

# Northern Cricket Union & Ulster University

## Cricket Development Officer

### Job Description

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| <b>Department:</b>     | NCU   |
| <b>Location:</b>       | Based at Jordanstown Campus & Stormont                    |
| <b>Responsible to:</b> | Alan Waite (NCU) / Nigel Dobson (Ulster University)       |
| <b>Terms:</b>          | 3 year fixed term (in partnership with Ulster University) |
| <b>Salary:</b>         | £20k-23k  |

### Background:

The NCU has partnered with Ulster University as part of the University's Performance Sport Programme to match fund a 3 year fixed term development post on a 50:50 cost share basis per annum.

As a result of this initiative, a Cricket Development Officer (CDO) post will drive forward the development of participation and performance in cricket at the NCU, Ulster University and across the NCU area as a whole (in line with the NCU Development Plan and new Cricket Ireland (CI) strategy).

The Cricket Development Officer will be involved with player development pathway initiatives, the NCU performance academy, coaching and cricket development programmes (involving the further and higher education sectors, local authorities, schools, clubs and community groups).

### Job Purpose:

1. To promote cricket to students at Ulster University, to increase participation at all levels and the performance of individuals and teams representing Ulster University.
2. To help coordinate and promote NCU development initiatives to clubs, schools, communities in order to identify and develop talented players from across the NCU area, thus increasing performance levels within the sport.
3. To develop partnerships and programmes with key agencies that will ensure the development of cricket within the NCU, Ulster University and Cricket Ireland as a whole.

## **Main Responsibilities:**

1. To promote cricket within the NCU and Ulster University and increase participation, club membership and performance; with an emphasis on social cricket.
2. To work with the existing cricket structures and enhance further the management and administration effectiveness of targeted cricket clubs, and encourage good practice that will ensure the efficient and sustained running of these clubs.
3. To coordinate with the NCU / Ulster University Cricket Management Group to ensure the University's cricket teams are playing at the highest possible level in intervarsity sport, and on a cross campus basis.
4. To coordinate the support services offered by Ulster University Performance Services, Performance Analysis and Physiotherapy Interns for the benefit of the NCU & University cricket overall.
5. To provide sports coaching, and develop and promote coach mentoring in cricket as part of the NCU & UUSU Sport Coach Development programme.
6. To develop resources and mechanisms to promote student cricket across the NCU programmes and at Ulster University, and encourage school leavers to study at and play for Ulster University.
7. Assist and advise clubs and organisations in the establishment to Kwik Cricket Festivals and other formats of the sport for boys & girls, people with disabilities etc.
8. Increasing the opportunities for groups typically under-represented in cricket to get involved and stay involved in the sport as a player, coach, volunteer, administrator and/or committee member.
9. Liaison with NCU/CI and University academic staff to provide opportunities for students to attain appropriate teaching / coaching / officiating qualifications.
10. To continue to develop and enhance the Cricket Scholarship Programme that will attract local, national and overseas students to attend and play for the NCU, CI and Ulster University.
11. Develop the potential of local, regional, national and international education links for cricket as a means of building and sustaining the NCU Cricket Academy based at Jordanstown.
12. Liaison with all other cricket coaches in the NCU and CI programme to support clubs with coaching support options, clinics, workshops and training materials.
13. To manage the programme budget, develop funding streams and deliver fundraising activities to support the development of cricket for the NCU and at Ulster University.
14. To develop and deliver relevant cricket development initiatives at Ulster University campuses for the local community and work with local partner clubs. Including initiatives focussed to non-traditional areas and non-traditional minority groups
15. To establish and sustain effective partnerships throughout the NCU & CI networks in order to create more opportunities for participants and for high level performers.

16. The collection, collation management and reporting of information, statistics and data as appropriate regarding the status of cricket participation and performance within the NCU and at Ulster University, and throughout the areas targeted by Cricket Ireland.
17. Attend all NCU meetings, prepare written, oral and presentation reports related to game development, domestic cricket, and coaching developments
18. To undertake duties to support the development of cricket throughout the NCU and Ulster University and as directed from time to time by the Cricket Management Group.

Given the nature of the responsibilities of this post the post-holder will be required to work outside normal office hours on a regular basis, and will be required to travel across Northern Ireland. Travel may also be required to other locations in Ireland/Great Britain and Europe.