

# **Project Coordinator (reference: 043) - Job Pack**

## **About Sport 4 Life UK**

#### Why We Exist

Sport 4 Life UK believes in a level playing field where every young person has the opportunity to create a better future for themselves.

The cyclical issue of the need we address is shown below:



# Young people born into disadvantage face an uphill struggle from the start.

- Three of Birmingham's constituencies rank in the top ten for child poverty rate in the UK.
- > 40% of Birmingham's population live in the top 10% most deprived wards of the UK.

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# This has an impact on their early development. By the time they reach school, they are already behind and struggle academically.

> 41% of Birmingham's population has not achieved 5 A\* to C GCSEs, and 143,576 aged 16+ have no formal qualifications. 3

# Young people that don't achieve academically continue to struggle in their transition to further education and work.

Disadvantaged young people are four times more likely to become NEET\* during further education and those without a GCSE are twice as likely to be unemployed for six months or longer.



Finally, being NEET at least once before makes a young person 7.9 times more likely to become NEET again. They are significantly more likely to be welfare dependant and unable to create a better future for themselves. This cycle continues onto their children and is repeated.

## Young people face lasting impacts of unemployment.

> They are then more likely to become involved in crime, anti social behaviour, suffer from mental health issues, low self esteem, and experience lifetime wage scarring.

# These young people eventually become NEET once they leave the education system.

- Birmingham has the highest rate of youth unemployment amongst core cities in the UK at 10.5%, over double the UK average (4.2%).
- > 19,500 young people in Birmingham are unemployed, with 6,810 claiming Job Seekers Allowance.

Statistic compiled from Index of Deprivation, Office of National Statistics, Impetus-PEF, End Child Poverty, Child Poverty Commission, Birmingham City Council, Census 2011, and House of Commons Library.
\*Not in education, employment, or training



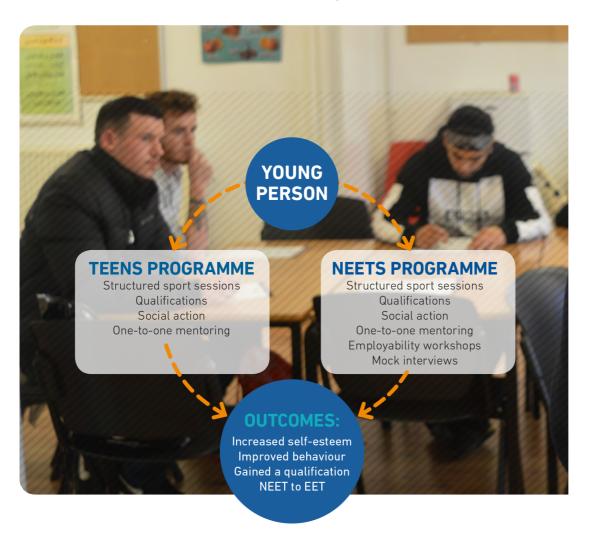
#### What We Do

Sport 4 Life UK are proud to create a better future for young people (aged 12 to 29) by improving their employability and key life skills, through our sports-themed personal development programmes.

We deliver two core programmes:

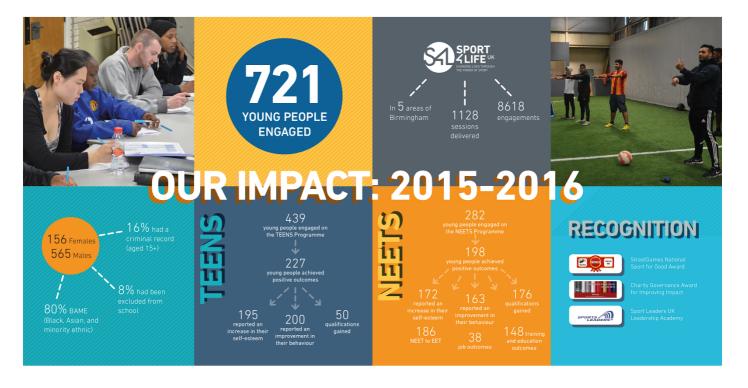
**TEENS:** A personal development programme for socially excluded 12 to 16 year olds. This initiative is designed to prevent young people becoming NEET in the future. It is a proactive and strategic intervention, tackling the issue of youth unemployment at source, by developing their life skills such as confidence, communication, leadership and respect.

