

A SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT 18 PLUS NATIONAL NEWS

BRIEF REPORT FROM THE JANUARY 2003 NEC MEETING

APPOINTMENTS

Donna Black was re-elected to serve a further two-year term of office as Honorary General Secretary and Tony Burgess was re-elected to serve a further two-year term of office as National Finance Officer. Iain Parkes has now resigned from the post of National Development Officer.

FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

Would members please take special note that the forthcoming ANC is to be held on the weekend of 15th & 16th March and bookings must now be made as quickly as possible? Also note the recently posted Trophy and Awards listing and those wishing to send entries should note the deadline dates.

Another important date to note is the National Training Event to be held over the weekend of 6th & 7th September 2003 at the Manchester Metropolitan University. Further information will be sent out to all Groups in future bulk postings and information will be available at the ANC and also from the National Training Co-ordinator. Francis Wallington.

NATIONAL RESTRUCTURING FORUM

The main part of the January NEC Meeting was discussing the findings of the National Restructuring Forum, whose members joined the NEC, and compiling motions to be put to the ANC. The Restructuring Forum committee will be advising members of these findings at special forums to be held prior to the Annual National Conference.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The East Anglia Area Chairman confirmed that law, for all events organised within the Federation, required Risk assessments. He pointed out that if injuries were to occur and the organiser had not completed such an assessment, then the organiser could be personally liable.

The NEC therefore agreed that with regards to National/National Scale Events, the organiser must complete and submit a Risk Assessment Form to the Office in Newent within two months of the event being placed on the National Activities Diary, in any case, prior to the event taking place, otherwise the event will be removed from the National Diary.

Groups and Areas also need to complete Risk Assessment Forms. The East Anglia Area Chairman will make a presentation to the ANC.