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Riverside given European award

The European Museum Forum (EMF) has awarded the Glasgow's Riverside Museum: Scotland's Museum of Transport and Travel, with the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) 2013.

The EMF Annual Assembly and the Awards Ceremony was hosted by the Gallo Romeins Museum in Tongeren, Belgium – EMYA Winner in 2011. Forty museums applied for the European Museum of the Year Award from 21 countries and 29 were nominated by the EMYA Judging Panel.

The Riverside Museum was chosen because it "demonstrates brilliantly how a specialist transport collection can renew its relevance through active engagement with wider social and universal issues".

The EMYA 2013 Judging Panel agreed unanimously that the museum fulfils the EMYA criteria of 'public quality' at the highest level.



The museum beat 29 other attractions to pick up the prestigious award

Museums are assessed on their public quality, defined by EMF's founder Kenneth Hudson as "the extent to which a museum satisfies the needs and wishes of its visitors."

• Other awards included The Kenneth Hudson Award, which was given to Batalha's Municipal Community Museum, Damão e Diu – Batalha, Portugal, while the MAS Museum aan de Stroom, Antwerp, Belgium received the Silletto Award. *Details:*



Worthy will be tasked with leading the UK sector

Life Fitness appoints Jason Worthy as new MD

Life Fitness has appointed Jason Worthy as new managing director for the group's UK business. Worthy is a fitness industry veteran, having previously worked with LA Fitness and Fitness First. He was also head of sales at Technogym until 2007.

Worthy initially joined Life Fitness in April 2012 as the general manager for distributor business in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region.

Nationwide art exhibition for Scotland

A nation wide, £1m (US\$1.5m, €1.17m) contemporary art exhibition in Scotland will be staged at venues across the country over five months to coincide with the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

GENERATION will see new and existing work shown at more than 50 venues across the country between June and October 2014, showcasing the work of Scottish artists and artists whose work has been shaped by Scotland over the past 25 years. Among artists already named are David Shrigley and Lorna MacIntyre.

Sport could save government 'billions'

Using sport to tackle social issues among disadvantaged young people could save billions of pounds every year, according to a report from The Sported Foundation, which conducted a research project looking into tackling the problem. The report – based on research carried out over a period of three years – says that sport has a significant impact on alcohol and drug misuse, decreasing the risk by 19 per cent.

It also reduces the likelihood of a young person taking part in crime or anti-social behaviour by around 15 per cent.

The study looked at around 4,000 sport development projects across the UK and discovered that using sport to tackle social



Sport can transform lives in underprivileged areas

issues also saw an increase in both educational attainment and attendance. Using sport to tackle social issues saw a 14 per cent increase in health and well being as well as saving £4,714 per young person per year. *Details:*

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SPORT

UK longest indoor ski slope planned

Swindon could become home to the longest ski slope in the UK as part of the revised plans for the multi million pound revamp of the Oasis Leisure centre. In the new plans, the slope would exceed the current longest UK slope at Xscape Braehead in Scotland, which holds the record at 200 metres in length.

"This development will make Swindon the best indoor skiing venue in the country," said Keith Williams, Swindon Borough council's cabinet member for leisure and strategic transport. "Understandably there is a great deal of excitement surrounding the scheme and the leisure and employment benefits it will provide to Swindon."

The plans which would now include everything under one roof, feature the indoor ski slope, a 7,000-seater arena, leisure shops and



A number of plans have been put forward for the Oasis in Swindon

facilities. Later this month work will begin to refurbish the Oasis gym with 100 new pieces of equipment as part of a £2m refurbishment of the Dome. On 1 April, Greenwich Leisure Limited took over the day-to-day management of the Oasis for the next 25 years. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=8M8L8>

Work begins on Burgess Park BMX track

Construction work has started on a 400m (1,312ft) BMX track in Burgess Park, Southwark, South London.

Ground Control Ltd has been appointed as the contractor for the new £800,000 track which will open in summer 2013.

The track will be free to use and has been designed to cater for both novices and competition-standard riders. It will feature a starting hill, a variety of jumps and floodlighting. The venue will be capable of hosting international races. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p4O6V>

Bury chosen to lead women's sport pilot

The town of Bury has received £1.8m funding to run an intensive one-year pilot to get more girls and women active and to tackle the gender gap in sport. Funded by National Lottery funding from Sport England, the scheme will run highly visible activities across the borough including in local parks and leisure centres.

Sports on offer will fall into four areas: well-known sports played in different forms or settings (such as cardio tennis); outdoor fitness such as bootcamps in parks or group runs; dance and fitness sessions; and programmes to encourage older women to get more involved in sport.

Despite an increase in women playing sport regularly over the past year, they are still much less likely to be active than men.

Secretary for culture, media and sport, Maria Miller, said: "Last year's Olympic and Paralympic Games were a triumph for women's sport, showcasing positive role models such as Jess Ennis and Ellie Simmonds."



The scheme will look to close the gender gap in sport

£5.1m for local sports projects

Sport England has announced that 32 new sporting projects will share a slice of a £5.1 m National Lottery fund.

"This fund was created to respond to demand among local communities for investment to reach down to the local level", said Mike Diaper, community sport director for Sport England.

"By working with new partners, taking a flexible approach and investing in innovative ideas, we're offering people the chance to get into sport in a way that most suits their needs and aspirations."

One recipient of the funding (receiving £177,826) is Wigan Borough Sports Council, which plans to establish four new sports zones. Elsewhere, St Mary's University College in London was awarded £246,860 to provide more opportunities for women to take part



The funding will be used for a wide range of initiatives across England

in sport. This is the first of five rounds of funding, with a total investment of £40m on offer. A second round of bids, ending 1 July 2013, is currently underway with grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 for a wide range of projects to be funded by the Community Sport Activation Fund (CSAF). *Details:*

Decline in children's sport 'worrying'

More than a third of teachers have reported a reduction in the amount of time spent on school sport and PE activities over the last two years.

