

Further information

<i>Volunteer activity</i>	Vice Chair, Board Member, Founder, U15 Coach for Hackney Bulls Youth Rugby Club in Hackney
<i>What I do</i>	We founded the club in 2003 from 10 boys attending a half term camp in Hackney. I was Treasurer but we created the club from nothing so 5 dads did everything; advertising, coaching, website, funding, structure, RFU and Local Authority Liaison etc. Now – I attend Board meetings once a month during the season and twice outside the season to prepare and all the various jobs are delegated to individual board members. I also manage our lottery funded “coach into schools” programme. Finally and most enjoyably, I coach the U15 team – of my squad of 24 I have 3 from private school; the rest from state schools across Hackney, Haringey and Islington; probably one third White British (to use our council-imposed ethnic origin metric), the rest a full range of Others.
<i>Time commitment</i>	8 three hour evening meetings a year of the board; normally at a board members house; Coaching into Schools meetings – probably 6 one hour meetings during the day over the year and then about half a day each half term to arrange the coaching in schools – most of the contact is via E Mail so done at odd hours of the day throughout the season; and coaching – 2 to 3 hours every Sunday morning
<i>Why I do it</i>	Originally because I wanted my boys to play Rugby and we’d ended up sending them to a school that didn’t do much rugby! More profoundly – because, without our really intending it to, the club has grown into an institution which brings rugby – traditionally a white middle class private school game – to a swathe of London that never had rugby before and doesn’t have many middle class white children; we are told by schools, the RFU, the councils, the police that we make a material difference to the boys – it’s not football, it provides an outlet for all that testosterone, it crosses the post code boundaries and it encourages team spirit.
<i>Downsides</i>	The time I spend. The amount I drink at board meetings.
<i>What to do next</i>	If you want to help us with coaching – come to where we play on a Sunday 10 -12. If you are interested in helping U12s and below go to Clissold and ask for Julian Powe (the Chairman/Tag Coach); U13s and above come to Spring Hill in Hackney and ask for me. If you want to get involved in Rugby but not with the Bulls – just turn up at your local club which you can find via Google – obvious candidates might be Barnet, Finchley, Shoreditch Sharks (an inner city club in desperate need).

<i>Volunteer activity</i>	Finchley Rugby Club
<i>What I do</i>	<p>I coach U15s Rugby. Finchley Rugby Club runs training and matches for every age group from Under 7s through to Senior teams. (At mini Level, under 7 to 10 there are plenty of girls involved as well as boys).</p> <p>We now have over 450 children registered as members and are always looking for volunteers for coaching; refereeing; first-aiding; kitchen duties ; fund-raising etc. We are a Community Amateur Sports Club (similar to a charity) and are open to all.</p>
<i>Time commitment</i>	Coaches spend a couple of hours on a Sunday Morning, (a bit longer if there is an away match).
<i>Why I do it</i>	<p>Love Sport, Think that playing in a team is great for kids and it makes me proud to see hundreds of children out on the fields (where a few years ago we only had 20 or 30).</p> <p>By the way, training for coaching, refereeing etc is arranged.</p>
<i>Downsides</i>	It's addictive.
<i>What to do next</i>	Turn up on a Sunday morning and ask for me or the Chairman. Obviously we are also interested in getting your boys and girls playing so please bring them along!