**NEETS:** An employability and personal development programme for 16 to 29 year olds who are NEET. This initiative focuses on developing young people's employability and key life skills. It provides them with support to move into sustained education, employment, or training.





#### **Our Impact**



You can see a full copy of our Impact Report 2015/16 here:

http://sport4life.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/S4L-Impact-Report-2015-2016.pdf

#### Working with Us

Sport 4 Life UK (S4L) is a great organisation to work for. We are a progressive, dynamic and forward thinking organisation with a very clear and ambitious strategy for our future. Belief and trust in our team is one of our central values (see below), and we strive to create a positive, progressive and transparent team culture. We implement a structured performance-related reward policy, and are proud to have a very high retention rate.

At our last annual staff satisfaction survey, all employees rated us the following (out of 5):

- Opportunity to develop and progress 4.27
- Positive atmosphere and culture 4.36
- Proud to work at Sport 4 Life UK 4.72







## **Job Description**

#### **Key Details**

Post Title	Project Coordinator
Reference	043
Reports To	Operations Coordinator
Salary	£20,000 - £22,000 per annum dependant on experience
Hours	37.5 hours per week (Full Time - working evenings and weekends as needed)
Contract End Date	30/06/2020
Start Date	01/07/2017
Location	Sport 4 Life UK HQ
<b>Application Deadline</b>	19th May 2017, midnight
Interviews	Week Beginning 22nd May 2017

#### Job Overview

Sport 4 Life UK are recruiting a new Project Coordinator to help deliver sports-themed personal development programmes to 12-16 year olds. The successful candidate will be responsible for leading the delivery and recruitment of our TEENs programme in Birmingham.

#### Main Duties and Responsibilities

(Please note, this job description is not necessarily an exhaustive list of duties but is intended to reflect a range of duties the post-holder will perform. The job description will be reviewed regularly and may be changed in the light of experience and in consultation with the post-holder.)

#### -Outreach & Recruitment:

- Perform outreach and recruitment this may include floor walking at various youth centres, approaching potential participants and promoting our TEENs programmes
- Deliver promotional material to local partner organisations and retailers
- Collect young people's information and contact them prior and during the programmes to ensure attendance
- Link in with local partner organisations to attract referrals onto the programme
- Achieve target numbers of TEEN young people retained on programme in line with the business plan



#### -Programme Planning & Delivery:

- Plan all aspects of the programme this may include creating lesson plans, booking venues/ transport and general administration
- Coordinate and deliver group-based personal development through sport sessions this may include delivering fun, interactive personal development through sport sessions on topics such as team-work, leadership, communication
- Coordinate and tutor Level 1 qualifications in Sports Leadership, inclusive of theory and practical modules
- Complete all course paperwork and admin for the Sports Leaders Level 1 qualification
- Assist and deliver youth-led tournaments and festivals
- Lead youth-led planning meeting for inter project tournaments

#### -Mentoring & M&E:

- Provide one-to-one mentoring and support to young people, exploring their hopes and aspirations for the future, providing them with relevant IAG, completing Outcome STAR and completing all relevant paperwork
- Provide intensive support to enable TEEN young people to access "exit routes" such as sports clubs
- Support participants to access volunteering placements with other Sport 4 Life projects
- Comprehensively collect monitoring and evaluation data for all young people throughout the programmes – this may include taking registers, completing registration forms, entering data onto online systems and completing case studies
- Support the Operations Coordinator to ensure all targets are met

#### -Administration / Other:

Responsibility for completing all necessary internal and external paperwork requirements

#### -General:

- Responsibility and diligence around issues and/or incidents
- Identifying and dealing with any safeguarding or children protection, diversity or health and safety issues
- Compliance with S4L's policies and procedures
- To promote equal opportunities at all times in line with organisation's Equal Opportunities policy
- A flexible working approach, as there will, at times, be a requirement to work outside of the normal working week (e.g. for events, project visits etc.)