The figures come from a study carried out by The Smith Institute - an independent think-tank that holds close ties with the Labour Party. The study surveyed more than 1,000 teachers and school sports officials as part of the report.

A third (33.7 per cent) of primary school teachers said there had been a decrease in sporting participation, while 11.6 per cent said there had been an increase. The remaining 54.7 per cent reported no change.

In secondary schools, 34.6 per cent reported a drop in activity while 57.1 per cent said



The time spent doing sport and PE has fallen in UK schools since 2011

participation was unchanged - with only 8.2 per cent saying there had been an increase.

The reported drops have been measured since 2010, when the government cut the £162m a year "school sports partnerships" scheme. *Details:* <http://lei.sr?a=x5v2e>

Parkour road show to travel the UK

Leisure operators wanting to offer Parkour to their users will have the opportunity to find out more about the rapidly growing sport at a series of free events taking place across the UK. Beginning in Cardiff on 20 May 2013, the Parkour Roadshow is being

hosted by Freemove, a specialist developer of Parkour equipment. As well as learning about Parkour and its history, attendees to each event will be able to see demonstrations and try out portable indoor Parkour equipment. *Details:* <http://lei.sr?a=q5G7L>

Work underway on new £6m Welsh sports hub

Ystrad Mynach is set to get a new hub of sporting excellence in South Wales with the development of a £6m sporting facility, due to open in early 2014.

The project will feature two full size 3G rugby and football pitches laid to national and international standards. These will be supported by an Integrated Sport and Community Complex comprising changing rooms, training gym, treatment rooms, offices and meeting rooms, and conference and community facilities.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b3f6a>



The proposals have now secured council backing

Romford's new Ice Cube project gets go ahead

The new Romford Leisure Development in Essex, which includes an ice rink has been given the green light by Havering's Regulatory Services Committee.

Designed by FaulknerBrowns Architects, the venue will be located on a compact urban site in Romford centre includes a competition pool and ice rink under one roof, something the town has never seen before. A new eight-lane 25m pool and kiddie's learner pool will occupy the ground floor together with the entrance foyer and café, overlooked by a fully-equipped health and fitness gym.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w4X7L>

Glasgow 2014 reveals family-friendly ticketing

The organising committee for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games (GOC) has announced that 66 per cent of tickets will be priced at £25 or less as part of a strategy to make the Games family friendly.

Announced its intention of delivering 'packed stadia and a 'Games for everyone', GOC unveiled that access to sporting events at one of the world's greatest multi-sports Games will start from just £15 for adults. The price of a ticket also includes access to public transport in the local area on the day of your event.

Anytime Fitness expands portfolio with Crawley club

US-based health club operator Anytime Fitness is continuing its UK expansion with the opening of a new club in Crawley in June. The 3,200sq ft (297sq m) gym, located in Crawley Town centre, will be equipped with Precor gym equipment and be open 24-hours a day, seven days a week, with a security-access key allowing members to enter the club even when it is not staffed.

The club will be operated by entrepreneur James Ussher on a franchise model. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=P8D6B>



Athletes Shauna Mullin and Zara Dampney

David Lloyd launches Volleybody classes

David Lloyd Leisure has announced it will be the first major fitness operator to introduce Volleybody, created in the wake of last year's Olympic Games.

Aimed at people with good levels of fitness, the class takes inspiration from three core moves used in beach volleyball – defending, hitting and blocking. Designed by British Beach Volleyball strength and conditioning coach Kate Eddy and team members Zara Dampney and Shauna Mullin, the hour-long sessions are performed to music. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U5e6d>

CEO of the year award for Gym Group's John Treharne

John Treharne, chief executive of The Gym Group, has been named CEO of the Year in the South East by the British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (BVCA).

The award was one of seven presented as part of the South East final of the BVCA Management Team Awards, produced in partnership with Clearwater Corporate Finance, which celebrates the achievements of companies backed by private equity and venture capital. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U6M9O>

Kidderminster centre given go ahead

Plans for a new £10.1m leisure centre in Kidderminster have moved forward after Wyre Forest District Council's (WFDC) planning committee green lighted the project.

The proposal for the former Victoria Sports Ground include a 25-metre six-lane pool, a learner pool, fitness suite, six-court sports hall and outdoor football pitches. Other facilities will include fitness and dance studios.

"This project is about providing first class leisure and sports facilities in a modern energy efficient building, whilst saving the council money," said WFDC cabinet member Ian Hardiman.

"We're delighted to have outline planning permission. Our next steps are to finalise the purchase of the land and in June we will be inviting companies to tender for contracts."



Proposals for the centre include both indoor and outdoor facilities

Concerns had been raised due to the location being isolated and buses not running on Sundays or bank holidays, but WFDC have said that they have made plans to meet with the bus companies to try and persuade them to run more services. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=C3S5w>

£17.9m Splashpoint leisure centre opens

The new £17.9m Splashpoint leisure complex has opened to the public in Worthing, West Sussex. Designed by Wilkinson Eyre Architects, the centre has replaced the former Aquarena venue.

The scheme was project managed by Deloitte Real Estate on behalf of Worthing Borough Council following a RIBA design competition in 2009. Facilities include a six lane, 25m competition pool and a learner/diving pool, an indoor leisure pool with flume and play facilities, an outdoor paddling pool, a 100-station health and fitness centre and two multi-use studios.

There is also a luxurious spa and wellness area with steamroom, heat beds, sauna and treatment rooms.



