



GAMES DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR (Performance)

Sligo GAA

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is Ireland's leading sporting and cultural organisation with membership approaching one million people and in excess of 500,000 playing participants at all levels. Inspired by its amateur status and supported by the voluntary efforts of all its members, the GAA devotes its entire resources to the development of Gaelic Games and Culture nationally and in local communities.

Role Profile

The role holder is responsible for the implementation of specific GAA Games Development Policy within County Sligo. The post holder will work as part of a team, in conjunction with other full time and voluntary personnel, to deliver set goals and objectives for all GAA sports. The holder of this position will report to the County Coaching & Games Steering Committee through the County Coaching & Games Manager. The role holder will be required to work 39 hours per week, which will include weekends and evenings, and the hours may vary depending on workload and seasonal changes.

Key tasks

- Responsible for overseeing the implementation of agreed games development programmes in clubs, schools and other units of the GAA in County Sligo;
- Organise, Develop & Monitor Programmes in Physical Fitness, Nutrition & Performance Analysis to be delivered to Clubs, Post-Primary Schools, talent academies and adult county teams as agreed by the County Coaching & Games Steering Committee and in accordance with best practice;

Other Duties & Responsibilities:

- Work with Clubs, schools and county team coaches in identifying potential players for the academy programme from Under 14 to Senior. Establish and manage a database of players in the system to include records of injuries;
- Build and maintain excellent working relationship with 3rd Level college(s) and to identify potential students to support high performance programme;
- Train and teach the other full-time staff in the latest strength and physical conditioning developments and techniques, nutrition information, data capture and analysis and support them in taking Strength and physical conditioning sessions;
- Commit to ongoing continued professional development by attending coach education courses, and keep abreast of new research in all aspects of physical literacy initiatives and high performance;
- Plan and coordinate the season schedule of activities with Team managers, Games Development Officers, Development Squad Coaches and Club managers, including team and individual plans;
- Liaise with medical staff and team management regarding injured players recovery protocols and implement injury rehabilitation prior to reintegration;
- Liaise with provincial and county games development staff and attend meetings and training as required to support the development of the function and the role;
- The role holder will also undertake any other such projects or responsibilities as deemed appropriate by their manager.

Essential Criteria:

- At least 3 years' experience of working in the GAA or similar sporting organisation (Voluntary or Professional Capacity);
- Relevant Sports Science third level qualification (Higher Diploma in Sports Science, Physical Education or High Performance);
- A minimum of 2 years involvement in the delivery of physical development programmes for adolescent and adult GAA players and verifiable record of the design of such programmes;
- Exceptional interpersonal and influencing skills;
- Strong ability to work in high pressure situations;
- Excellent administrative and IT skills with a strong working knowledge of IT related packages and systems;
- Excellent communication, presentation skills (verbal and written) and interpersonal skills with effective time management;
- Ability to build and sustain good relationships and manage conflict;
- Ability to effectively manage multiple projects and deadlines;
- Clear and detailed knowledge of the GAA's coaching schemes, initiatives, roles and structures within the county;
- Foundation Level GAA Coaching Qualification;
- Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop (Safeguarding 1).

Desirable Criteria:

- Award 1 GAA Coaching Qualification;
- Experience of coaching and development in Gaelic games;
- Master's Degree in Sports Science, Exercise Science, Sports Performance, Strength & Conditioning or Equivalent (Minimum Level 9 NFQ);
- Completed a recognised professional certification in Physical Fitness (UKSCA, CSCS);
- Has an understanding of the Policies, Procedures and Guidelines of the GAA, the Code of Ethics and Good Practice;
- At least 2 years' experience in the development of inter county players on a performance pathway.
- Recognised First Aid and CPR certification.

Other Requirements:

- Own car with a full clean driving licence;
- Ability to work and attend evening and weekend meetings/activities in addition to normal day to day activities.

Please note the post is subject to Garda Vetting.

Candidates interested in the above role should apply by sending an up to date cover letter and Curriculum Vitae to <https://jobs.ie/ApplyForJob.aspx?Id=1836810> on or before 3pm on Thursday 12th September 2019.

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