

Full-time volunteering opportunities available for Young Official Development Officers within National Governing Bodies of Sport



Are you looking for an incomparable work experience placement within the sports development industry?

What could you gain?

- Experience of working within sports development and the day-to-day of a National Governing Body
- Networking, enhancing contacts within the industry and build your Curriculum Vitae
- Learn about partnerships and pathways within sport and volunteering
- An incomparable voluntary work placement
- Personal development - confidence, communication and enhanced self esteem
- Professional development - organisation, time management, presentation skills, attending and delivering at conferences,
- Access to awards and accreditations to enhance your professional development

What could this role lead into?

- Potential jobs within sports development, national governing bodies or volunteer coordinator roles

Project aim: to create a new generation and everlasting legacy of trained and experienced young people as sports officials across sixteen sports.

Background: The Youth Sport Trust is concerned that the profile of technical sports officials such as judges, referees and scorers is ageing and that there is currently no formalised structure for enabling young people to take up these roles. Supported by United Utilities, v (the implementation body of the Russell Commission) and National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of sport we have taken initial steps towards addressing this. Since June 2007 we have developed 16 new young official's awards, in 13 sports and trained over 2,500 young people as officials. It is important that we build on this success and embed the awards that have been created into school sport so that young people can "step up" on to the officiating pathway.

With new innovations that build upon the current developments of the project we will offer more young people in England exciting new opportunities to engage as volunteers and officials in sport. It will revolutionise the age profile of technical sports officials and facilitate a massive growth in competitive sports opportunities, from grassroots level through to major national events, for young people throughout England against the background of the newly established annual UK School Games and London 2012.

The YODO role: to manage and develop the Young Officials Project within a specific National Governing Body (see the role description for more information). You will work closely with National Governing body staff, local schools, colleges and clubs to support the training and deployment of young people as officials at local, regional and national competition.

- Full time volunteering opportunity, (*approximately 30 hours per week, negotiable with your NGB lead*)
- To commence at the beginning of September 2009 for 40 weeks (*there is some flexibility here*)
- Ideally based within the respective offices of each NGB partner (*some flexibility depending on where you live*)

Where: Opportunities are available with the following sports:

Sport	NGB lead	NGB HQ	Website
Athletics	Paula Gowing	Solihull	www.uka.org.uk
Badminton	Emily Weller	Milton Keynes	www.badmintonengland.co.uk
Cricket	Nick Cousins	Lords, London	www.ecb.co.uk
Fencing	Neil Brown	London	www.britishfencing.com
Gymnastics	Beth Jones	Lilleshall	www.gymnasticsengland.org
Judo	Amanda Batt	Loughborough	www.britishjudo.org.uk
Lacrosse	Paul Coups	Manchester	www.englishlacrosse.co.uk
Netball	Sheelagh Redpath	Hitchin	www.englandnetball.co.uk
Swimming	Yvette Heywood	Loughborough	www.britishswimming.org
Table Tennis	Martin Ireland	Hastings	www.englishtabletennis.org.uk
Tennis	Alison Connell	Roehampton, London	www.lta.org.uk
Volleyball	Steve Jones	Loughborough	www.volleyballengland.org
Wheelchair Basketball	Jo Richards	Loughborough	www.gbwbba.org.uk

Volunteer Expenses:

- Up to £60 a week for 40 weeks – total of £2,400 (for everyday expenses on food, travel and subsistence)
- Up to £4000 towards accommodation expenses

For further information see: Project overview and timescales, role description and person specification

If you are interested in one of these posts: please complete the expression of interest form and return to Ian Poynton, Youth Sport Trust, Sir John Beckwith Building, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU by **Wednesday 1st July, 2009**

NB: A recruitment day will be held in Loughborough on Tuesday 14th July, please ensure you are available

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