The Splashpoint centre has been designed by Wilkinson Eyre Architects

Splashpoint has a BREEAM rating of Very Good and design features include a sloping copper roof, intended to weather with the environment and compliment the natural surroundings. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=D5w2I>

Thanet Leisureforce and Vista Leisure merge

Thanet Leisureforce and Vista Leisure have merged to form Your Leisure Kent Limited.

The company will remain a social enterprise with charitable objectives managing a range of leisure and hospitality services within the Thanet and Dover districts. The

two non-profit organisations have worked closely together since 2010 and the merger will improve the sustainability of leisure provision in East Kent as well as extending the range of services and facilities available for customers. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=A2G3n>

£2m investment for Canterbury

Canterbury Academy will be receiving a £2m fitness centre after striking a deal with Swedish businessman, Carl Gripenstedt. Gripenstedt, who is a director at Competition Line, will give the academy the funding to create a 9,000sq ft (836sq m) fitness area that will have over 140 resistance and cardio vascular machines in total.

As part of the planned overhaul, an additional floor has been added to the existing building to facilitate a new dance studio, spin studio and ladies only gym. 3G surfaces have been laid on two new five-a-side pitches and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has seen similar improvements.

In addition, a new coffee shop is planned at the site and additional car parking spaces are also being created.



The investment will result in the creation of a new 140-station area

The gym will offer low-cost memberships to the public, with a rate of £15.99 per month.

“The Canterbury Academy has negotiated a new partnership which will bring significant capital investment, improved facilities and sporting opportunities to the area,” said academy executive Phil Karnavas.

Agassi's fitness concept enters Europe

Eight time Grand Slam tennis champion Andre Agassi has teamed up with fitness trainer Gil Reyes to launch a new high-intensity weight training machine for the UK and Irish markets.

Co-developed by the pair, the BILT by Agassi & Reyes equipment will be available throughout the UK and Ireland through Concept Fitness International (CFI), which has secured an exclusive distribution deal for the kit. The centerpiece of the new range, the Change of Direction (COD) Machine received the prestigious 2013 FIBO Innovation Award for its design and safety.

The ergo-efficiency of the moving parts of the COD allows for a safe squat movement, as well as an intense, lateral exercise series, including side shuffles, lunges and single leg squats. The construction of the machine provides for a safe direct line of movement, which protects the spine and back muscles and conforms to the natural angles of the body.



Agassi at the signing of the deal with the CFI team

The BILT by Agassi & Reyes line consists of 12 machines, which are all modelled on the exact equipment Agassi used to train during his championship tennis career. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=j5l5n>

Hart District Council mulls potential Fleet centre

Hart District Council (HDR) has appointed Alliance Leisure to draw up a proposal and business plan for a new leisure centre in Fleet. The site for the proposed £14m leisure centre could see an area of around 6,000sq m (19,600sq ft) become the home of an eight-lane,

25m long swimming pool, plus a learner pool, sports hall, studio facility, gym and café.

Additionally both a senior and junior all-weather pitch, primarily to be used for football, with some natural grass pitches also would be included. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y2q8h>

Active Nation launches 30-minute fitness sessions

Leisure trust Active Nation has invested £450,000 in refurbishing three of its gyms and installing new Precor cv equipment.

The investment is part of the charity's strategy to launch a new Exercise Experience offer.

The three gyms in Swadlincote, Chorley and Lincoln have been redesigned in a way that helps gym members fit their exercise routine in to just 30 minutes per session, using a menu of more than 300 pre-designed exercise programmes. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e3t2f>



The website is an online gym booking service

Leisure Connection signs deal with payasugym.com

Management company Leisure Connection is to make its gym and leisure facilities available through online gym booking service payasugym.com.

All sites operated by Leisure Connection across the country will be searchable on the payasugym.com website from mid-March, meaning that consumers will be able to pay for and book single, weekly or monthly usage passes online.

Launched in early 2011, over 1,000 gyms and health clubs are now signed up with the service. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=C9Q3K>

Basingstoke Pedal Studio gets £20,000 investment

Basingstoke Sports Trust (BST), which manages Basingstoke Sports Centre at Festival Place, has invested £20,000 into its Pedal Studio.

The investment has resulted in the indoor cycling space now featuring 24 Tomahawk S series bikes while the interior has also been completely redesigned using UV light-sensitive murals and flashing lights.

BST earmarked the investment in the studio space following an increase in the number of members signing up for cycling classes. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=C3SoS>

The story of the Arctic Convoys will be told at a new exhibition opening 28 May at the National War Museum in Edinburgh.

Using never before seen images, first-hand testimony and personal objects, the exhibition will reveal the bravery shown by servicemen who repeatedly undertook the challenging and dangerous naval journeys during World War II.

Elaine Edwards, curator at National Museums Scotland said: "Arctic Convoys tells the story of the British and Allied sailors who endured one of the most dangerous sea-faring campaigns of WWII". Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Z7S2S>



MGS currently works with more than 400 sites

Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) has launched a new National Development Body, with the aim of supporting more museums and galleries in Scotland.

MGS – a not-for-profit, independent charitable trust – works with more than 400 museums and galleries throughout Scotland. Last year MGS produced a national strategy for Scotland's museums and galleries and has followed it up with its new plan "From Strategy to Action," which outlines priority areas for development and provides a structured approach to achieve the strategy targets.

"To have a government backed national agency for Scotland's museums and galleries is a powerful opportunity," said Douglas Connell, MGS chair. "Being supported by a national development body brings a distinct identity, increased profile and greater weight for the sector."

Since January 2012, MGS has invested £1.3m of Scottish government funding to more than 145 museum projects, which has been achieved through national development agency for the arts, Creative Scotland's Creative Futures programme and the HLF's Skills for the Future scheme. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=s7N7s>

Work is underway on the £25.5m redevelopment of St Fagans: National History Museum in Cardiff, Wales.

