

## **Athletics Ireland seeks a Regional Development Officer in the West of Ireland.**

Applications for the position of Regional Development Officer for the West (Clare, Galway and Mayo) are invited from suitably qualified persons.

### **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

### **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 provide appropriate competitive opportunities for all members

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
- Work with event-specific coaching co-ordinators to plan and implement coaching workshops locally and regionally
- Utilise local resources for courses, events etc

### *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 and Fit4Youth meet and train programmes
- Little Athletics / Sportshall programme
- Club Development Programme
- Club Support Programme
- Other programmes as developed by Athletics Ireland

### *Management Process*

- Report to Director of Coaching & Development
- Adhere to all management processes as directed by Director of Coaching & Development
- Supply reports and statistics on dates as outlined by Director of Coaching & Development
- 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

### *Particulars of Office*

- (a) The post is fulltime with a performance review after six months
- (b) Holders of the post shall reside in the district in which their duties are to be performed
- (c) 37.5 hours working week

### **How to apply for this post.**

Selection shall be by means of a competition based on an interview conducted by Athletics Ireland. Applications must be sent by email with the subject line of: **[ATTN: RDO WEST]**.

When applying by email, please provide a letter of introduction detailing your skills and experience relevant to the role and your Curriculum Vitae outlining your skills and work experience not later than 5pm on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019 to the Athletics Ireland Human Resources Manager to [kieronstout@athleticsireland.ie](mailto:kieronstout@athleticsireland.ie)