

## **NEW FUNDING available for partnership programme with Podium**

The Office of the Chief Scientific Advisor (OCSA) within Scottish Government is working in partnership with Podium to develop the second phase of the Knowing Sport programme. OCSA is very keen to get communities involved with Science related activities which is the reason why you are receiving this advance notice. Knowing Sport is a public engagement programme originally created by Research Councils UK, ICSEMIS and Podium. This year the aim of the programme is to engage the public with the science and research behind the Olympic Games. OCSA have been able to provide some additional funding this year for Scottish organisations only. The programme is calling for organisations and further and higher education institutions to bid for small grants up to the value of £2,012. As we are funding Scottish projects only we have some additional criteria to the paperwork from Podium:

### **Eligibility (Scotland only additions)**

This competitive award scheme is open to: further education colleges; higher education institutions and their departments; science centres; science festivals; community groups in conjunction with community planning partnerships. Although different groups or departments from the same institution may submit applications separately, institutions are encouraged to submit a single application. No single institution will be awarded more than one grant as part of this programme. Partnerships between organisations are strongly encouraged although only one grant of up to £2012 will be awarded per project. All events and activities **must** be delivered outwith the host institution. For example events and activities should take place in local communities and where possible making use of community facilities, shopping centres, sports halls, pubs etc.

### **Selection Criteria (Scotland only additions)**

- As Knowing Sport but with the addition of:
- Applications must show how they will target and reach disadvantaged and remote/rural communities.
- Applications must show how their event/activity will make use of local community venues such as community facilities, shopping centres, sports halls, pubs etc.
- Applications should aim to have a 50:50 split in terms of events aimed at young people and adults
- Applications should demonstrate creative and innovative approaches to the events and to reaching audiences