The project, which received £11.5m Heritage Lottery Funding, will see the expansion of its exhibitions, new galleries and open-air demonstrations.

The project includes revamping the main building which will showcase displays exploring life in Wales from the earliest humans to today.

New galleries will also be added that look at three aspects of St Fagans history including: when and why Wales became a nation; details of people's day to day lives, through the ages; and a gallery where guests can learn the creative skills of generations of crafts people.

The archaeological experience will extend out into the open-air site and will



The revamp will expand the museum's existing exhibition spaces

recreate Llys Rhosyr, one of the courts of the Princes of Gwynedd, where school children can stay overnight. Other facilities include activity and event spaces, an auditorium, a dedicated research space where visitors can study the collections and a café.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N8Y2w>

Oakwood Theme Park has unveiled the name of its new £4m family-themed attraction which is set to open later this month. The new area which occupies over three acres will be called 'Neverland' and is themed around the world-famous 'Peter Pan' story by author J M Barrie.

Among the new rides are 'Skull Rock' pirate log flume, complete with a 12m-tall sculpted skull, the 'Lost Boys Adventure', 'Neverland Chase', 'Tink's Flying School', 'Crocodile Coaster', 'Jolly Roger' mini galleon, 'Hook's House of Havoc' soft play and the 'Sights of London' taxi ride featuring Big Ben, the Tower of London and Nelson's Column.

There is also 'Journey to Neverland' an interactive walkthrough area which takes



New additions include a Peter Pan-themed flume ride for children

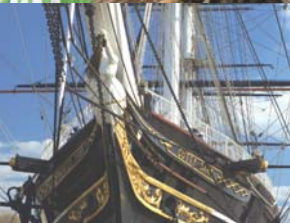
visitors in to the Darling family home and above the streets of London before arriving in 'Neverland' itself.

Other areas are themed as famous London parks and there is also a children's 'Aerodrome' ride as well as a range of food and retail outlets. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Q9A3t>

Pringle Richards Sharratt Architects and GUM Design, have won the 2013 Museums and Heritage Award for Permanent Exhibition for their work on the William Morris Gallery in London. The gallery re-opened in August 2012 following major redevelopment after funding

of over £3m from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Other winners included Scott's Last Expedition at The Natural History Museum (best temporary exhibition). For the full list of winners, see: <http://lei.sr?a=y8k3Y>



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TOURISM

Yearly tourism spend hits £19bn

Tourism spend in the last 12 months has reached a record-high, figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have revealed.

In the year to the end of March 2013, tourism spend reached £19.01bn; a 5 per cent increase year-on-year and the first time the £19bn mark has been broken.

This data is part of the ONS International Passenger Survey which collects information on passengers entering and leaving the UK and reports monthly.

For the month of March 2013 spend by overseas visitors was up 14 per cent on March 2012. Tourism minister Hugh Robertson said: "Last year the country was in the international spotlight and we are now beginning to see the positive impact it has had in terms of increased tourism spend.



Spending by inbound tourists to the UK increased during 2012

"These latest figures are encouraging for the industry and I will continue to do all I can for the sector to keep this momentum going."

In the 12 months to the end of March the number of overseas visits were up 1 per cent to 31.2m compared to the 12 months to the end of March 2012. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=7doW2>

Inbound visits to the UK increased during 2012

Figures from VisitBritain show that the number of inbound visitors to the UK increased during 2012. With a total of 31 million overseas visitors during the year, there was a 30 per cent rise in the number of BRIC visits to Scotland (82,000 overall). Of this, Edinburgh witnessed a 10% rise

and Glasgow 54 per cent. Wales saw an 18% rise from the BRICs and South West England welcomed a 12 per cent increase. London recorded a 4 per cent rise, although this still equated to a substantial number of visits (706,000). Details: <http://lei.sr?a=f5P60>

Report: staycation trend still strong

More than a third (33 per cent) of Britons are holidaying in the UK because they think it is better value for money compared with the average foreign holiday, says a new report.

The survey, conducted by budget hotel chain Travelodge, said that the staycation trend has hit record levels this year with a 41 per cent rise in people opting to spend their summer holiday in the UK, rather than travelling abroad, which costs an average of £1,010 compared with the staycation average of £399. London has become the number one staycation location for Britain, knocking Cornwall off the top spot for the first time in four years.



Cornwall is still a popular destination, but has been overtaken by London

The report also revealed that due to poor weather, 15 per cent of Britons have been waiting for the weather to improve before booking their holiday. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=r2s9l>

£1m revamp for Galgorm spa resort

Galgorm Resort and Spa in Northern Ireland is set to undergo a £1m (US\$1.51m, €1.16m) redevelopment in the spring of 2014.

The work, planned to commence next January, will take 12 weeks to complete and will see a complete renovation of the upper floor of the Great Hall and a banqueting suite which can cater for up to 170 people. The four star resort and spa has seen 10 years of almost continuous development, totalling close to £25m (US\$37.8m, €29m).

"Plans have been heavily influenced by our customer feedback and have been designed to improve upon existing facilities and reinvest on the future of the hotel while keeping the focus on superior quality which we are confident will exceed the expectations of our guests," said Yvonne Moore, general manager of Galgorm



The £1m revamp is part of a larger, £25m redevelopment of the resort

Resort & Spa. Galgorm announced the renovation plans off the back of a year which saw accommodation bookings continuing to rise, boosted in particular by an upsurge in online bookings with successful monthly special offer packages being a contributing factor. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=V6L7l>

Dermal Institute to partner Pivot Point

The International Dermal Institute (IDI) has collaborated with cosmetology education and training company Pivot Point International to define a new level of leadership in the education and training of skin therapists worldwide. The new partnership will include the production and sharing of educational webisodes, booklets, articles and treatment videos through Pivot Point's online learning system.

