

## Young Volunteers



Young volunteers like those in the 2018/19 cohort pictured above are the future of our sport. Your County promotes, supports and offers grants for programmes which help Clubs to develop the skills and experience needed by Young Volunteers, Coaches and Officials.

Visit [The Good Club Guides](#) on Swim England website to download Engaging Young Volunteers.



[Nicky Taylor](#) is co-ordinating the Swim England South West Young Volunteers Programme in Somerset which is aimed at 15\* to 25 year old YVs from clubs (\* aged 15 in school year) and will be supporting their personal development. The programme will support 22 Young Volunteers from from Chard, Clevedon, TeamBath AS, Taunton Deane Water Polo, Weston-super-Mare and ANT Swimming from October 2019 until the end of July 2020, with 25 hours of volunteering and a log book to be completed by end of July 2020.  
View

- [details](#) announcing the Programme which this year will seven clubs benefit from the opportunities.
- [courses, event and funding opportunities](#) in 2020. Please share with young people and members of your Club and networks

Please contact Nicky if you have Young Volunteer training needs and contact Fiona Bowen ([fiona@bowenfamily.me.uk](mailto:fiona@bowenfamily.me.uk)) to enquire about Club Development funding.

Volunteering can give you skills and experience which could be valuable for your future career.

Additional volunteering opportunities within Aquatics may be offered outside of the club environment. If you are interested please contact us for further details

Our [2018-19 Young Volunteers](#) are already emulating their [2017-18 YVs](#) and inspiring colleagues with their enthusiasm and thank their Clubs for providing opportunities to develop their skills.

Young volunteers benefit greatly from their experiences and mentoring. Past Programmes have given wider recognition of our Young Volunteers' achievements and seen a boost to cv's for young people embarking on future careers.

Video: For Volunteer's Week 2019, SASP also highlighted some of its great volunteers that help with all sorts of sessions around the county. Meet Charlotte who helps teach Swimming to kids.

### **Somerset Young Volunteer of the Year**

Each year we ask who you feel deserves to be recognised for the work they do, on poolside or behind the scenes in your Club The Sarah Pusill Young Volunteer Award was introduced by our Past President as a way of rewarding talented and enthusiastic young volunteers from around the County. The perpetual trophy will be held by the winner for a year. Winners were announced at our 2019 AGM.

### **Young Volunteer Awards 2017/18**

Citations and names of nominees for the [Sarah Pusill Young Volunteer Award 2018](#) and winners announced at our AGM on 26 May

2018 were published during Volunteers' Week (1 to 7 June 2018). We are very grateful for the work they do, on poolside and behind the scenes.



Young Volunteer of the Year: [Ila Brandimarte](#) (pictured)

Runners Up: [Joe McLachlan](#) and [Katie Chambers](#). View [Gallery](#) from AGM.

### Young Volunteer Awards 2016/17

Congratulations to Somerset ASA Young Volunteer of the Year Libby Aldridge (Taunton Deane) who was presented with the Sarah Pusill Trophy by 2016/17 President Paul Sartain (pictured below).



#### Winner 2016/17

Libby Aldridge (Taunton Deane)



#### Nominee 2016/17

Elliot Lewis (Norton Radstock)



#### Runners Up 2016/17

2. Grace Cook (Bath Dolphin)
3. Evan King (Weston-super-Mare)



#### Nominee 2016/17

Georgia Vause (Norton Radstock)

### Young Volunteer Awards 2015/16



Somerset ASA Young Volunteer of 2015/16 Nathan Clarke (Burnham-on-Sea) is pictured with 2015/16 President Les Debenham and team mate Chris Wood who was second runner-up.

### A Talent Camp to Remember

Chris Wood of Burnham-on-Sea SC and George Symonds of Clevedon ASC have great memories of the Youth Sport Trust National Talent Camp they attended from 18-21 Dec 2015 for young athletes, coaches and officials. Hear what Chris had to say in a video Burnham-on-Sea commissioned below.

Read about [George's view](#) of the experience.

### Liam Willcox - A Young Volunteer's Story

Norton Radstock Swimming Club's Captain shares his journey as a Young Volunteer in the videos below.

Liam has not only received deserved recognition for services to aquatics as a Young Volunteer at the 2014 West of England Celebration of Sport Evening, but also at 2014 ASA Aquaforce and Sports Officials UK events. Liam joined the Management Committee in May 2015 and has also been on the [ASA National Youth Forum](#).

### Youth Forum Network

We are keen to see young people involved in the actual process of making decisions which affect them. They are more likely to engage with all aspects of their club as a result, and develop as capable young leaders, with guidance and support from experienced club members.

Download

- [Role Descriptions for Youth Forum Members](#) (.docx)

- [Youth Forum Development Toolkit](#) (pdf)

<http://www.somersetasa.org/sasa/en/Information/Volunteers/Young-Volunteers?pdfview=1>