

# FA impact case study - Merseyside Sports Partnership



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The piece of work came about after The FA National Coaching System Support Network (CSSN) engagement paper was released and a local meeting with Jack Walton (Liverpool County FA) and Andy Somers (Merseyside Sports Partnership Coaching Development Manager) had taken place.

## Background

The meeting was to see how the Coaching Development Manager (CDM)/CSSN could support the needs of The FA. The process was also helped by the good relationship with The FA and the fact the organisation and Jack sit on the

Coaching Merseyside Group on behalf of the governing bodies of sport. From the national paper we then looked to see how to support The FA across the seven Coaching Components. From the conversation it was clear there was a real need for some work to be done in Sefton (Southport specifically) around their leagues and the coaches within the leagues.

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## Process

We worked with The FA to submit a funding application to the Community Foundation before January 2011. Funding has been secured, and we will be working with The FA to secure facilities at reduced prices in the Southport area. Once this has been done the funding will hopefully cover the cost for up to 40 coaches to attend fully paid Level 1 and 2 qualifications.

## Outcomes

Leagues in Southport will reach League Charter Standard with qualified coaches within each of their clubs. There will be an additional 70 coaches locally to support the infrastructure of both the league and the clubs.

## Highlights

- Being able to secure funding in order to support the coaches wanting to take part in the qualifications.
- Bringing partners together in order to secure facilities in the local area with reduced prices to further reduce the cost of the course to the coach.

## Challenges

The securing of funding. Making sure facilities can be accessed in the local area that will support the delivery of Level 1 courses to the coaches.

## Impact information

Successful funding application of £5700 – this will go to the leagues to fully fund coaches' places on the FA Level 1 course. It will also support facility hire and travel expenses if needed.

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