

TONY PLOSZAJSKI - CURRICULUM VITAE



QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts with Honours, Geography: University of Cambridge (1982). Master of Arts, Geography: University of Cambridge (1985). Postgraduate Diploma in Planning for Leisure: Polytechnic of North London (1989).

SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

Tony is a very experienced and highly motivated professional, comfortable presenting solutions and managing relationships at the highest level. He has outstanding analytical and strategic planning skills and is a very effective written and verbal communicator.

KEY EXPERIENCE

Tony has more than twenty-five years of experience as a highly-respected consultant, which was preceded by ten years involvement in every aspect of Sport England work. As a consultant, he works with a wide range of statutory, voluntary and commercial sector clients to achieve exceptional results on projects involving:

- *Strategic planning* including a Sports Development Framework document for the Five Olympic Boroughs, which was submitted in support of the London 2012 Olympic bid and many cultural, open space, sports facilities and pitch strategies.
- **Needs analysis** identifying the need for open space, sports facilities and playing pitches, including assessments of the effects of increasing, reducing and improving the quality of provision.
- *Monitoring and evaluation exercises* a wide range of evaluations of projects of all scales, from a national review of the Lawn Tennis Association's Indoor Tennis Initiative through to post-completion monitoring of Lottery-funded schemes in three regions, to local community development initiatives.
- **Service reviews** involving operations as diverse as the operational parameters for UK Sport's high-performance funding, the structure and operation of a national governing body of sport, to local authority departments and individual service areas.
- Feasibility studies including ground breaking research for Sport England on the
 feasibility of developing sport and exercise activities as a form of commercial
 diversification for agriculture and forestry.
- **Business planning** for projects ranging from a 50m international swimming pool, to community-scale leisure facilities.
- Funding applications comprising more than 70 projects and a total of £60 million in grant awards. In addition to sports facilities, a fundraising package for a major environmental heritage project in south Essex was secured.

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CAREER HISTORY

2001 to present - Ploszajski Lynch Consulting Ltd.

Founding Director (with Jim Lynch) of Ploszajski Lynch Consulting Ltd., over the past 16-years Tony has developed the company into one of the most respected specialist sport, leisure and open space consultancy practices in the country. He has project managed a range of the company's major commissions, on occasions securing the involvement of associate consultants to supplement the company's in-house human resources.

1995 to 2001 - Whiteley International

Managing Consultant responsible for securing and managing sport and leisure related commissions. Tony was a speaker at several major national conferences on leisure-related issues and was a regular contributor to the leisure press. He was created a Partner in Whiteley International in 1998.

1993 to 1995 - The Sports Council - National Lottery Planning Team

Senior Project Officer, responsible for devising and implementing the policies and procedures necessary for Sports England to exercise its responsibilities as a Distributing Body for the National Lottery. Tony organised internal and external consultation exercises including the development of draft distribution policies and the grants processing system.

1991 to 1993 - Sportspartner Ltd.

Direction of Consultancy Services, including the management of three consultants. business development, devising and implementing a general marketing strategy and company business strategy. Tony project-managed several major commissions for clients including local authorities, governing bodies of sport, universities and public-sector consortia.

1989 to 1991 - The Sports Council - National Sports Centres

Project Officer, responsible for tendering the management of the Sports Council's five National Sports Centres. Tony collected and analysed management and usage data for specifications, evaluated submitted tenders, undertook post-tender negotiations with the appointed contractors and assisted with drafting contract documentation.

1989 - The Sports Council - National Facilities Unit

Facilities Officer, responsible for initiating the National Facilities Development Plan. Tony undertook a facilities study tour to Australia and New Zealand in conjunction with a visit to the Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

1982 to 1989 - The Sports Council - Eastern Region

Regional Officer, responsible for Regional Recreation Strategy work, including organisation of the associated promotional programme, co-ordination of input to the Statutory Planning process and producing four Regional Sports Development Plans.