

**SPRING NEWS 2007****Sport England Community Investment Fund**  
**Project Monitoring & Evaluation**

In December 2006 Continuum were commissioned by Sport England to carry out a detailed assessment of 25 London-based capital and revenue projects previously funded under their Community Investment Fund. The overall aim of the work is to get each project to agree a set number of Key Performance Indicators against which they will report usage data back to Sport England via their new GMS Web reporting tool, thereby giving Sport England a clear indication of the impact of their investment. From site visits and discussions with key personnel Continuum drew up detailed reports for each project, highlighting good practice where it exists whilst at the same time reporting back to Sport England any common themes and issues relating to project monitoring and evaluation. The project culminated in April with our submission to Sport England of each scheme's report and action plan, a supporting issues paper and ten case studies of good practice, which have are on Sport England's website.

([http://www.sportengland.org/london\\_index/iyf\\_london-case\\_studies.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/london_index/iyf_london-case_studies.htm)).

### **Ironmonger Row Baths & Finsbury Leisure Centre**



The London Borough of Islington, working with EC1 New Deal for Communities, recently appointed Continuum to undertake a Feasibility Study on how the leisure needs of EC1 and the wider borough can be met through the Finsbury Leisure Centre and Ironmonger Row Baths sites. Ironmonger Row Baths received Grade II listed status in November 2006, with particular interest in the retention of the Turkish baths and facades of the existing building. Finsbury Leisure Centre was constructed in the 1970s, and offers a 6-badminton court sports hall and three synthetic football pitches. The detailed Feasibility Study will set out options and a plan for taking development of these two facilities forward, and will feature close consultations with key stakeholders, strategic analysis, production of a conservation statement, full technical appraisals, detailed business plans, and identification of funding sources and procurement and management of current and future options. If you would like to know more, please contact [nick@continuumleisure.co.uk](mailto:nick@continuumleisure.co.uk).

### **PRO ACTIVE East London – Community Sport and Physical Activity Networks – Wave 2**



Continuum has been working closely with PRO-ACTIVE East London to help establish Community Sport and Physical Activity Networks (CSPANs). CSPANs will identify their own local needs, priorities and potential interventions to then develop a shared local vision that is supported by key partners, including the

Local Strategic Partnership. Continuum is working with East London local authority areas to facilitate the development of the Networks and to establish an Action Plan for the development and delivery of each CSPAN and their future work.

Wave Two of this project will see Bexley, City of London, Newham and Tower Hamlets joining Barking and Dagenham, Greenwich, Hackney, Havering, Lewisham, and Redbridge in taking the first steps to delivering fully functioning CSPANs. For more information, please contact [gabby@continuumleisure.co.uk](mailto:gabby@continuumleisure.co.uk)

### Newham Football Foundation Bids



Continuum have been employed on behalf of the London Borough of Newham to conduct a detailed review of leisure facility provision across the borough which incorporates three phases including an audit of existing facility stock, identification of shortfalls and priorities for development and management review (see Autumn/Winter 06/07 newsletter for further information). As part of that research, a borough wide shortfall of 4 synthetic turf pitches has been identified and Newham's Education Department has employed Continuum to aid two key schools in the borough (Lister Community School and Royal Docks Community School) with possible applications to the Football Foundation for funding for the development of new floodlit synthetic turf pitches. If funding from the Football Foundation is obtained, the two pitches proposed will address the borough's deficit of STP provision whilst at the same time providing highly valuable facilities for use by the local community and schools alike. For more information contact [matt@continuumleisure.co.uk](mailto:matt@continuumleisure.co.uk).

**Haggerston Baths' English Heritage Grant Success**

Continuum's work on Haggerston Baths in Hackney continues (see Summer 2006 news for full details of the project), and in April we were delighted to secure on behalf of Hackney Council a grant from English Heritage of £20,000. The grant has been awarded to contribute towards the structural investigation for the Baths. For more information contact [grace@continuumleisure.co.uk](mailto:grace@continuumleisure.co.uk)

**London Metropolitan University Course Validation**

In May Continuum Director Nick Trim was invited to take part in the validation of a new dual award degree in International Sport Management proposed by the London Metropolitan University and the State University of New York College at Cortland (US). The two new awards proposed are the SUNY MS in International Sport Management, and the LondonMet MSc in International Sport Management. Nick's role involved consideration of the draft course documentation (course and module specifications and the course handbooks) and appraisal of the associated resource statements and CVs of teaching personnel. The role of the validation panel was, amongst other things, to determine whether the proposed course was of an appropriate standard for the level of the award, that it will provide a valuable learning experience for those students who enter it and that the staff have the knowledge and experience required to teach the course to the appropriate standard. For further information contact [nick@continuumleisure.co.uk](mailto:nick@continuumleisure.co.uk).

### Lewisham 2012 Conference



Enthused by the success of last year's 'Next Stop 2012' work (see Summer 2006 News for further details on Continuum's work with the Gateway Boroughs), the London Borough of Lewisham have appointed Continuum to facilitate the delivery of a similar Olympic-themed conference aimed at a local level within the borough. The conference will formally launch the borough's work to maximise the benefits of the London 2012 Games, and will involve lead officers and politicians from the Council as well as key representatives from the local community, including businesses, sports organisations, volunteer groups and others. As well as raising the profile of the Games within the borough, the aim will be to establish key objectives and determine future work streams. Beginning with a series of short key note presentations, around 120 conference delegates will then take part in a facilitated group workshop, based on individual specialisms. The event is scheduled to take place at Millwall FC's Conference Centre on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and promises to be a great success. To find out more contact [richard@continuumleisure.co.uk](mailto:richard@continuumleisure.co.uk).