

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

Applications for the position of Regional Development Officer for the West Coast (Galway, Mayo, Sligo Leitrim) are invited from suitably qualified persons. Athletics Ireland is the National Governing Body for Athletics in Ireland. Athletics Ireland's Head Office is based at 19 Northwood Court, Northwood Business Campus, Santry, Dublin 9. Athletics Ireland is a company limited by guarantee with approximately 40 employees. For further information, please see our website at www.athleticsireland.ie

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

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 the 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)
- AAI Coach development
- 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

- Fit4Class and Transition Year programmes
- Little Athletics / Sportshall programme
- Club Development Programme
- Club Support Programme
- Other programmes as developed by Athletics Ireland

Management Process

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

Note this job description is not meant to be exhaustive in nature and there may be additional items required of the role not specified above.

Our benefits include:

Contributory pension (after six months)
Paid Maternity, Paternity leave
Family friendly policies
Birthday leave
Sick pay scheme
Education assistance
Bike to work scheme

Remuneration and Location

Salary: Band 1, €28,489 (min) to €39,709 (max).

Position Tenure: Six months' probation, 2 year fixed-term full-time contract.

Position Location: Hybrid working model within location of responsibility and AAI headquarters.

Appointment will be made subject to satisfactory Garda Vetting and suitable reference checks.

Applications including a cover letter and curriculum vitae should be sent by email with the subject line **[ATTN: RDO**

WEST COAST] for the attention of the Athletics Ireland Human Resources Manager to kieronstout@athleticsireland.ie

Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday the 12th of July 2024.

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