



## CRICKET CONNECTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - NCU

### BACKGROUND

Cricket Ireland is the governing body for the game at both performance and participation levels throughout All-Ireland, representing the interests of game of cricket nationally. There are five Provincial Unions, Cricket Leinster, Connacht Cricket, Northern Cricket Union, Northern Cricket Union and Munster Cricket. Cricket Ireland is recognised by Sport NI as the National Governing Body for cricket in Northern Ireland.

The Rank Foundation is a philanthropic organisation and the charitable legacy of Joseph Arthur Rank (1888-1972). Its aim is to improve the lives of people and their communities, across the UK. The Rank Foundation looks to do this by encouraging and developing leadership and promoting enterprise and innovation.

### PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Cricket Connects is a Cricket Ireland participation initiative and is supported by The Rank Foundation Start Here Grant.

Cricket Connects aims to encourage more people to play more cricket, more often. Cricket Connects has a specific focus on targeting groups not usually accessing cricket or physical activity opportunities including a focus on more women, those with a disability, and those who are socially disadvantaged becoming more active. The programme is designed to be holistic and increase individuals' capacity in leadership and self, while also encourage increased physical activity and support those groups with COVID recovery.

Cricket Ireland seeks to recruit a Full-time Cricket Connect Officer based in and working within the Northern Cricket Union to support this initiative. This Cricket Connects role will support organisational and sectoral growth for cricket in Ireland through increasing participation in sport and physical activity.

### JOB OVERVIEW

Working daily as part of the Northern Cricket Union Development team, the post-holder will be responsible for the co-ordination and roll out of Cricket Ireland's 'Cricket Connects' and National Participation Programmes.



## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the roll out of Cricket Connects programme by co ordinating and delivering social cricketing experiences to local community groups, schools and Clubs see above point
- Co-ordinate and deliver Cricket Connect Activator Training to local community groups, schools and Clubs
- Support the roll out of Smash It and It's Wicket! to clubs across the region
- Co-ordinate Smash It / Its Wicket Activator training working as part of the Provincial Union Development Team
- Provide direct customer support in relation to all Cricket Ireland National Participation Programmes including Smash It, Its Wicket, Walking Cricket and CricHIIT
- Develop strong working relationships with the game's stakeholders and potential partners across the provincial union area and act as a champion for the Provincial Union and Cricket Ireland at all times.
- Help promote Cricket Connects, National Programmes and all local initiatives to drive participation in the game
- Report periodically to Cricket Ireland on all cricket connects and national programme activity within the provincial union.
- Engage with all Rank Foundation initiatives and opportunities when presented.
- Any other tasks relevant to the role

## CRITERIA

- Although, this is not a mandatory requirement, ideally the candidate will understand the administration and implementation involved in running a sporting club and/or an understanding of sports development
- A thorough knowledge of the role of physical activity in the promotion of an active lifestyle and the importance of physical activity for health and wellbeing.
- Knowledge of IT including working with databases, spreadsheets, word processing and presentation packages
- Full clean driving license and access to own vehicle for business purposes

## KEY QUALITIES

- Strong organisational skills incorporating excellent attention to detail
- Must be highly organised and able to work under pressure, with the ability to multi-task
- Excellent time management skills are required with the ability to work on one's own initiative and as part of team
- Must have the ability to develop strong relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- The ability to work flexible hours, as dictated by a sport which is largely leisure /volunteer based
- Demonstrable working knowledge of Microsoft IT and software packages including Office, Word, Excel and PowerPoint



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## WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- Northern Cricket Union CEO
- Northern Cricket Union Development Team
- Cricket Ireland National Development Manager
- Cricket Ireland Participation Team
- All affiliated clubs
- The Rank Foundation
- Sport Northern Ireland
- Sport Ireland
- Councils / Local Sports Partnerships

## REMUNERATION

- Salary: £21,673 per annum
- Position tenure: 2.5 year fixed term contract
- Position location: Northern Cricket Union, The Pavilion, Stormont Estate, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3TA.

## PROCESS

- The closing date for applications will be 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- A detailed letter of application and full CV should be sent by email to [recruitment@cricketireland.ie](mailto:recruitment@cricketireland.ie) and will be confidential. Please advise where you saw the advert.
- Eligibility to work in ROI & UK is essential.

Interviews will be held as soon as possible after the closing date.