) in September '08 will become **Mentor Young Ambassadors** (see enclosed programme summary for further details).

Young Ambassador Conferences and registration

There are 6 Regional Conferences taking place. The first Young Ambassador Conference takes place the day after the closing ceremony of the Beijing Paralympics.

Venues and dates:

Thursday 18 September	York Race Course
Tuesday 23 September	Kassam Stadium - Oxford
Tuesday 30 September	Lancashire CCC - Manchester
Thursday 2 October	Derby County FC
Tuesday 7 October	Exeter Rugby Club
Thursday 9 October	Chelsea FC – London

These conferences are for Young Ambassadors NOT Mentor Young Ambassadors.

Each School Sport Partnership has three places at one conference of their choice – 2 places for Young Ambassadors and 1 place for a teacher (person in the SSP who will work to support the YAs undertake their role)

Registration:

The registration of your Young Ambassadors will use an on-line system. The on-line registration system is simple and easy to use. There is **one on-line form to be completed by the teacher attending one of the 6 Conferences with the Young Ambassadors and one on-line form to be completed by each of the Young Ambassadors.**

To register on- line

Please visit www.youthsporttrust.org/yaconference

Helpline 0208 916 2249

Deadline for on-line registration is Friday 11th July 08

Mentor Young Ambassadors (Young Ambassadors undertaking the role over 07-08)

We would like to invite 10 Young Ambassadors to form an advisory and planning group for the Conferences 2008. We would also invite existing Young Ambassadors to become 'profile Young Ambassadors' where they will undertake specific training and represent the Young Ambassador Programme at the growing number of National and Regional events where Young Ambassadors are invited to attend/speak.

Please can you e-mail youngambassadors@youthsporttrust.org if would like to nominate a Young Ambassadors from your Partnership to be part of the Conference advisory and planning group or to become a 'Profile Young Ambassador'

I wish you the very best in selecting your new Young Ambassadors. Please pass on the sincere thanks of all at YST to your Young Ambassadors who have undertaken the role over the last year.

I look forward to seeing you and your Young Ambassadors at one of the conferences in September/October.

Yours sincerely,

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