



Coach Education for Adventure Sport Performance

International Conference

11-12th January 2018

Call for Abstracts

Plas y Brenin, the National Mountain Sports Centre in Snowdonia, North Wales, is hosting the inaugural conference to explore the role of coach developers in adventure sports performance. The conference aims to bring together academics, researchers, coach developers and coaches from a range of universities, national governing bodies of sport and related organisations with an interest in this under-researched field.

The intention is to demonstrate the relationship between research, coach education and coaching practice. At the heart of the conference is the philosophy that all good coaching is individualised. To facilitate individualisation, coaching has to be responsive, adaptable and flexible. That responsiveness, adaptability and flexibility are dependent upon effective coach education and on-going coach and leader development that is built on evidence, coaching expertise and participant needs. It is the development of the coach educator that has a major part to play in ensuring that all coaching meets the individualised needs of the adventure sports participant.

To facilitate an applied approach, it is expected that the research context, findings, implications and recommendations will be presented by the researcher in partnership with a practising adventure sports coach or leader. This will be in keynote format. In between the keynotes, a range of seminar workshops, presented by coach developers, academics and researchers, will be available to attendees. These chaired seminars will present and discuss a range of relevant and contemporary issues. An opportunity for postgraduate students to present posters will also be available at points in the programme.

Possible themes for seminars will include, but not exclusively centre around:

- The changing demographic
- The integration of practice and theory
- Creating an adaptable and flexible coaching workforce
- Inclusivity in Performance Coaching
- The experiences of female coaches, leaders and instructors
- Case studies integrating research and practice.

Any suitable abstract will be considered by the conference group. This group is chaired by Dean Sinfield (Senior Instructor, Plas y Brenin) and supported by Dr Loel Collins (Senior Lecturer, University of Central Lancashire), Lee Pooley (Director of Coaching, British Canoeing) and John Cousins (Executive Officer, Mountain Training UK). The deadline for abstract submission is Friday 7th July. Please send to sid.sinfield@pyb.co.uk.

The conference itself will be held over two half days in January 2018, starting at lunchtime on Thursday 11th with a buffet lunch followed by keynote lectures in the afternoon and a range of themed seminars that will involve several related short presentations and discussions. An evening meal will allow further discussion and networking, with a final presentation completing the day. The following morning a keynote lecture will get the 'ball rolling' and be followed by two series of themed seminars that would lead to a concluding session preceding lunch and departure.

The standard delegate cost for attending the event is £240. Booking open on 7th July and can be made via the Plas y Brenin website (www.pyb.co.uk).



Abstract, Outline Proposal

The deadline for abstract submission is Friday 7th July. Please send to sid.sinfield@pyb.co.uk

Surname:	
First name:	
Email address:	
Job Title:	
Theme:	
Submission: (Keynote: Talk, Poster or Workshop - please specify)	

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