



SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST YOUNG VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME 2018-19

REPORT

The aim of the SER Young Volunteer Programme is to increase the number of trained young people and to improve the accessibility to formal and informal training opportunities. Young people participating in the programme were expected to attend two Development Days. In addition to attendance at the development days, the young people were expected to undertake ten hours volunteering within their home clubs and volunteer at an aquatic event (club, county or regional).

In 2018/2019 six programmes were planned within the South East with one programme running in each of the regions County ASA's. Six programmes were planned in Medway (Kent), Amersham (BSB), Portsmouth (Hampshire), Abingdon/Oxford (ONB), Crawley/Brighton (Sussex) and Guildford (Surrey). Unfortunately the ONB programme was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Training provided during the programme included;

- Swim England Young Aquatic Helper Certificate
- British Swimming Timekeepers Course
- Emergency First Aid for Sports Coaches
- UK Coaching – Safeguarding for Young Volunteers (13+)

32 Clubs had young people participating in the programme - Brighton Dolphins SC, Hailsham SC, Fareham Nomads SC, Maxwell SC, Portsmouth & District SSC, Maidstone SC, Herne Bay LSC, Guildford City SC, Elmbridge Phoenix SC, Crawley SC, Beacon SC, Portsmouth Victoria SSC, Locksheath SC, Worthing SC, Shiverers SC, Hastings Seagulls SC, East Grinstead SC, Lewes SC, Godalming SC, Wey Valley SC, Leatherhead SC, Rushmoor Synchro SC, Black Lion SC, Sittingbourne & Milton SC, Aqua Swimming, Tonbridge SC, City of Canterbury SC, Slough & Eton Dolphin SC, Chalfont Otters SC, Wycombe District SC, Bletchley & District SC and Chesham SC

Throughout the programme a total of 84 young people attended bespoke development days which delivered 271 training opportunities. The total number of young people registered on the programme was slightly lower than the target of 100.

79 young people completed the whole programme, including attendance at 2 development days, volunteering at an aquatic event and 10 hours volunteering within their home club. These young people received a t-shirt and water bottle following completion of the programme.

In 2018/2019 Volunteering development opportunities were offered to all participants on the programme including a list of events at which they could volunteer. Further training and volunteer opportunities were also communicated via a 6 monthly young volunteer update, circulated to participants on the programme.

For future programmes, the region would like to look to develop a tracking system to allow the number of young people continuing to volunteer in aquatics to be monitored. For example, to see how many young volunteers progress to achieve their J1 officiating qualification.