

SportsAid

DiSE Programme Officer



Could you help young sports people to develop their potential in sport and life?

Founded in 1976, SportsAid is a national charity that recognises and helps Britain's sporting talent, often at a crucial time in their development with a **mission to encourage, enable and empower the next generation of athletes to achieve their ambitions in sport and life.**

SportsAid has recently taken over the administration and governance of the two-year Diploma in Sporting Excellence programme (DiSE).

Part of this change involves Sport England delegating governance and financial management oversight of DiSE to SportsAid – building on the system partner role the charity already has (including well established responsibilities for TASS and Backing the Best).

This role provides a very significant opportunity to support the DiSE programme to reach its full potential and better support the student-athletes on the course and the learning providers hosting them.



The aim of the Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) programme is to support young athletes in the talent system to combine sport and education so that they have the skills, knowledge and competence to pursue sporting excellence alongside developing the skills and qualifications to consider a career in sport. DiSE provides a comprehensive syllabus to support young athletes to gain an additional qualification and achieve their full potential within the NGB talent pathway as well as their future career.

As DiSE Programme Officer the role will include supporting the development and administration of the DiSE programme, including supporting the programme review process, programme funding and developing the identity and supporting collateral of the programme. The Programme Officer will report to the DiSE Programme Lead and will also work with the DiSE Management Group, a sub-committee of the SportsAid Board.

The role requires knowledge of the sport and/or education sectors and ideally an awareness of the various support programmes in SportsAid's management, with a willingness to stimulate engagement in a multi-stakeholder environment. Project management skills and the ability to coordinate several workstreams and resources are key; strong communication skills are also essential alongside a commitment to supporting an inclusive work culture.

This is an exciting role directly connected to the purpose and passion of the charity's work and a rare opportunity to join a committed and driven team at an exciting time of growth. It will require a passion to help young people and an interest in the role sport and education can play. A good understanding of the challenges some young people can face in these settings is desirable.

The salary is in the range of £30,000 to £35,000 p.a. with private health insurance, death in service benefit, company pension scheme and a flexible, hybrid-working structure. A job description is available on request at jobs@sportsaid.org.uk

You will be based in central London with a national brief. You will have significant relevant experience (at least three years) with a strong track-record and demonstrable success in working with and supporting young people in a sporting context, in a multi-stakeholder environment. You will also be confident working collaboratively, will have the temperament to work in a small team in a fast-paced environment and will be a self-starter who is reliable, committed, organised and motivated. You will have excellent organisational and presentation skills and will be an effective communicator with lots of enthusiasm. Sound IT skills and a working-knowledge of database management and Excel will be essential.



SportsAid recognises that certain sections of the community have been affected by structural inequities and may be denied the opportunity to participate equally and fully in sport at all levels. SportsAid as an organisation believes our role is to remove the barriers that our most under-served, at risk and minoritised groups of young people experience when trying to access sport and physical activities.

SportsAid therefore positively welcomes, and seeks to achieve, diversity in our workforce and that all job applicants, volunteers and employees receive equal and fair treatment. We positively encourage applications from all candidates regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, marriage and civil partnership status, gender identity, background, religion, faith, sexual orientation, maternity status, pregnancy, belief or nationality.

Please apply by emailing your CV with an outline of why you are interested in joining SportsAid and how your skills and experience fit the role to jobs@sportsaid.org.uk by 5pm Friday 26 January 2024.

On receipt of your application, you will be sent a confidential equal opportunities form which all applicants will be asked to complete.