

Wesport Seeks New Strategic Lead for Health & Physical Activity

The West of England Sport Trust (Wesport) is seeking a new Strategic Lead for Health & Physical Activity to add to its existing team.

The role will involve advocacy for the importance of 'moving more' across the local health systems within the West of England, connection to the local community sector and programme development and management.

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: £32,040 - £36,061 per annum

We are seeking an exceptional & dynamic individual to join our team.

The role will involve advocacy for the importance of 'moving more' across local health systems, including two Integrated Care Systems across the West of England, as well as connection to the local community sector and programme development and management.

A proportion of this role will be spent working across, and embedded within the hospital trust, strengthening collaboration between acute services and community-based physical activity initiatives, and supporting the integration of movement into healthcare pathways.

This role will work closely with and be supported by the Director of Health and Physical Activity, building on existing connections and managing current programmes to maintain and accelerate the momentum of progress made so far.

Working across the current evolving local health systems is complex and requires strategic influencing and advocacy to make an impact. We are therefore looking for someone with strong partnership development experience, alongside knowledge and experience of working within the health sector

Successful candidates will possess a real passion for the agenda and a strong fit with Wesports 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: melonie.gregory@wesport.org.uk

A role description and person specification have been developed to help you with this process. Please ensure your application clearly shows how you meet the criteria outlined in the role description and person specification. If there are a couple of areas that you don't feel you meet the criteria, but you still meet the majority, we would encourage you to apply anyway, as there will be an element of on-the-job learning which may well fill that gap.

If you would like an informal discussion regarding this role, please contact Ali Chodkiewicz, Director for Health & Physical Activity, on 0117 328 6250 (main line) or 07917 721984.

Closing date for applications: 5pm on Tuesday 26th May 2026.
Interviews will take place on Thursday 4th June 2026.

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

