

Club Development Officers



A few words about the Orienteering Foundation

- Registered charity with 6 trustees
- Independent of British Orienteering
- Make grants to individuals, clubs or others applying for funding
- Initiate projects of our own
- If you joined yesterday you will have heard of our recently completed project about beginners

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Why our interest in Club Development Officers?

- The OF is able to take a medium/long term view about the sustainability of our sport
- Ageing membership; reflected in club committees
- SYO and FVO have benefitted from having a CDO
- We can see other clubs benefitting from focussing on their own longer term development
- But in many clubs volunteers are already stretched

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What we did

- The OF has funds available to support the engagement of CDOs
- We advertised for club applicants for a pilot project
- Two good applications were received and CLOK were successful
- We agreed to part fund the engagement of a CDO for CLOK for up to two years, subject to interim milestones being reasonably on track

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Our aims

- The initial indications on CDOs are encouraging
- We see CDOs as a way forward and want to help clubs where we can
- Further funding has been earmarked for CDOs
- Pleased that British Orienteering are supportive
- Development team in Matlock have started collating best practice tools from CDO projects to seek to minimise reinventing the wheel

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What do we look for when considering CDO applications?

Each application is considered individually but some specific aspects are:

- Strong commitment from the club
- Clear objectives including milestones
- A sound project plan
- The financial aspects
- The likelihood of sustainable benefits to the club

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Concluding remarks

- We will be very interested in how CLOK progress and hope to receive applications for support towards a CDO from other clubs