

PRESS RELEASE

Amateur Boxing in Suffolk takes the gloves and pads to new pastures!

6 new programmes are up and running in Suffolk giving over 100 new young people the chance to experience the buzz of Boxing in Suffolk first hand.

Suffolk's Amateur Boxing Clubs are providing their local schools with introductory Non-contact boxing sessions. There are 6 new programmes running in Suffolk thanks to the support of the Sports Unlimited Programme, Catch22, Suffolk Sport and the dedicated volunteers and coaches at the Boxing Clubs across the county.

Clubs and schools have established links to enable young people to try out their boxing talents on their doorstep. These sessions will provide the young people with the opportunity to become a member of their local well established boxing clubs and take their talents to a whole new level if they are up to it!

The Schools who are running these sessions are:-

1. Holywells High in Ipswich – linking to Ipswich ABC at the Murrayside Centre
2. Suffolk New College – linking to St Helens ABC at Millenium Martial Arts Centre
3. Chantry High School – linking in to Kings Boxing Academy
4. Ixworth Middle School – linking into Eastgates ABC, Rougham near Bury St Edmunds
5. Kirkley Middle School – linking in to Triple A ABC
6. Needham Middle School – linking into Hurstlea ABC Needham Market

Team Work in Hadleigh! Hadleigh have also got over 30 young people putting on the gloves for the first time through some fantastic opportunities that Babergh District Council Be Active Project and the Hadleigh Safer Neighbourhoods Team have put together. The young people are trying out their talents and making a punching start to 2011 – a positive year for all the young people in Hadleigh.

Ali Clements, Boxing Development Officer for Catch22 & Suffolk ABA stated there's never a better time to try boxing than now. This could be your chance to get involved in one of the fastest growing sports in the county.

If you have something to contribute please contact the new Boxing Development Officer – Ali Clements on ali.clements@catch-22.org.uk. Tel – 07885 283708.

Notes to editors

- Catch22 works with 34,000 young people in more than 100 places in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It helps young people find ways out of tough situations by building strong relationships with them and tackling the problems they face through specialist projects.
- Catch22 is the new charity formed by the merger of young people's charity Rainer and crime prevention charity Crime Concern in July 2008. It has 200 years of experience working with young people.

To find out more go to www.catch-22.org.uk