



HALLIWICK ASSOCIATION OF SWIMMING THERAPY

TEACHING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO SWIM
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Halliwick AST has an Executive Committee which has overall responsibility for the running of the National Association and is also responsible for the website and the Newsletter.

Website & Newsletter

The Halliwick AST website was totally re-designed with a more 'modern look' in March 2011. It generates a lot of interest from both the UK and abroad, with details of our affiliated Clubs, Halliwick Training Courses in the UK and abroad, together with other related items.

The Newsletter is the main way in which Halliwick AST communicates with all its Clubs and their members, Halliwick ASTRAs and individually affiliated persons. It is produced 3 times a year.

Halliwick AST has 4 sub-committees:-

1. Education Committee

The Education Committee has 2 meetings a year and organises an annual seminar for Lecturers and Trainee Lecturers. In 2012 at the seminar, the following topics were discussed:- 'Advanced Halliwick Courses' and 'a comparison of Halliwick AST Foundation Courses with the courses offered in other countries'. Following this seminar, some work has started on possible changes to the Foundation Course (though of course it will still follow IHA regulations).

In 2012, in the UK, Halliwick AST held 9 Foundation Courses and 2 Advanced Courses:- (i) Advanced Course on Teaching the Halliwick Concept and (ii) an Advanced Course for Therapists in Paediatric Neurological Rehabilitation. Lecturers from Halliwick AST have also lectured in India, Israel and Mexico.

A national awarding body, the Open College Network, has recognised the Foundation Course. After the course, candidates have to complete a portfolio and pass the Halliwick Instructors Certificate. Beryl Kelsey has piloted this project and hopefully other lecturers will be involved in the near future. 12 people have gained credits from the Open College Network.

2. Publications Committee

The Publication Committee also has 2 meetings a year and its main task has been updating publications.

3. Health, Education and Community Committee

The Health, Education and Community Committee supports professionals using Halliwick as part of their work. It organises study days for people who have attended a Foundation Course. In April the theme of the study day was 'Halliwick in the Community'.

4. Gala Committee

The Gala Committee is responsible for gala rules and is involved in organising the National Gala. In October 2012 a very successful National gala was held in Hull.

National Co-ordinating Committee - Swimming for People with Disabilities.

Halliwick AST participates in this Committee which has representatives from organisations in the UK working with disabled people in the water. Presently it is working with the Aquatic Therapy Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (ATACP) on 'Pool design'.

Trademarks

Halliwick AST has successfully taken out a Trademark of Halliwick in the EU and is awaiting the outcome of the applied for cancellation of Johan Lambeck's Halliwick Trademark. It has also successfully taken out a Trademark in the following countries:- Argentina, Australia, Israel, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, USA and awaits one for India. The primary purpose of taking out Trademarks in these countries is to prevent anyone trying to stop IHA Registered Lecturers from lecturing in these countries rather than to stop anyone else using Halliwick but of course, in certain circumstances, they might prove useful for that too.

Business Plan

As with many charities in the UK there are many challenges facing Halliwick AST as its work (other than when lecturers lecture on a course) is all voluntary. Things are difficult in the voluntary world and, inevitably, some clubs have closed due to lack of funding, lack of volunteer support or simply a lack of facilities. In September Halliwick AST will be setting up a business plan to try and see how it can meet the challenges for Halliwick AST.