

Livingston AC Club Development Officer and Community Athletics Coach

Job Description and Applicant Information

Job Title	Livingston AC Club Development Officer and Community Athletics Coach
Responsible to	Livingston AC Board of Trustees
Reports to	Livingston AC Chair
Contract Type	2 Year Contract
Salary	£17,550 per annum (25 hours per week incl. regular evenings and weekends)

Background

Livingston Athletic Club is a well-established and successful athletics club based in West Lothian. The club has a membership of over 400 across our club and community programmes, catering for both adults and junior members, at all levels, from age 5 upwards. Livingston AC were the "Sports Club of the Year" at the 2018 West Lothian Celebrating Sport awards, and twice recent nominee for **scottishathletics** "Impact Club of the Year".

The Role

The Club Development Officer and Community Athletics Coach role will have a significant impact in the future growth and development of the club. Working with the Club Board, the role will assist in creating a thriving development structure within the Club, focusing on the delivery of structured athlete centred coaching, to ensure that a vibrant athletics club sits at the centre of sustainable athletics development within the community of West Lothian.

This role is funded through a partnership between Livingston Athletic Club and **scottishathletics** and is part of the **scottishathletics** Club Together programme. Club Together is a fundamental project within Scotland's National Strategy for athletics, Perform when it Counts, placing a key focus on supporting the development of athletics clubs in the country. Club Together is exactly that - clubs, **scottishathletics** and local partners coming together to deliver once and for all a programme that will make the athletics vision happen.

Key Responsibilities

- **Club Development**

- Work with the Club Board to support the implementation of the club business/development plan.
- Support the Club Board to develop and enhance the Club Management structure.
- Work with the Club Board and other staff to recruit, retain, reward and develop club volunteers.
- Support the introduction of new club members and parents via new parents evenings, with a focus in engaging parents in a strong volunteering culture.
- Assist with raising the profile of the athletics club in the local community, via local press and social media.
- Support the Club Event Team with event planning and delivery, and with the recruitment, retention and reward of technical officials.
- Identify and secure appropriate grant funding opportunities.
- Provide regular monitoring reports and case studies to demonstrate delivery against development plan and agreed performance indicators.
- Support the Club Board with minute taking and other administrative tasks as required.
- Record and monitor baseline data on participation and activity.

- **Community Athletics**

- Lead the coaching activity at the club's *Run + Jump + Throw* programme for ages 5-12, focusing on the delivery of planned, structured, athlete centered coaching session meeting national guidelines of best practice for age and stage development.
- Delivery a community holiday programme during the Easter and Summer holidays.
- Support the assistant coaches and helpers at the club's *Run + Jump + Throw* programme.
- Support the transition of athletes into the main club sessions.
- Work with the Club Board to establish satellite athletics clubs within local schools.
- Attended identified West Lothian Schools athletics events to promote club activity.

- **Recreational Running**

- Plan, coordinate and ensure effective implementation of new jogging groups in targeted communities, focusing on getting the inactive active.
- Develop local partnerships, to help identify target communities, identify potential jog leaders and promote Livingston AC's jogging groups.
- Responsible for the recruitment, development and deployment of Jog Leaders to deliver the new jogging groups
- Advertise and promote Livingston AC's jogging groups to raise awareness and increase participation in each of the groups.

- Any other areas of work as deemed appropriate by the club line manager or Club Board.

Candidate Specification

Factor	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and Attainments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKA Level 1/Coaching Assistant coaching qualification Holder of a current, full UK driving licence and use of a vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports related degree/qualification or relevant experience First aid certificate (within 3 months of appointment) UKA Level 2/Athletics Coach coaching qualification (within 6 months of appointment)

Work and Other Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working within a volunteer club environment Experience of coaching young athletes within a club environment Experience of working effectively with partners Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting athletics clubs Experience of initiating, developing and evaluating projects Experience of supervising projects and people Experience of sourcing and securing funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working in a sports development environment Knowledge of national sporting/physical activity initiatives & strategies Knowledge and understanding of sports development pathways (LTAD)
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Competencies and Skills	Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to remain open to ideas Ability to motivate and support others to take action/participate Be able to establish clear goals
	Managing Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to plan and prioritise workloads – short and long term Ability to manage resources to ensure work is completed efficiently Be able to achieve goals and meet deadlines despite obstacles. Be proactive in improving existing activities and processes
	Change Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to successfully adapt to and works effectively with changing situations Have experience of working with a variety of different groups
	Relationship Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to work with club members and other partners in a manner which gives them confidence in your intentions Understands & meets partner needs Keeps partners updated
	Communication & Organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent organisational skills Ability to communicate with others in a positive and influential manner Ability to ensure relevant information is communicated to the right people, in the right style, at the right time
	Additional Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT skills and experience Ability to undertake flexible working hours including regular evenings and weekends Satisfactory Disclosure Scotland / PVG Check (Application to Join PVG Scheme or Scheme Update will be completed by Livingston AC)

Conditions of Employment

The successful candidate will be based in the West Lothian area, primarily at the club's base at Craigswood Sports Centre. Attendance at other sporting facilities and schools in West Lothian will also be required on occasion, and occasional travel will also be required to other areas for meetings.

Salary

The salary offered for the post will be £17,550 per annum.

Hours of Work

The person appointed will be expected to work for 25 hours a week including regular evenings and weekends. The training club sessions are currently Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings. There are also monthly Sunday events during the summer season.

Pension

Livingston AC operates a qualifying group pension scheme for auto-enrolment purposes and will match the successful candidates' contribution up to a maximum of 6% of salary, including the legal minimum contributions required.

Annual Leave and Public Holidays

The annual leave entitlement for this post is 140 hours, including public holiday entitlement. Annual leave may be taken by prior arrangement with the line manager.

Probationary Period

This post carries a six month probationary period before appointment is confirmed.

Notice

This post carries a one month period to terminate employment after the satisfactory completion of the probationary period.

Application Process

Applications should be made by submitting a covering letter (addressing how the applicant's skills and expertise fit with the job roles and person specification) and CV, to Alistair Dalglish, Livingston AC Chair, at alistair@livingstonac.com

The closing date for applications is 5.00 pm on Friday 20 November 2021.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Any offer of employment would be subject to a satisfactory PVG check and references.

Livingston Athletic Club is an equal opportunities organisation.