

Blues Foundation – Rugby Coach (Freelance)

TITLE: Rugby Coach

RESPONSIBLE TO: Head of Foundation

CONTRACT TYPE: Freelance

SALARY: Negotiable depending on experience

CLOSING DATE: Ongoing

Blues Foundation:

Blues Foundation is the charitable arm of Bedford Blues Rugby Club. We use the values of rugby, sport and exercise to promote health and wellbeing, and positive lifestyle choices through targeted interventions and sport programmes that support our community.

Launched in April 2020, Blues Foundation deliver projects that are designed to support our target audiences. Projects include our flagship programmes Rugby and Reading, Rugby and Numbers, as well as our primary rugby and multisport clubs. Our intervention and social inclusion work includes our Tackle LIFE programme, Be You, ABILITY Blues disability sport programme, as well as our Holiday Provision.

Responsibilities:

- Deliver high quality rugby sessions across a range of projects designed by Blues Foundation in school and community settings, including tag, touch and contact rugby.
- Activate curriculum programmes across primary and secondary schools, multisport sessions including ABILITY Blues, and other sport related projects and camps where appropriate.
- Deliver to a range of abilities, backgrounds and audiences with sessions delivered in school hours as well as some evening and weekend work.
- Work with Head of Delivery and RDO to support and develop our matchday offer.
- Plan, organise and review all sessions. As well as complete aspects of administration, monitoring and evaluation of sessions required.
- Maintain a high standard of health and safety throughout delivery and implementation of correct safeguarding procedures.
- Positively represent and promote Blues Foundation and the Bedford Blues brand. Maintaining a positive and enthusiastic attitude and energy to delivery.
- Ability to work independently and to our core values.
- The successful candidate will be reliable, hardworking, trustworthy, and willing to work as part of the team for the benefit of Blues Foundation and the wide variety of projects delivered.

Responsible to:

The Rugby Coach will report to the Head of Foundation in all areas of their work. The role will be based at various locations around Bedford and surround areas, therefore ability to travel is essential.

Essential skills and experience:

- At least two years' experience delivering a variety of high-quality rugby and activity sessions, as well as an empathy and understanding towards the target audience.
- Experience in delivering and engaging young people from challenging backgrounds is desirable. This includes some experience with disabilities and SEN sessions.
- Suitable and relevant qualifications and experience in rugby, sport and physical activity, as well as an understanding of health, safety and safeguarding.
- Experience and ability to communicating professionally across different levels and relationships including participants, colleagues and other key partners including schools.
- Ability to deliver at a high standard and to the values of Blues Foundation, as well as an ability to contribute to wider work and impact of the charity.
- Ability to work and deliver in a team environment, as well as individually. The successful candidate should be motivated, demonstrate a positive attitude towards the work of the Foundation.

Qualifications:

- Level 2 coaching award or equivalent (including England Rugby Coaching Award).
- Full and clean driving license.
- Valid Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding qualifications desirable.
- Sector relevant qualifications are desirable.

Blues Foundation are an equal opportunities employer, we will consider any reasonable adjustments under the terms of the Equality Act (2010) to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the Act) to meet the requirements of the post. Blues Foundation may make adjustments or changes to the job description, role or grading at their discretion and will be communicated with the post holder.

The role will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. A full and clean driving license is essential for this role.

How to apply:

If you are interested in the role we would really like to hear from you. Please get in touch initially via email to have an open discussion, contact Head of Foundation Tom Harwood on info@bluesfoundation.org.uk.

To apply for the role please submit a CV and cover letter. If interested, we encourage the applicant to apply as soon as possible. To have an informal conversation about the role please contact Tom Harwood via the email address above.