

Athletics Ireland seeks Regional Development Officer

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Regional Development Officer in the West of Ireland for Athletics Ireland. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting clubs and developing the potential of athletics in the west. He/she will become part of the team in Athletics Ireland and work with all departments in meeting the needs of our clubs and athletes with the freedom to explore and expand the needs of the sport in line with the National Physical Activity Plan.

APPLICANT SPECIFICATION:

Essential:-

- Third Level qualification
- Level 1 AAI coaching qualification or equivalent
- Knowledge of community athletics structures, clubs etc
- Possess excellent organisational and leadership skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to think and plan strategically
- Possess good verbal and written communication skills
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office and basic IT skills
- Full clean driving licence with own transport
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PARTICULARS OF OFFICE:

(a) The post is fulltime. The post will be on a contract basis for a period of one year.

(b) Holders of the post shall reside in the district in which their duties are to be performed.

JOB SPECIFICATION

Overall Purpose of Position:

To assist Athletics Ireland's Development department in achieving its core objectives of;

1. Increasing participation and membership
2. Developing athletes to their full potential
3. Developing coaches to the highest standards
4. Developing clubs to their full potential
5. Assisting and supporting administrators at all levels

And to work with the other Departments within Athletics Ireland;

6. To assist international athletes to perform to the best of their ability
7. To assist in training competition officials to the highest standards
8. To provide appropriate competitive opportunities for all members
9. To support our members and clubs in complying with our Child Safeguarding Plan and its guidelines and policies

Reporting to Athletics Ireland Director of Coaching & Development, the successful candidate will have responsibility for the implementation of current and future development programmes, developing partnerships and coordinating between the relevant local statutory and voluntary bodies involved in the development and promotion of athletics locally, regionally and nationally including:-

Specific Responsibilities:

Coach Education:

- Planning, organising and implementing Coach Education courses nationally and regionally
- Assist in the development of courses, materials, etc as required
- Assisting in the delivery of Coach Education programmes (Tutor qualification would be desirable, but if not already qualified, a willingness to undergo Tutor training)
- Attend and assist in organisation of regional / national seminars and educational workshops as required
- Assist in the implementation of the Safeguarding programme regionally and nationally
- Work with event-specific coaching co-ordinators to plan and implement coaching workshops locally and regionally

Athlete Development

- Planning, organising and running Regional Squads for invited athletes and coaches
- Coaching at Regional Squads
- Assisting in the area of talent identification
- Assisting athletes/coaches to access coaching

Programmes

- Fit4Life meet and train programme
- Little Athletics programme
- Club Development Programme
- Club Support Programme
- Other programmes as developed by Athletics Ireland

Management Process

- Report to Director of Coaching & Development and adhere to all management processes as outlined
- Supply reports and statistics on dates as outlined
- Strictly adhere to procedures of AAI in relation to financial matters

Promotion of Athletics

- Work in co-operation with clubs, schools, LSPs, statutory and voluntary agencies to promote the sport of athletics
- Identify local initiatives in partnership with community agencies, clubs, etc., which may benefit the sport of athletics

- Assist in the development, organisation and hosting of national events to help promote the sport of athletics
- Identify any local and regional sources of funding available for the promotion and development of athletics
- Develop a good working relationship with local media to promote the sport of athletics on a regular basis

RECRUITMENT:-

Selection shall be by means of a competition based on an interview conducted by or on behalf of Athletics Ireland.

Applicants are invited to apply by email. Applications should include a CV and letter of application identifying competencies you possess in line with the above, not later than **10 February 2017** to **patryan@athleticsireland.ie**