Other aspects of the partnership include IDI's technical videos, which will complement Pivot Point's new online Esthetics library and online textbook. The addition of IDI resources to Pivot Point's Esthetics library will allow Pivot Point and IDI to expand its reach of skin care students and educators.

Pivot Point's existing online resource is currently used by students in the US, Canada, UK, Belgium, Scandinavia and the Netherlands.

Annet King, director of global education for I(DI) headquartered in Carson, California, said: "This is a powerful match between the



The scheme will look to improve therapist training

two most advanced educational facilities in our industry. We are excited to bring IDI's knowledge-base to many thousands of future skin therapists who might not have had access to this cutting-edge expertise otherwise."

Ecocert launches standard specifically for spas

Certification body for sustainable development Ecocert has created the "Being" standard – the first Ecocert standard to dedicated to spas. The Being standard allows promoting of wellbeing centres offering natural and organic treatments in a space respecting environment.

The standard guarantees services controlled according to the environmental management of the spa – including energy and water consumption and waste management; the use of organic and natural cosmetic products; and the use of sustainable products.

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is chief executive officer of British Hospitality Association

We are living through one of the most critical and exciting times that our industry has ever seen. Despite difficult economic challenges, hospitality and tourism are bucking the national trend. We've delivered over a quarter of all new jobs over the previous two years.

The BHA is not, however, content to stand still. Our core campaigns are all about achieving our twin goals of generating growth in the industry and ensuring that hospitality and tourism businesses offer quality and value for money.

One of our main aims is to inspire the next generation and showcase this industry as an exciting career prospect. We've introduced young people to business leaders at a series of Big Hospitality Conversation events, to discuss the challenges that youngsters face in finding work. At the same time, we've been urging hospitality businesses across the UK to offer more work experience, apprenticeships and job opportunities.

Bringing in new talent will only be a realistic long term goal, however, if we continue to offer value for money and to compete with our European neighbours. This is where our Cut Tourism VAT campaign comes in, advocating a 5 per cent VAT rate on British hotels and attractions that would make them competitive with mainland Europe.

Another potential source of growth for comes from the Chinese market, which currently remains largely untapped. Restrictive visa requirements put the UK at a disadvantage compared with other EU countries. With the BHA's Easier Visa campaign, we've been urging the government to introduce visa reform. We've gained support from the CBI, Institute of Directors and the British Chambers of Commerce and believe the government is moving towards reform.

We will be talking about all these issues at the 2013 British Hospitality and Tourism Summit in London on 13 June. Please join me at the Summit where we'll hear from both an impressive line-up of industry leaders and those just starting out in hospitality and tourism. To register, visit: [@BHAsummit](http://www.bha.org.uk/summit2013)

HOTELS

130-room hotel for Bromley

Construction work has begun on a £90m (\$135.6m, €105.1m) mixed-use development in Bromley, which will include a new 130-room hotel, cinema complex and a range of restaurants and bars.

The Bromley South Central project – being developed by Cathedral Group will see the 600-space Westmoreland Road car park demolished to make way for 25,000sq ft (2,322sq m) of cafes and restaurants, a 130-bedroom hotel, 200 private apartments and a new 400-space underground car parking facility. Bromley Council has said the project could create more than 200 jobs and will inject £220m (US\$331.5m, €256.9m) into the local economy over the next 10 years.

Councillor Stephen Carr, leader of Bromley Council confirmed that the council is in discussions with London Mayor, Boris Johnson



The mixed-use development will be delivered by Cathedral Group

and Travel for London (TfL) about bringing the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) to Bromley in a bid to further enhance the appeal of the complex. Set to be completed in 2015, the hotel has already been pre-let to hotel chain Premier Inn and the café and restaurant space has also been pre-let to Nando's, Prezzo and Las Iguanas. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=L7F5T>

Northamptonshire hotel and spa up for sale

Northamptonshire country house hotel Fawsley Hall, which houses Grayshott Spa, is up for sale for a reported £15m.

The 58-bedroom hotel is a destination for meetings, corporate events, weddings and leisure guests and includes a 70-cover

bistro, the Equilibrium restaurant and a 29-seat cinema. Opened in 2009, the hotel's Grayshott Spa includes six treatment rooms, an indoor swimming pool, outdoor hydro pool, steamroom, sauna and a Nautilus Gym. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W8noz>

Opening of Shangri-La, The Shard delayed

The opening of the Shangri-La, The Shard in London has been delayed with the hotel now set to open in September rather than summer.

The five-star 202-room property will be London's first elevated luxury hotel, occupying levels 34 to 52 of the landmark skyscraper.

Room features will include custom-made beds, iPod docking stations, complimentary high-speed internet access, coffee machines, heated floors, Washlet-branded toilets and a butler service in all suites.

Facilities at the hotel include three river-facing event rooms, an infinity swimming pool and a 24-hour health club.

In addition wining and dining options include a gourmet deli and cake shop on the



The 202-room hotel will be London's first elevated luxury hotel

ground floor, destination restaurant Shard 35, light dining and tea at Lounge, and destination bar GONG. The Shard was designed by architect Renzo Piano and at 310m (1,016ft) is the tallest building in Western Europe. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N3f7P>

London rules, regions suffer

According to new figures from Arts & Business, London receives 90 per cent of all donations to the arts across the UK. By comparison, the South East region, which sits in second, has only a 2.5 per cent share of all donations while in the North East they receive less than 1 per cent of the donation pie.

