

Wesport Seeks New Project Officer (Sport Welfare)

The West of England Sport Trust (Wesport) is seeking a new Project Officer (Sport Welfare) to add to its existing team & as part of the new national network of Sport Welfare Officers.

A new national network of Sport Welfare Officers is being created across England to support National Governing Bodies (NGB) and their local clubs to promote good practice and safe sport for children, young people and adults on a local level. The Sport Welfare Officer roles will add capacity and expertise to the existing safeguarding work of NGBs and Active Partnerships. They will help further understand safeguarding in local clubs e.g. how policies and procedures are cascaded and help share good practice. They will work closely with other Sport Welfare Officers, National Governing Bodies and wider organisations; to connect people working on welfare and safeguarding, both inside and outside sport.

The network of Sport Welfare Officers is being funded by Sport England using National Lottery grants, currently until March 2027. Wesport has received funding for two roles; a Project Manager & a Project Officer.

Wesport is a Registered Charity (1114495) and fulfils the role of the Active Partnership for the West of England, which covers Bath & North-East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. We work with a network of organisations across this area.

Our vision is that:

Wesport will contribute to improve lives in the West of England through championing, developing and delivering sport and physical activity.

This describes what we aim to achieve in the long-term and serves as a guide for choosing our current and future courses of action.

Office Location: Wesport Office, The Vassall Centre, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2QQ
Hours: Full time (37 hours per week)
Salary: £27,922 - £28,761 per annum

We are seeking an exceptional, dynamic individual to join our team. The Project Officer (Sport Welfare) will work alongside the Wesport Project Manager (Sport Welfare) with National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and their local clubs to promote good practice and safe sport on a local level. This new role will help further understanding of safeguarding in local sport clubs (e.g. how safeguarding policies and procedures are implemented).

The Project Officer (Sport Welfare) will complement the work of the existing safeguarding structure inside and outside sport. They may champion national safeguarding campaigns with local clubs, for example Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport week (inside sport) and Safeguarding Adults Week (outside sport).

Successful candidates will possess a real passion for the agenda and a strong fit with Wesport's values. Ideally, you will be able to demonstrate clearly transferable skills and experiences or draw upon experience gained in an education sector, physical activity, active lifestyles, health or community development role (voluntary or professional).

Wesport embraces & champions equalities, diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are actively encouraging applications from people from under-represented groups. We are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives and skills to help keep us relevant to the communities that we work within. We believe that the more inclusive we are, the better our work will be. You can find out more at www.wesport.org.uk where you can find our strategy, our annual report, & our most recent updates.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please fill out the Wesport Application Form, noting which role you are applying for, and return it via email to: Nikki.Stephens@wesport.org.uk

A role description and person specification have been developed to help you with this process.

If you would like an informal discussion regarding this role, please contact Melonie Gregory, Chief Operating Officer on Melonie.Gregory@wesport.org.uk or 0117 328 6251.

Closing date for applications: 12.00 noon on Monday 12th February 2024
Interviews will take place on Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th March 2024 in Bristol.

(If you have not heard from us by the interview date then unfortunately you have not been successful on this occasion)

