



Ford boss offers advice to young rally drivers

BP Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally Team director Malcolm Wilson is to attend a training course to give advice to aspiring young rally drivers from across the UK.

Wilson will give an insight into what a top WRC team looks for in a young driver and make the group aware of the commitment levels required to reach the top of the sport. His talk will be part of a MSA British Rally Elite training event that takes place at Edinburgh University on 15 March.

Also attending the event will be Stobart VK M-Sport Ford World Rally Team's Matthew Wilson and Scott Martin, both graduates of the British Rally Elite scheme. They will talk about the sort of skills and preparation needed to progress from national to world level rallying and explain how the MSA supported training scheme has assisted them in this transition.

The country's best young rally drivers will attend the event and will receive instruction in topics that will improve their chances of making it to the highest levels of world class rallying.

The MSA British Rally Elite scheme is a national training programme designed to identify and support the best young rallying talent in the UK and is backed by UK motorsport's governing body.

As well as being the first group session in 2008 for the latest intake on the scheme, the Edinburgh event will also be open to non-members for the first time. The organisers decided to include an introductory workshop and networking opportunity, during one of the three days, after being impressed by the response they got from those who applied for the scheme but were unsuccessful.