The London region received funding of more than £335m where as the lowest funded region, the North East, received just over £3.2m towards the arts. The research by Arts & Business, a charity seeking to connect arts bodies with donors, said that there had been a rise in individual giving, money received from trusts and foundations, as well as business investment, which combined saw a rise of £46.8m (21.9 per cent) to £660.5m total over the past year. Arts & Business director Philip Spedding has



London-based arts events and facilities receive 90 per cent of donations

expressed sustainability concerns, stating that despite a rise in private donations, some are spending more than they're generating.

Heritage received the largest chunk of the funding at 34.4 per cent while festival and dance received just 2.7 per cent and 3.1 per cent of total funding respectively. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=j4A5P>

Culture for All grants given to local projects in NI

The latest £147,475 funding from Big Lottery Fund and Arts Council of Northern Ireland's Culture for All Programme will be used to enable pupils with learning difficulties and isolated older people to take part in the UK City of Culture celebrations.

Culture for All offers grants of up to £10,000 to communities across Northern Ireland that want to play a part in the UK City of Culture celebrations in 2013. Community organisations can apply for funding up until the end of August. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p9M6Y>

Arts Council award £18m to 11 consortia

Arts Council England has awarded more than £18m to 11 consortia based across England in the latest round of its Creative people and places fund. Projects to benefit include a consortium led by Beamish, The Living Museum of the North. The £1.5m initiative will bring internationally recognised artists to East Durham for a locally-directed programme of exhibitions and events.

In the East Midlands, a project led by Creswell Heritage Trust was awarded £1.5m for a collaborative project bringing together artists and communities. The University of Sunderland won £2m for a project titled The Cultural Spring, one aspect of which will allow empty homes to be transformed into art galleries.



Beamish was among those to benefit and received £1.5m of funding

The 11 consortia that were awarded funding are made up of museums and other relevant bodies in partnership with the local community, grass roots organisations and the amateur sector. They will receive funding over the next three years. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c9a40>



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The club is looking to leave Abbey Stadium

Cambridge United's stadium plans given a blow

Cambridge United Football Club has been left "flabbergasted", after its application to build a new stadium was rejected by the local authorities.

Both South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council planners have recommended that all nine proposed sites for a sporting village, be ruled out. Original plans would have seen a new indoor sports hall, hockey pitches and five-a-side football pitches built as well as the 8,000-capacity ground for United, who finished 14th in the Blue Square Premier division this season.

Both authorities said that they felt there was no evidence that a facility such as that was needed. During the non-league club's previous season, Cambridge saw a highest attendance of 3,304 people, while their average attendance was 2,236. Their current home - R Costings Abbey - has a capacity of 10,847 (4,948 seated).

"It's a setback because a lot of work has gone into this," said United chair Dave Doggett. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=M6S2D>*

303 room Flaxby hotel development confirmed

A £100m (US\$151.3m, €117.7m) development in Yorkshire is set to be built on the existing Flaxby Park Golf Course and will feature a 27-hole course and a 303 room hotel. York-based property firm, Skelwith Leisure, will begin work on the new site at the end of May, which will also feature a floodlit driving range, conference centre, four helipads, three restaurants, and an 18,000sq ft (1,672sq m) spa, gym and pool facility. The hotel will be the largest luxury hotel resort in northern England.

Global management company, Troon Golf, which has been involved in the development for the past three years, will be looking to increase the number of events held at the resort once construction work is complete. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=3b1r2>*

Planning gaffe sees cinema being torn down

An £8m cinema and leisure complex being constructed in St Neots will be pulled down because it is less than one metre out of place.

The new Cineworld will be torn down and rebuilt after a design error left the complex too close to existing houses.

"We have taken the unprecedented step of halting the existing work and have parts to rebuilt to assuage any concerns that adjoining land-owners may have," said Chris Goldsmith of site developer

Turnstone Estates. The building was due to open in September but opening will now be delayed by four months until January 2014.

"Although we are only talking about a few centimetres we believe that this is the best solution for all concerned."



The cinema (seen at the back) will have to be rebuilt due to the error

The 32,000 sq ft (9,753 sq m) Rowley Arts Centre will include an 18,600sq ft (5,669 sq m) six-screen Cineworld cinema and four restaurants with Frankie & Benny's, Pizza Express and Prezzo already confirmed. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c4XoN>*

iCITY secures last Olympic Park deal

London Mayor Boris Johnson has announced that the future of all eight permanent venues at the Olympic Park have been secured following the deal made with iCITY for use of the Press and Broadcast Centres. iCITY will invest more than £100m into the Press and Broadcast Centres to make it an attractive and vibrant location for creative and digital companies to locate.

"With the future of eight out of eight permanent venues secure, London has well and truly delivered on what is a hugely important part of the Olympic legacy story," said Johnson. The park is set to deliver against its key objectives, which were set out as part of the legacy plans when the UK originally bid for the London 2012 Olympic games. Confirmed tenants include BT Sport,



iCITY will invest more than £100m in developing the property

Loughborough University, Infinity, Greenwich Leisure Limited, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, Triathlon Homes and from Summer 2016 West Ham United Football Club will become long-term tenants of the Olympic Stadium. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=eoizA>*

Coventry hunting for new home after ACL

Coventry City Football Club have begun searching for a new home after attempts to negotiate with the owners of their current ground have failed.

Arena Coventry Ltd (ACL), which manages the Ricoh Arena on behalf of the Alan Edward

Higgs Charity and Coventry City Council, are owed unpaid rent of more than £1m by the League One club which was deducted 10 points after entering administration last month.

Coventry moved to the 32,000-seater Ricoh Arena in 2005. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d3t5D>*



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LCC will offer an exclusive leasehold interest of up to 25 years on both of the golf facilities including the existing land and buildings within the demise.

