

New book on Sport Pedagogy

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The School of Education's Professor Kathy Armour, has edited and written a new book entitled *Sport Pedagogy: An Introduction for Teaching and Coaching*. Sport pedagogy offers an essential starting point for anyone who cares about sport, education and young people. It offers invaluable theoretical and practical guidance for studying to become an effective teacher or coach, and for anyone who wants to inspire children and young people to engage in and enjoy sport for life. In addition, professional educators are prompted to reflect critically on the ways in which their early learning experiences might affect their abilities to diagnose the learning needs of young people with very different needs.

As Head of the recently formed Department of Sport Pedagogy, based in the School of Education, Professor Armour explains 'Sport Pedagogy is an evidence-based, practised-focused discipline where sport and education come together. The subject matter of sport pedagogy forms the foundation of effective teaching and coaching.'

The Department of Sport Pedagogy will be launching officially on 24 May 2011 to coincide with Professor Armour's Inaugural lecture entitled "Sport Pedagogy: A Discipline – and a Department – Coming of Age" The lecture will be taking place at 5:15pm in the Muirhead Main Lecture Theatre (G15), Muirhead Tower followed by a reception and the department launch in the Muirhead Atrium.

Commenting on the research from her newly formed department Professor Armour added 'Our department's research in sport pedagogy aims to develop new knowledge to improve the learning and development experiences of sports participants and practitioners at all levels.'