A two hour workshop for all people involved with, or interested in, community sport

Are you a member of a local sports club, a coach, a teacher, player or development officer with an interest in equitable and diverse sports provision? Would you like to learn more about effectively encouraging and promoting diversity in sport? Are you feeling that you ought to be doing more to encourage diversity at your sports club but not really sure how to? If so, this workshop is for you.

This workshop seeks to help local sports providers, from volunteers within local clubs through to sports development officers, with attracting and retaining a diverse range of participants to their sport. For those working at the grassroots level attracting and supporting participants from diverse backgrounds presents a significant challenge. This workshop draws on the expertise of a number of speakers who will talk about how diverse and inclusive sports provision can be created and offer some best practice examples of doing so. The first part of the workshop will consist of speaker presentations whilst the second half will invite the audience to share their own experiences, ask questions of our expert panel and discuss possible solutions to ensure the development of diverse and inclusive sport in the future.

The workshop is free of charge and open to all members of the public with an interest in sport, diversity and inclusion. To ensure appropriate refreshment is provided booking is required.

Please contact Ruth Jeanes, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education, Monash University to book a place or for more details: Ruth.jeanes@monash.edu 03 990 44216

Speakers Include:

**Michael Roberts:** AFL Victoria Regional Development Officer Outer South/Peninsula Metro Michael will discuss his extensive experiences as a Multicultural Development Officer, focusing on how to create a fully inclusive sport environment that accommodates a broad range of diverse groups

**Ramon Spaaij:** Senior Research Fellow La Trobe University. Ramon will talk about his research examining newly arrived Somali refugees’ experiences of sport. Ramon will talk about some of the issues sports providers may need to consider when looking to work with newly arrived communities.

**Karen Pearce:** Manager of Strategic Operations Basketball Victoria. Karen will be sharing her expertise on involving people with a diverse range of disabilities in sport and active leisure opportunities.

**Sunil Menon:** Multicultural Sports Capacity Building Officer, CMY. Sunil will overview various best practice in engaging and involving CALD young people in sport, specifically within a sports club context.

The session will be facilitated by Dr Justen O’Connor and Dr Ruth Jeanes from the Sport and Active Leisure Research Group, Faculty of Education, Monash University