LCC is open to exploring innovative ways of structuring the partnerships to secure maximum value, and arrangements that can deliver mutual benefits. LCC will therefore welcome proposals from all forms of company including not for profit organisations and consortia.

To express your interest in this opportunity and access the PQQ questionnaire documents, your company will need to register on a procurement portal called 'The Chest' which is operated by Due North. Once you have completed your questionnaire you will be required to submit it through 'The Chest' portal. Please note, the document will only be available on 'The Chest'. Once you have registered you will receive an alert for this opportunity, you will need to follow the instructions as a 'Supplier' to enable you to return your completed questionnaire.

To register your organisation on The Chest click on the following link www.thechest.nwce.gov.uk go to 'Suppliers' area and click on 'register free'.

The closing date for the return of completed PQQ documents is 12.00 noon Friday 14th June 2013.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) Leisure Management Contract

NBBC is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitable leisure management operators, including existing non-profit distributing organisations and private sector operators to enter into a contract to manage, develop and operate the Council's sports and leisure centres in line with the Council's strategic objectives for leisure. The Council is seeking innovative solutions to deliver key objectives, to improve access to sport and leisure across the Council's demographic and to provide a substantially improved revenue position.

The facilities that are to be included in the scope of this procurement are:

- Pingles Leisure Centre
- Bedworth Leisure Centre
- Jubilee Sports Centre
- Etone Sports Centre*

The contract will be for a term of 7 years, and will include provision for a further potential extension of up to another 3 years. The proposed contract commencement date is 1st May 2014. *Etone Sports Centre is a dual use facility and may or may not be included within the Management Contract. The Invitation to Tender (ITT) will confirm whether or not Etone is to be included.

In order to be included on the Council's select list to be invited to tender, potential bidders must complete a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and demonstrate a proven successful track record of managing leisure centres. The successful contractor will then be selected through a formal tender process.

Social Value for these services has been considered.

The Council considers that the existing staff at the leisure centres will transfer under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE).

The Council considers this contract to be a Service Concession. However, the Council intends to follow an approach which is broadly similar to that for the restricted procedure set out in Regulation 16 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 but to allow for some limited negotiation and variants including the opportunity for interested organisations to present an added value variant bid for both this contract and for the sports development contract.

Where there are more than 6 operators who achieve the minimum standards required to achieve a pass the 6 top scoring operators will be invited to tender. If less than 6 pass all those who pass will be invited approved subject to there being a sufficient number to achieve genuine competition.

Interested organisations can register and request a pre-qualification questionnaire through the Council's e Tender portal at www.csw-jets.co.uk



The closing date for the return of completed questionnaires is the 18th June 2013 at 12.00 noon

PROCUREMENT REF: PROC117



Suffolk Coastal District Council is seeking to appoint Contractor(s) who wish to be considered for the Leisure Options Phase I Services as follows:-

Leisure Options Phase I will primarily consider the following services, managing, operating and delivering Suffolk Coastal District Council's strategic leisure services. Services to include (but not limited to) the following facilities:

- Felixstowe Leisure Centre
- Brackenbury Sports Centre
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- Countryside Management
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- Management of leisure facilities on behalf of third parties

It should be noted that Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) and Waveney District Council (WDC) have a shared services partnership arrangement, please see link below for further details:

www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/sharedservices

Waveney District Council (WDC) is the preferred shared service partner of Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC).

Under the shared services arrangement for maximising efficiencies and best value purposes it may be considered that Waveney District Council could utilize this contract (if any awarded) in the future.

The initial contract period is likely to be set for a minimum of 15 years (reviewed in five year blocks) with an option of three, five year extensions potentially available, subject to satisfactory performance and at SCDC's discretion.

The estimated overall budget for the Contract (if any Contract awarded) is in the region of £25 Million over the 30 year period. The Current cost of the Leisure Options services (2013/14) is estimated to be approximately at £875k per annum.

Any potential Bidders need to be mindful of continual pressure on Public Sector budgets. SCDC reserve the right to review the budget at any point during the contract period (if any contract is awarded).

Please be aware, should you get through to the next stage of the procurement process a financial guarantee is likely be required as per SCDC's Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules.

Under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 the contracting authority must Consider:

- (a) how/what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area where it exercises its functions, and
- (b) how, in conducting the process of procurement, it might act with a view to securing that improvement. Accordingly, the subject matter of the contract has been considered to take into account the priorities of the contracting authority relating to economic, social and environmental well-being. These priorities will be described in the invitation to tender and are reflected in environmental and social characteristics in the evaluation criteria for the award of the contract (if any awarded).

The anticipated contract start for the above service is April 2014.

The procurement process will be conducted via the Suffolk Sourcing e-tendering system; interested parties can view the PQQ and associated documents once registration has taken place. Guidance can be found on the following link under the User Guide section: www.suffolksourcing.co.uk/epps/home.do

The Suffolk e-Sourcing Tender box will be open from 14.00 hrs Friday 17th May 2013 and will close at Noon hrs (12:00) on Thursday 20th June 2013.

If you require any further information at this stage please do not hesitate to contact debra.mcmurtry@waveney.gov.uk

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Scheme to help create more apprentices

A new scheme set up to support young people finding work opportunities through apprenticeships is underway following successful launch events across the country.

Run by Barclays Bank, the Bridges into Work launch events took place in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle, with pilot events in Romford and Stoke. 200 businesses have already pledged to get involved in the programme, which is a package to help businesses of all sizes and across all sectors, find, employ and train a young apprentice.

Previous research by Barclays indicated that more than half (52 per cent) of small businesses said they would not take on apprentices due to concerns about the amount of time it



The new initiative is designed for businesses across all sectors

takes to set up and the additional support they thought a young person would need. 39 per cent of micro businesses (less than 10 employees) cited red tape as the most significant barrier into bringing in an apprentice. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N6H4N>

'At-home' swimming training launched

The Institute of Swimming (IOS), the training arm of the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), is transforming its UkCC delivery programme for Level 1 and Level 2 Teaching Aquatics and Coaching Swimming.

