

Target group: Young and Older Sportsmen & Women

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▶ Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizational leaders and managers - Trainers/coaches, - Event and activity supporters - Young and Older Sportsmen & Women
▶ Dimension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment of volunteers - Retention of volunteers on practical level - Recognition of volunteers on public level - Influence or contribute to laws, government policies or recommendations on volunteering - Promotion of the social and economical value of volunteering group
▶ Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To organise a wide variety of Sport and Physical Activity projects in a rural area - To give young, older, male and female the opportunity to participate a wide and varied programme of Sport for All. - To work in partnership with clubs, volunteers and South lanarkshire Leisure & Culture Trust.
▶ Project description	<p>Clydesdale Sports Council, a local sports organisation was formed in 1982 and twenty years later still plays an important role in the organisation of sporting and physical activity in the small rural community of the Clydesdale area which has a population of 50,000.</p> <p>This community organisation which is a member of the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils in 1996 became a partner of South Lanarkshire Leisure following the reorganisation of Local Authorities and the Sports Council works very closely with South Lanarkshire to provide sporting opportunities for residents of the Clydesdale Area, one of four Districts in South lanarkshire. The Sports Councils main focus is working with youngsters and Seniors 60+.</p> <p>The office Bears and management committee of the Sports Council are volunteers and in partnership with the local sports clubs who provide many volunteers to organise a wide and varied programme of Tournaments, Competitions, District Championships and Schools of Sport. A wide range of activities for Seniors 60+ age group include the following, Winter Leagues and competitions for older people in rural areas. In the summer however golf and bowls, popular activities in Scotland feature Leagues, Individual and team tournaments to bring senior citizens together for physical activity and friendship.</p>

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During the year outdoor and indoor programme is wide and varied through sports such as Badminton, Athletics, Football and Bowls. Residential District Schools of Sport are organised at Scotlands National Sports Centre, Inverclyde, Largs in a variety of sports including Hockey, Football, Athletics, Badminton, Gymnastics which is supported by numerous volunteer coaches.

The Clydesdale Sports Council also organises a prestigious Dinner each year not only to recognise talented sportspersons but coaches who give of their time throughout the year to tutor and develop young people in sport and to recognise the volunteers who do the necessary volunteering in the club scene through coaching, administration, transport assistants and the washing of team strips.

In addition to the recognition awards through the local Sports Councils each area in Scotland in partnership with SportScotland and the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils present a prestigious recognition award each year to an individual who has an outstanding record of Volunteering in Sport for more than 25/30 years, ie a lifetime.

▶ Period of implementation

1982, ongoing

▶ Level of Activities

Local, Regional, National, International

▶ Results Achieved

- With the dedication of time given by volunteers it is of great benefit to communities in making projects happen.
- The amount of evening and weekend activities that can happen with the army of volunteers is unbelievable.
- On occasions however active clubs can suffer if they do not have individuals available when long serving volunteers retire or through illness.
- The developing of volunteers and receiving their commitment is crucial.
- Continuous recruitment is also vital.

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