

York City Baths Club AGM 2016 - Swim21 Coordinator Report

The **Amateur Swimming Association (ASA)** has been in existence since 1869. It was the first governing body of swimming to be established in the world and today remains the English national governing body. Swim 21 is the ASA's quality mark for the development of effective, ethical and sustainable swimming clubs.

There is an annual reaccreditation process to achieve Swim 21 essential status. The quality mark (shown above) demonstrates that we have the appropriate evidence against 21 key criteria.

Swim21 clubs are required to have in place clear long-term goals to develop both the swimmers and the volunteers, and to grow membership, ensuring sustainability for the future. It is also good to have Swim 21 as it provides:

- A management tool for the executive committee.
- A framework for an audit process.
- Potential funding opportunities e.g. grants/vouchers towards Continuous Professional Development. During 2015 we were able to put a £200 voucher towards teacher training.

After reaccreditation in March last year, 2015 focussed on building the skill base of volunteers. One of the focus points of Swim 21 is to provide a greater number of appropriately qualified volunteers. This has included level 1 and 2 teachers, level 1 and 2 coaches and lifeguards. We are always looking for new volunteers so please get in touch if this is something you are interested in (ycbc.secretary@gmail.com). Where possible the YCBC volunteering scheme allows the provision of qualification funding in return for voluntary hours supporting the club. This is a fantastic way to support the club whilst achieving your own personal development.

We are currently going through the 2016 healthcheck process with a view to reaccreditation by the end of March. I am pleased to report this is currently on track and look forward to the year ahead where we can build upon some of the solid foundations created during 2015.

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