

**Assessment of the Agenda – Content and Style**  
1 = Not at all.../4 = Yes, very...

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Volunteering Project**

Content	Not at all			Yes very.....
Relevant to your job?	1	2 (1)	3 (9)	4 (9)
Will you act on the information received	Yes (19)		No	
Style				
Did you value the way the item was presented/discussed?	1	2 (2)	3 (14)	4 (3)

**Comments:**

- Nice idea but, potentially complicated... Who will lead, as this is a massive piece of work? Many CSPs have already taken this on. Local links needed – so is going to regional level adding another tier? How would it link in with sports that already have V Teams? We need to link with organisations wider than Vol Centres (not all VCs have a V team) as other organisations, like CARES have good opps for us to work with. How to ensure that all sports follow GP and all vols have a good experience? V team now has a Vol Co-ord workshop that looks after these issues.
  - Yes definitely interested & positive about the project. There is a National Volunteer management position within our NGB, then 9 Regional VMs. Under the Reg VMs there are PESSYP Coach & Volunteer Officers. We have shifted PESSYP from pure coaching to add in building volunteer infrastructure (within a given club / clubs) to the PESSYP role. We do encourage clubs to adopt Volunteer Coordinator posts, though we do little to develop and support this role – sue to lack of capacity. Some training & support for VCs within clubs e.g. how to manage Step into Sport placements would be very helpful. This could be generic across sports. Support at grass roots level working with club & volunteer directly would be more helpful that Regional Co-ordination or creating a regional database.
  - Certainly interested in this area of work. We would be able to offer support at County level through our FDO network. Regionally I would offer time and co-ordination. We also have a national manager overseeing volunteering / clubs. Info on clubs that have volunteer co-ordinators would be easy for us to provide. Would support the development of a training programme for volunteer co-ordinators in clubs. Keep it simple and focussed around building the links between the Clubs & the volunteer (this seems to be the difficult part of the process).
  - Consider developing a regional reward programme for volunteers
  - Clarity on any system that is adopted. KISS principle so that whatever system is adopted meets the needs of key partners. i.e. NGB and its clubs, CSP and its support network, local volunteer ‘supply’ organisations and easy exchange of needs / available skills / databased personnel.
  - Gymnastics England has various initiatives already in place to help upskill volunteers. Recruiting volunteers into clubs can be an issue. How this is to be brokered would be very useful to know in terms of clubs being keen to take these volunteers on. Needs to be easily accessible.
- We have no national or regional volunteer officers. Volunteering sits under workforce development strand of Regional Plans. National Workforce Development Officer is in

post. Volunteering runs throughout Regional Plans – various courses in place to upskill (mostly young) volunteers

- The “V Involved” Programme is in place in our County. A database of volunteers has been produced. Support is needed to identify placements & we need to improve mentoring support for volunteers. More placements in quality clubs is an issue.
- I’ll email in with our Organisation’s support options & update on the EMDA perspective when I have spoken to them.
- We need to ensure that disabled people are adequately supported (i.e. a buddy scheme).

Future of NGB Forum				
Content	Not at all			Yes very.....
Relevant to your job?	1	2 (1)	3 (8)	4 (10)
Are you likely to use the information that’s finally produced?	Yes (19)		No	
Style				
Did you value the way the item was presented/discussed?	1 (1)	2 (1)	3 (13)	4 (4)

**Comments:**

- Let’s look at other regions and their solutions
- This was my first meeting, but I feel that the Forum gives me the opportunity to network with the CSPs, other sports and share good practise.
- Could have some small break out groups giving the chance for more discussion & dialogue
- A guided discussion required for the December meeting. Noel’s suggestion of bringing together a group to provide the focus for any discussions and lead in actions that came from the meeting
- How is this going to look? When is it ready to be used further? GE / BG have a good coach ed department re coaching qualifications. Further support is required on CPD re helping club volunteers.
- Would have been good to discuss this in a little more detail
- This was too brief – we need a plan to move this forward.

**Coaching Update**

Content	Not at all			Yes very.....
Relevant to your job?	1	2 (4)	3 (7)	4 (7)
Will you act on the information received	Yes (15)		No (4)	
Style				
Did you value the way the item was presented/discussed?	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (12)	4 (3)

**Comments:**

- More info on recruiting into coaching would be useful. The definition has far too many words – who devised this? Simple English please!
- No real explanation of how our coaches can directly benefit. What is available to them (by way of direct support)?
- Further knowledge of the CDM’s role within the Counties & their contact details would be useful. I can then encourage county FA staff to meet and discuss co-ordination

- Clarity on NGB national / regional relationships particularly with sports which have a coach / coaching specific structure
- Not relevant to me at this stage, until we have a better understanding of the roles & their day to day work.

NGB / CSP Engagement				
Content	Not at all			Yes very.....
Relevant to your job?	1	2	3 (2)	4 (16)
Are you likely to use the information that's finally produced?	Yes (18)		No	
Style				
Did you value the way the item was presented/discussed?	1 (1)	2	3 (3)	4 (15)

**Comments:**

- Netball presentation very useful. "One Team One Vision" engaging volunteer infrastructure. Would be helpful to have more info on how they achieved this, or are trying to achieve it. These sorts of topics are ones that make the Regional Forum really useful
- Excellent presentations which provide a great insight into an agreed working agenda NGB – CSP
- National Netball picture very informative, snappy & easy to relate to my own sport. Presented simply, yet was full of important info. CSP section seemed a little unprepared and slightly over complicated the issue. I lost the thread at times, although found it informative.
- This item shows the value of the NGB Forum at a regional level

**Are there any particular topics you would like to see covered in future meetings?**

- Influencing BSF planning process – how are CSPs helping with this? Have other sports has success with this? Any good practise projects that can be shared?
- Examples of GP between CSP / NGB
- NGB / CSP engagement part 2 'from theory to reality'

**Any other comments?**

- Chance for smaller NGBs to get together to discuss their particular needs / workloads
- Another good morning and good use of time
- Really useful as always