#### Scope of Authority

- Accountable to their Line Manager (Operations Coordinator)
- Member of 'Delivery Committee'
- Partial budgetary responsibility

### **Person Specification**



#### Personal Characteristics

The Project Coordinator is a dynamic, personable individual, who works well in a growing, changing and targeted environment, whilst upholding the Values (see below) of S4L. They will be confident and professional, with the ability to motivate and inspire the young people we work with. The Project Coordinator is a good communicator at all levels, a good listener, and can work effectively both internally (colleagues, managers) and externally (partners, young people).

#### Values

Everyone we employ is recruited based on our set of values. These are:

#### 1. All that we do is focused on **changing** the **lives** of young people

We are committed to empowering and inspiring young people to unlock their true potential through our sports-themed personal development programmes. We embrace diversity, offer unconditional support, and provide tangible opportunities for them to make a positive change in their lives.

#### 2. We believe and trust in our team

Our staff are proud to work for S4L and be part of its family. We are loyal and honest with each other and our young people. We employ the best possible people and enable them to flourish so we can collaboratively achieve our mission and celebrate our success.

#### 3. Quality runs through the core of the organisation

Our youth-led, bottom-up approach ensured the standard of our service and programmes are of the highest calibre and successfully address the needs of our young people. We have invested heavily in our ability to evidence our impact effectively to partners and stakeholders. We are professional, and have strong governance, structures, policies and processes in place.

#### 4. We do not stand still - we're a **progressive** organisation

We are a forward-thinking, dynamic organisation which operates both proactively and responsively. We push through and break down barriers so we can always go above and beyond for our young people.

#### **Experience**



- Delivering personal development workshops
- Delivering training courses
- Designing and writing youth education courses
- Managing community projects for young people
- Line managing and mentoring volunteers
- Delivering quality client IAG
- Working with young people aged 12-16
- Coordinating projects
- Delivering sports coaching activities

#### Desirable:

- Delivering Sports Leaders UK qualifications
- Mentoring young people
- Career coaching for young people

#### Skills and Abilities

#### Essential:

- The ability to organise and to be self-motivated with effective time-management skills
- The ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, to a range of audiences
- Problem solving skills, and the ability to use initiative in finding solutions
- Excellent literacy and numeracy skills
- A willingness to undertake continuous personal development
- The ability to complete administrative tasks, and use computers (e.g. email, word processing)
- High levels of self-motivation, energy and determination
- An interest in and passion for sport

#### **Qualifications**

#### Essential:

- A relevant qualification 1 of JNC youth work degree, PGCE, PTLSS, NVQ IAG, or equivalent
- Evidence of CPD in youth education sector

#### Desirable:

- Mentoring qualification
- Sports Leaders UK Tutor training qualification
- Sports coaching qualification (e.g. FA Level 1)
- Full and current driving licence





#### **How To Apply**

To apply for this position you will need to send ALL 4 documents listed below to jobs@sport4life.org.uk:

- 1. Your CV
- 2. Your cover letter stating why you believe you are the right person for the job and how you meet the job and person specification
- 3. The 'Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form' (EO) can be found here <a href="http://sport4life.org.uk/pc/">http://sport4life.org.uk/pc/</a>
- 4. The 'Application for Employment Form' (AP1) can be found here <a href="http://sport4life.org.uk/pc/">http://sport4life.org.uk/pc/</a>

Please state in your application how you found out about the position.