My Games Project – a new approach to volunteering

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Introduction

• My role within Volleyball England and background
• What is a volunteer?
• My Games Project – a new approach to volunteering?

Background to My Games programme

• Collaboration of 20 organizations or charities across England who have come together to deliver Olympic inspired youth volunteering projects
• Funded by v, The National Young Volunteers Service

Project 1 – V3

• V3 = V-inspired Volleyball Volunteers
• 4 regional groups
• Set up their own volleyball activity during October half-term for the local community

Recruitment methods

• V-Inspired website
• Volleyball clubs
• Volunteering bureau
• Universities
• Total = 55

Diversity

• 44 volunteers completed monitoring form
• 36% male and 64% female
• 30% new volunteers
• 32% BME
• 2% disability
• 16% not heterosexual
• 32% ‘issues’ (e.g. lone parent, care leaver, low income)
Training

• Specially designed training weekend at the National Volleyball Centre in Kettering.
• Sessions: team building, media training, planning events, events management, child protection.
• Also chance to plan their event.

Events

• 23rd October – Manchester (sports hall session)
• 24th October – Nottingham (sports hall session)
• 30th October – Metro Centre, Gateshead
• 31st October – Birmingham (sports hall session)
Beneficiaries

Over 300 children and other young people

It really got me to learn more!

It was fun and cool!

I love volleyball!

I like the target!

It was mint!

I thought it was very fun!

This is a very fun sport!

Pathways

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For skills, fitness, tactics and great social buzz...

Get into Volleyball
Project 2
– Event Volunteers

- Offers the possibility of short-term volunteering or more sustained commitment
- Range of events in our sitting, indoor, and beach volleyball calendars
- Initial recruitment for the Sitting Volleyball Grand Prix

Project 3
– Volley Squads

- Volley Squads are a club based group of young volunteers
- Three strands: coaching, refereeing and club development

Conclusion

- + My Games Project allowed some barriers to volunteering removed
- + A number of volunteers were recruited
- – Funding only allowed to support the targeted 16 to 25 year old age group
- – Long term sustainability uncertain