The qualifications will from now on be delivered through a blended programme of e-learning and face to face teaching. This, according to IOS, gives learners the freedom to complete the course core units at home, while the technical units are delivered as normal at IoS education centres nationwide.

The e-learning modules are delivered through an e-portfolio system that encourages reflective practice for lifelong learning and allows users to network, develop interactive communities and share best practice with peers.



The new programme is designed to offer students more flexibility

The ASA is the first national governing sports body in the UK to offer a blended learning delivery programme for UkCC Level 1 and 2 courses. The new system rolled out on 13th May in the North, and will be followed by the South regions in June and Midlands in July onwards. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y2S8B>

Paralympic talent programme for Rio 2016 launched

A new partnership has been launched to find Britain's future Paralympian stars in the lead up to Rio 2016. Paralympic Potential: Bring on Brazil is seeking disabled athletes aged 16-35 years old, who will be assessed in June and July for selection to the programme.

Those that make it will move on to a programme run by the UK Talent Team to nurture talented athletes. Paralympic Potential is a partnership between UK Sport, The English Institute of Sport and the British Paralympic Association. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=l6C4x>

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THE CANDIDATE

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National Pool Lifeguard & Pool Plant qualification desirable.

St Mary's School Sports Centre is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils and members. Due to the nature of the work involved the successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Clearance via DBS.

Further details and an application form are available on request from the Sports Centre office on 01249 857335 or via e-mail to: jplumb@stmaryscalne.org

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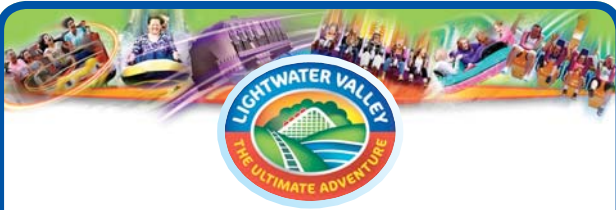
Reporting to the Assistant Regional Director the successful candidate would be expected to have a recognised qualification and be experienced at managing a team as well as having good knowledge of the leisure industry. Experience or awareness of PFI Contracts is desirable. As well as being a strong communicator, excellent client and customer liaison skills will be essential as daily interaction is required with PFI partners.

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The successful candidate will need to travel in Europe and should be proficient in English and other European languages.

The IAAPA Europe office is located in Brussels, Belgium so the successful candidate must be a European citizen, have the right to work within the EU, and have 5-7 years of work experience at a management level in marketing or business management. Experience within the attractions industry is preferred.

Interested candidates can submit their cover letter, CV, and salary requirements to: Susan Mosedale, Executive Vice President, IAAPA, Europe@iaapa.org.

Questions about the position should be directed to Susan Mosedale, Executive Vice President, IAAPA, +1 703-836-4800 ext. 766 (United States) or Karen Staley, VP, European Operations, +32 2 609 54 45 (Belgium).

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- To ensure all staff rotas reflect the business needs.
- To continually improve merchandising standards.
- To manage stock levels within agreed budgets.
- To organize promotions & events.
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Cheltenham to get £45m revamp

Horseracing group The Jockey Club has announced plans to make its largest ever investment in racecourse facilities with the unveiling of a £45m project for Cheltenham Racecourse. Subject to planning permission, the proposed development will create a new grandstand in place of the 1920s A&R block that currently contains private boxes.

The new grandstand will include general public viewing areas, new annual members' facilities, private boxes and Royal Box facilities.

The investment will include improvements for owners and trainers, and focus on enhancing the overall customer experience at the racecourse, including elevated walkways to ease mobility and multi-tiered viewing of the parade ring.

Provided planning permission is achieved in time and the necessary financing is in place, the main development will begin immediately after the 2014 Festival with a scheduled completion date ahead of the 2016 Festival.



The Jockey Club has invested more than £30m in the historic racecourse over the last 30 years

During the construction period, Cheltenham would be able to continue staging its race programme as normal.

The Jockey Club, which runs 15 racecourses in the UK, has invested more than £80m in facilities at Cheltenham over the last 30 years. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=ZoV7A>

Short-film celebrates 'unsung heroes' of London 2012

Architectural and structural design firms and individuals who helped shape the 2012 Games have been celebrated in a short film entitled *Designing for Champions*.

The Royal Institute of British Architects and Institution of Structural Engineers initiated the

DROPTHEBAN campaign and commissioned the film to celebrate 'unsung heroes'.

The DROPTHEBAN campaign, launched in July 2012, called for the lifting of a marketing ban that prevented firms from promoting their work on the London 2012 Olympics.

£135m British Museum project underway

London's cultural landmark the British Museum has broken ground on its new multi-million pound capital project, the World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre (WCEC). Designed by Rogers, Stirk, Harbour + Partners (RSH) and constructed by Mace, the new WCEC is one of the largest redevelopment projects in the museum's 260 year history.

The aim of the project is to safeguard and enhance collections, while enabling the museum to store, conserve, study and display collections for the future.

Located in the north-west corner of the museum's Bloomsbury estate, the centre will provide a new public exhibitions gallery, logistics hub, labs and studios, stores for the collection, as well as facilities to support an extensive UK and international loan programme. The exhibitions gallery is due to



WCEC has been designed by Rogers, Stirk, Harbour

open in early March 2014 with a new exhibition devoted to the Vikings.

The conservation studios, science laboratories, loan hubs and stores will be fitted out and occupied by summer 2014. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Qoq3V>

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