



National Conference

Session Overview



Levelling the Table: The new Diversity and Inclusion strategy for table tennis



Delivered by: Greg Yarnall (Head of Development & Volunteering, Table Tennis England)

Morning session – 10:15am

Over the past six months, we have been learning about people's lived experiences in table tennis, speaking to people from a variety of backgrounds. This has led to a review of the current Diversity Action plan and the development of a new Diversity and Inclusion action plan to be launched in September 2021. In this session we will share the findings from our work over the past six months and ask for questions and feedback on the initial content of the new Diversity and Inclusion action plan.



Panel Discussion: Creating an inclusive environment – the benefits of inclusion, and what it takes

Chaired by: Sara Sutcliffe, Table Tennis England Chief Executive

Morning session – 11am

In this session we will hear from a panel who have significant experience in tackling inequalities in sport and/or table tennis, and gain an understanding of their own successes and challenges, as well as an opportunity to ask the panel members questions, to better understand how you can influence work in your own local areas.

TASS Research Project

Delivered by Emma Vickers, National Lead (Research) TASS

Workshop 1 – 11:50am

This workshop will provide overview of the findings from a research project exploring the experiences of social to elite level female players in the English system in the 18-30 age group. This will include specifically looking at why female players in this age group engage in the sport, the reasons behind why female players in this age group drop out of the sport, and what would help with their reengagement

Table Tennis, Clubs and driving social outcomes



Delivered by Colin Eley (Partnerships Manager, Table Tennis England)

Workshop 1 – 11:50am

This session will explore the wider benefits that playing table tennis can have on a range of social outcomes such as; Active Environments, Connection with Health & Well-being and Connecting Communities. Drawing on learnings from Ping! programmes and partnership work, this workshop will share tools and resources that Clubs can utilise to drive and showcase social outcomes that may unlock additional funding opportunities, find new members and embed club activity further within the community.



Para Table Tennis Classification



Delivered by Shaun Marples (Para GB)

Workshop 1 – 11:50am

Shaun Marples takes us through an understanding of classification within Para Table Tennis along with technical and tactical suggestions. This will be followed up with an opportunity to ask a panel of both coaches and players a number of questions.



Planning for the Future: Rebuilding after COVID-19

Delivered by: Claire Brockwell (Clubs, Leagues & Schools Manager), Members Advisory Group and Neil Rogers (Head of Competitions & Events)

Afternoon Session – 2pm

In this session, we will reflect on the past 12 months, and share plans and opportunities for the future including;

- Impacts of Covid, and support available for Clubs & Leagues
- Competition Review
- Update from MAG
- Launch of a Return to play campaign

Club Volunteering

Delivered by Martin Ireland, Johnathon Driscoll & Andrea Holt (Club Support Officers)

Workshop 2 – 2:40pm

This session will explore key findings from Club Matters/Table Tennis England Surveys, as well as offer hints and tips for Volunteer recruitment, retention and recognition.

The Power of Brand

Delivered by Rob Johnson, RJ Brand Design

Workshop 2 – 2:40pm

Rob supported the development of the TT Kidz brand, and in this session will explore how Clubs can raise their profile through effective branding and messaging

Adult Participation: Fast Format TT Leagues, Bat & Chat and Back to TT

Delivered by: Chris Newton (Adult Participation Lead)

Workshop 2 – 2:40pm

This workshop will share information on how to get involved with the new Fast Formats TT Leagues launching in 2021, as well as offer ways to re-engage members through the adult social programmes; Bat and Chat and Back to TT. Within the session, delegates will be invited to share their own experiences, and will also hear examples from across the Country.

Coach Mentoring

Delivered by: Dave Reed (UK Coaching), Natalie Green (Grantham Academy Coach and High Performance Level 4 Coach), Gordon Fearn (Level 3 Head Coach)

Workshop 2 – 2:40pm

A panel of experienced coaches and mentors to run you through the importance of mentoring and its benefits. Coaches will also have the opportunity to ask our panel any questions to help develop their coaching.

Junior Participation

Delivered by Chris Turner and Lauren Evans, Junior Participation Team

Workshop 3 – 3:45pm

An overview of the different opportunities available through TT Kidz as well as ways to re-engage and retain juniors in your club or league.

Engaging your Community

Delivered by Martin Ireland, Johnathon Driscoll and Andrea Holt (Club Support Officers)

Workshop 3 – 3:45pm

This workshop will consider options for community outreach, sharing some examples of club activity from across the Country and offering ideas for action planning.

Field of Play Opportunities at the Commonwealth Games

Delivered by: Chris Newton TTE Technical Op's Manager and Debbie Oram Volunteer Team Leader at previous Commonwealth Games

Workshop 3 – 3:45pm

An Introduction to volunteering on Field of Play at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Please note that this is a female only session.

Insight into England Training

Delivered by: TBC

Workshop 3 – 3:45pm

Live session of England Hopes Camp from Nottingham. A great opportunity to see what both players and coaches are up to.



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