

<b>Job Title:</b>	University Football Activator (leading on Female participation)
<b>Contact:</b>	Term time contract (maximum of 25 weeks)
<b>Hours:</b>	4 hours per week
<b>Pay:</b>	£8.33 p/h
<b>Department</b>	Essex Sport
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Football Development Officer
<b>Closing Date:</b>	5pm Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Interview Date:</b>	Week commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 ( <i>day tbc</i> )
<b>Enquiries to:</b>	<b>Applications to:</b> Sarah Dooley, <a href="mailto:sarah.dooley@essex.ac.uk">sarah.dooley@essex.ac.uk</a> – Football Development Officer <b>Informal enquiries:</b> Yvan Godby, <a href="mailto:ygodby@essex.ac.uk">ygodby@essex.ac.uk</a> - Current Football Activator

Are you looking for a career in sports? To boost your CV? Interested in working within a sporting environment? Or are you simply passionate about football?

The University of Essex is offering a unique and exciting opportunity to help develop our female football offer both at the University and within the community. This is a one-off opportunity to gain experience working for the University of Essex in association with the Football Association (FA) and BUCS.

The FA's strategy for Women's and Girls' football aims to double participation, double the fan base and achieve consistent success on the world stage by 2020. As a newly recognised University Grassroots Tier 1 Football Hub and BUCS Women's Football and Futsal Specialist Hub, we have a responsibility to contribute to the growth in the game.

### Job Description

The role is focused around developing and promoting opportunities for students, staff and the local community to participate in football and futsal - whether this is through playing, coaching, officiating or volunteering. Your aim is to develop new, flexible, forms of football for women and girls which may include, but not be limited to, small sided games, social turn-up-and-play sessions, one off tournaments or festivals and futsal activity. The emphasis is upon offering a wide variety of playing opportunities, regardless of ability or experience.

Further responsibilities include developing and growing leagues and tournaments as well as developing links to wider community football programmes through our HE Grassroots Hub model. You will also have a role to play in developing our referee's hub and guiding students into coaching pathways.

### Key Relationships

- *Internal Partners:* Sports Development Team, Essex Students' Union and University BUCS teams presidents.
- *External Partners:* Essex FA, BUCS, Colchester United in the Community, Colchester & Blackwater School Partnership, Community Clubs, County Sports Partnership.
- *Volunteers:* Fellow football activators, student management team, students and staff.

### Duties of the Post:

*Your job tasks will fall under a number of key areas:*

## **PARTICIPATION**

- Increase student participation in football. Set up fresher's week events, drop in sessions, one off tournaments and signpost students to intramural leagues and coach education opportunities.
- Gather participant data; formulate reports to feed back to University/FA.
- Lead Active Sessions or arrange volunteers to do so
- Be an integral part of Student Football Management Team driving all things football and futsal at the University and within the local community

## **LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS**

- Assist in the development & promotion of our men's 5-a-side indoor league by attracting new teams.
- Develop a new opportunity for a women's 5-a-side league by recruiting teams.
- Assist in the development & promotion of our new men's 11-a-side flexi league on Wednesdays & Saturdays to increase participating teams from 5 to a target of 8.
- Allocate referees for intramural leagues and tournaments.
- Ensure referees are following correct procedures and internal league rules when refereeing fixtures.
- Produce surveys to understand participant feedback at least twice a year to ensure we are always reviewing the delivery of our sessions
- Update results and fixtures online on a weekly basis.

## **COACHING & REFEREE DEVELOPMENT**

- Work with Essex FA to develop opportunities for students to complete Level 1 and Level coaching qualifications.
- Source paid and volunteering opportunities for students to gain experience in the community (schools, clubs etc.).
- Recruit new FA Referee Hub members
- Liaise with Essex FA Referee Development Officer to organise CPD opportunities.
- Organise futsal refereeing course + coaching course, to help with set up of futsal league.
- Establish paid and volunteer placements for referees in the hub, in intra-mural competitions and community settings.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

- Maintain school-club links and develop links with at least 1 more school.
- Promote coaching & refereeing opportunities to local clubs/leagues/schools.

## **COMMUNITY**

- Deliver 1 effective link with FA Charter Standard Club in the neighbouring Colchester area, and help to signpost students to this club.
- Strengthen links with both BUCS Football + Futsal clubs to aid their development.

## **Benefits to the position:**

- Monetary support towards leadership or coaching qualification.
- Football Activator Team kit.
- Opportunity to attend FA and BUCS affiliated national events around the country.
- Personal development mentoring.
- People management, partnership networking and project management experience to help future employability.

**Personal Requirements:**

<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<b>Must</b> be a current University of Essex student.	A current FA Football specific qualification or a desire to complete an award while at University
Good communication skills. Outgoing and confident.	Willingness to volunteer on certain Essex Sport campus events & festivals
A love of football & enthusiasm for the game that will help convince people to want to play more frequently	Experience of taking part in sport at the University as well as familiarity with BUCS clubs.
Good time management & the flexibility to fit the role around your study	Experience of organising sporting events and competitions.
Understanding of how to use social media & marketing	

**How to apply**

To apply, please submit a CV, your name, email address, phone number and a 300-500 words description as to why you feel you would be an ideal candidate for this position. Submissions to be made via email to Sarah Dooley (Football Development Officer) on [sarah.dooley@essex.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.dooley@essex.ac.uk)

Closing date for completed applications is on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 5pm.**

Interviews are planned for **w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.** Day / time to be confirmed.