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## Experts from the World of Open Water Swimming Join Together

This month experts from the world of open water swimming joined together at the Charlton Lido and Lifestyle Club in London to officially launch STA's new Open Water Swimming Coaching qualification. The qualification, which is endorsed by CIMSPA, uniquely covers all aspects of coaching, and has received support from British Long Distance Swimming Association, Channel Swimming Association and International Ice Swimming Association.

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## **Safety Training Awards Releases New Advice on Becoming an Approved Training Centre**

STA's awarding organisation, Safety Training Awards, recently announced that any business, organisation or tutor wanting to deliver STA regulated qualifications must become an Approved Training Centre (ATC). There is no cost to gain ATC status and it will be implemented in phases over the coming months – the deadline for completed applications to be submitted is 1st August 2018. ATC agreements can be submitted now without some or all of the required policy documents; this is on the understanding that those applicants agree to develop them for the approval process by the mandatory deadline date.

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### **Look Out Next Month!**

Look out for some exciting news from STA's aquatics team about our swimming teaching qualifications in April.



## STA Roadshows - Next Stop: Nottingham!

As we hit send this month, the first of the STA Roadshows will have taken place in Belfast ([look out for the photos on Facebook!](#)) and the next stop for the team is Nottingham on 25th April. The days are packed with seminars, including an insight into ATCs by Safety Training Awards, networking and exclusive offers – plus all delegates will receive a goody bag thanks to our sponsors Speedo, Konfidence, Mor Solutions and Swimsure Insurance! Bookings are now live for Nottingham and for Glasgow, Bournemouth and Portsmouth.

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**International Learn to Swim Week - Record Numbers for 2018**

With two months to go until International Learn to Swim Week on 21st-27th May, the number of swim schools registered to take part has already surpassed last year's number – and we have swim schools from as far as South Africa, Singapore, India, Thailand, Vietnam and the Ukraine, plus many more in Europe joining us too!

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## **Join the World's Largest Swimming Lesson - 21st June 2018**

STA is encouraging swim schools and aquatic facilities to take part in The World's Largest Swimming Lesson on the 21st June to help build awareness about the importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning. Further details on how you can register your swim school to take part will be announced shortly.

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## Helping Disability Swimmers in Peterborough

In line with our charity objective, "*the preservation of human life by the teaching of swimming, lifesaving and survival techniques*", STA is committed to helping local charities, clubs and groups. The latest project is with Peterborough Special Olympic Swimming Group (PSOSG), a voluntary charity group who have set up a 'Keep us Afloat, Going for Gold' campaign - this follows a restructure which has forced them to find a new venue for their 25 swimmers, who all have a disability and travel from three adjacent counties. PSOSG's amazing work has not gone unnoticed, with the group set to receive a Civic Sports Award. Along with a donation to help keep the club open, STA has donated swimming teaching resources, and provided swim caps and noodles for all the children.

### And Finally...

The team had a great two days networking with partners, trusts and local authorities at Active-net this month – watch this space!

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