



## Young Official Development Officer (YODO)

Full-time volunteering opportunity based within a National Governing Body of sport, supported by the Youth Sport Trust.



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

**Would you want to be involved in developing and creating opportunities for young people to train and be deployed as officials?**

### 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
- Personal development - confidence, communication and enhanced self esteem
- Professional development - organisation, time management, people and presentation skills, attending and delivering at conferences/training as appropriate
- 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 to support competition.

**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 that enables 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 20 new young official's awards, in 16 sports and trained over 7000 young people as officials. It is important that we build on this success and embed the awards that have been created into school sport and NGBs 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 school and grassroots level through to major national events, for young people throughout England against the background of the annual UK School Games and London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

**The YODO role:** to manage and develop opportunities for young people to engage as officials within a specific NGB (see the sport specific role description for more information). You will work closely with NGB staff, local schools, colleges and clubs to support the training, deployment and development 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 2010 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
<b>Athletics</b>	Paula Gowing	Solihull	<a href="http://www.uka.org.uk">www.uka.org.uk</a>
<b>Badminton</b>	Emily Weller	Milton Keynes	<a href="http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk">www.badmintonengland.co.uk</a>
<b>Cricket</b>	Nick Cousins	Lords, London	<a href="http://www.ecb.co.uk">www.ecb.co.uk</a>
<b>Fencing</b>	Neil Brown	London	<a href="http://www.britishfencing.com">www.britishfencing.com</a>
<b>Football</b>	Karl Lines	Yeovil	<a href="http://www.thefa.com">www.thefa.com</a>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Geoff Grant	Lilleshall	<a href="http://www.gymnasticsengland.org">www.gymnasticsengland.org</a>
<b>Judo</b>	Jess Fack	Loughborough	<a href="http://www.britishjudo.org.uk">www.britishjudo.org.uk</a>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	Paul Coups	Manchester	<a href="http://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk">www.englishlacrosse.co.uk</a>
<b>Netball</b>	Sheelagh Redpath	Hitchin	<a href="http://www.englandnetball.co.uk">www.englandnetball.co.uk</a>
<b>Rugby League</b>	Peter Brooke	Leeds	<a href="http://www.therfl.co.uk">www.therfl.co.uk</a>
<b>Swimming</b>	Yvette Heywood	Loughborough	<a href="http://www.britishswimming.org">www.britishswimming.org</a>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Martin Ireland	Hastings	<a href="http://www.englishtabletennis.org.uk">www.englishtabletennis.org.uk</a>
<b>Tennis</b>	Sophie Curthoys	Roehampton, London	<a href="http://www.lta.org.uk">www.lta.org.uk</a>
<b>Volleyball</b>	Steve Jones	Loughborough	<a href="http://www.volleyballengland.org">www.volleyballengland.org</a>
<b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>	Jo Richards	Loughborough	<a href="http://www.gbwbba.org.uk">www.gbwbba.org.uk</a>

**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

**If you are interested in one of these posts:** please complete the expression of interest form and return to: Scott Clarke, Youth Sport Trust, SportsPark, Loughborough, LE11 3QF. By **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2010**

**NB:** A **central recruitment day** will be held in Loughborough on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**, please ensure you would be available for this day.

For more information please contact: **Scott Clarke** at the Youth Sport Trust on:

- [Scott.clarke@youthsporttrust.org](mailto:Scott.clarke@youthsporttrust.org) or **01509 226673**



## Athletics Young Official Development Officer (YODO)

Full-time volunteering opportunity based with UK Athletics, supported by the Youth Sport Trust.



### Role Description

<b>Position:</b>	Young Official Development Officer
<b>Responsible to:</b>	UK Athletics and England Athletics line managers, with support from Youth Sport Trust
<b>Issue Date:</b>	May 2010
<b>Volunteer Expenses:</b>	Up to £2,400 (up to £60 per week x 40 weeks) for everyday expenses on food, travel and subsistence. Up to £4000 towards accommodation expenses Professional Development opportunities
<b>Hours:</b>	Approximately 30 hours per week, flexible and negotiable with NGB
<b>Overall Role:</b>	To manage and develop Young People as officials within UK Athletics

### Responsibilities:

#### **General**

1. Share practice and work collaboratively with the other Young Official Development Officers and Young Event Volunteer Development Officers engaged in the project.
2. Promote equal opportunities for all to access the awards.
3. With support from NGB staff, build capacity for the delivery of the young officials' awards by increasing the number of tutors able to deliver the awards throughout all regions.
4. Engage with key personnel responsible for events & competitions within your respective NGB to secure volunteering opportunities for young officials at NGB competitions. Circa three events and 5-10 of the most talented young officials at each event (including UK School Games if relevant).
5. Raise the awareness of the young officials' awards, opportunities to volunteer as an official and the success of the project amongst national networks.
6. Prepare and produce reports at regular intervals to demonstrate the progress of the project in your respective NGB.
7. Any other duties as may reasonably be required which are commensurate with the post.

#### **UKA**

1. Work with the Education Sub-group to develop and launch the new schools licensing scheme.
2. Facilitate tutor training by liaising with venues, tutor trainers and resource providers.
3. Work closely with the Youth Advisory Group.
4. Work closely with England Athletics Officials' Education Coordinators on Level 1 Officials' course administration; liaise with course tutors, school sport partnerships and athletics clubs.
5. Promote Level 1 Officials' courses to schools and school sport partnerships..



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### Person Specification

Experience	Essential	Desirable
1. To have undertaken Leadership and Volunteering in Sport in at least one of the following settings: School Sport, Community/Club Sport, Sports Events, University Sport	✓	
2. To have gained an undergraduate degree or be in the process of undertaking an undergraduate degree or equivalent		✓
3. To have experience and knowledge of the sport for which you wish to undertake the Young Official Development Officer position either as a performer or volunteer		✓
4. To have undertaken and experienced officiating in at least one sport		✓
<b>Skills, Abilities and Personal Characteristics</b>		
1. Strong verbal and written communication skills	✓	
2. Excellent organisational skills.	✓	
3. Ability to work independently and as part of a team	✓	
4. Demonstrate genuine enthusiasm and confidence when working with young people	✓	
5. Confidence to deal with people within NGBs and School Sport Partnerships	✓	
6. Ability to use initiative and drive tasks through to completion	✓	
6. Ability to prioritise and structure tasks	✓	
7. Ability to be creative and flexible	✓	
8. Demonstrate a professional appearance and attitude when dealing with key partners	✓	
9. Full drivers licence and use of own transport		✓