



## **Young Ambassadors 2009-10**

### **The Role and Selection Guidance for NEW Young Ambassadors**

Young Ambassadors undertake the role for a minimum period of two academic years. The first year (2009-10) the young people selected will have a role as Young Ambassadors. The second year and beyond (2010+) they will have an enhanced responsibility as mentors for new Ambassadors. This will include organising and running a one-day training conference for 'Silver Young Ambassadors' in Partnership Secondary Schools.

#### Selection criteria for **NEW** Young Ambassadors:

- The Young Ambassadors must be between the ages of 14-17yrs and in years 10-12 when undertaking the role (*Mentor Young Ambassadors may therefore be in year 11-13*).
- This means nominations for some new Young Ambassadors may include students currently in year 9
- School Sport Partnerships should, where possible, identify one male and one female Young Ambassador.
- Please select two new Young Ambassadors
- Please select one of your Young Ambassadors who is a talented performer (gifted and talented young athlete) and one being a committed leader and volunteer engaged through the Step into Sport programme. Clearly some Young People will be both!

We would also encourage you to be reflective of both the Olympics and Paralympics and include young disabled people as part of the selection process. These young disabled people may be selected from special or mainstream schools and in applying the skills this should relate to the person and provide flexibility in interpretation. For example, ASDAN as a leadership qualification rather than Sports Leaders UK. Or performance in a disability sports context, rather than performance against their non-disabled peers.

#### **The Role of the Young Ambassador**

The role of the Young Ambassador is to bring the inspiration and magic of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to other young people in their School Sport Partnership. They are to be your best young people - advocates, role models and leaders of other young people.

- Live out and promote the Olympic Values::
  - Respect
  - Friendship
  - Personal Excellence
- Live and promote the Paralympic Values::
  - Courage
  - Determination



- Inspiration
- Quality

The Young Ambassador Roles falls into six distinct areas:



### Outline Person Specification

This will aid you in selecting your two Young Ambassadors for your School Sport Partnership.

Essential and Desirable Requirements for Young Ambassadors	
General	
Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to inspire other young people</li> <li>• Excellent communication skills – with both adults and other young people</li> <li>• Ability to show initiative and take responsibility</li> <li>• Ability to portray a positive image and be a good role model to young people</li> <li>• Be organised and have good time management skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in other areas of school life such as School Council, peer mentoring, representing school teams etc</li> <li>• Sound presentation skills</li> </ul>



<b>Area Specific</b>	
<b>Performance/Gifted &amp; Talented Ambassador</b>	<b>Leadership and Volunteering Ambassador</b>
<p>The Performance/ Gifted and Talented Ambassador will be a pupil who is currently performing and/or competing at a regional, national or international level sport. The young person will be:</p> <p>Commitment to improving his/her own performance over the next 12 to 15 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well respected and a considered a role model by staff and fellow pupils in his/her school</li> <li>• Knowledgeable and able to articulate the impact and benefits of sport and physical activity to a wide audience, including peer groups</li> </ul>	<p>The Leadership and Volunteering Ambassador needs to be a young person who is currently engaged in various aspects of Step into Sport This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous or current exposure to Sport Education</li> <li>• Previous or current involvement in leadership awards such as Level 1 in Sports Leadership (JSLA) or Level 2 in Community Sports Leadership (CSLA), and/or NGB awards</li> <li>• Previous or current involvement schools based volunteering Engagement in community volunteering– either in a sports club or in local sports events</li> </ul>

### **Undertaking the selection process**

Please feel free to be innovative and creative in undertaking the selection process. As an underpinning principle of the Young Ambassador Programme is Young People driving change, we would actively encourage you to empower your existing Young Ambassadors to lead/contribute to the process.