



## **Education and GAA Development Officer**

### **Based in Dublin City University, St. Patrick's Campus**

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is Ireland's leading sporting and cultural organisation with membership approaching one million people and in excess of 500,000 playing participants at all levels. Inspired by its amateur status and supported by the voluntary efforts of all its members, the GAA devotes its entire resources to the development of Gaelic Games and Culture nationally and in local communities.

Leinster GAA is a Provincial Council of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) sports of hurling, Gaelic football, camogie, rounders and handball in the province of Leinster.

#### **Role Overview:**

The role holder will have responsibility for developing and coordinating the implementation of various GAA programmes and for maintaining the historical links between the GAA and St. Patrick's Campus.

#### **Contract:**

3 year fixed term contract – 39 hours per week. The successful candidate will be an employee of Leinster Council GAA.

#### **Reports to:**

The role holder will report directly on a day to day basis to the DCU Head of Gaelic Games. The role holder will also have a secondary reporting relationship with the Leinster Council GAA Operations Manager and the GAA Director of Games Development and Research.

#### **Location:**

The role holder's office space will be based at DCU's St. Patrick's Campus, but the role holder will have a cross campus remit and so will also be required to perform duties at DCU's Glasnevin Campus. The role holder will also occasionally engage in activities on behalf of DCU and Leinster Council GAA at other locations off campus.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- To promote Gaelic games in DCU, and to ensure maximum participation from the student population, through entry of student club teams in third level competitions;
- To provide administrative, logistical and coaching/mentoring support services to the players, coaches and officers involved with DCU - Dóchas Éireann GAA Club. This shall include facilitating access to medical and training support;
- To contribute to recruitment campaigns for incoming students, working closely with the DCU Recruitment;
- To contribute to the promotion of scholarship opportunities for prospective students;
- To contribute to the provision of a meaningful scholarship programme for current students to include the creation of links with schools and clubs;
- To provide a comprehensive GAA Coach Education programme;
- To support student teachers where relevant in preparation for and during teaching practice;

- To coordinate the delivery and expansion of the GAA Elective Programme to students in the university;
- To build and sustain positive working relationships with University departments and staff;
- With Comhairle Laighean, deliver a variety of coach education programmes and summer courses tailored to the needs of teachers and support the promotion and delivery of GAA games development programmes such as GAA 5 Star (Wellbeing & Lifelong Learning) Recognition Award – Child and Youth for primary schools;
- With Comhairle Laighean, and with University funding and cooperation, help establish DCU's St. Patrick's campus as a hub for primary and post-primary teacher-focused GAA Coach Education;
- To implement appropriate Health and Safety policies and procedures in order to ensure a safe, effective and friendly environment at all times, which shall include travel to and from games;
- Provide a one-on-one mentoring service for students, particularly at fresher level, to ensure all their needs are met in the college, which shall include the provision of academic supports as required as part of a student development pathway programme;
- To further enhance the strong relationship between Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath/ Laighean and DCU's St. Patrick's Campus, in fostering a love of Gaelic games and act as a liaison through Cumann na mBunscol Laighean with the counties.

### **Essential Criteria:**

- In-depth knowledge of the GAA and its structures;
- Comprehensive knowledge of GAA Games Development Programmes; demonstrable knowledge and experience of best-practice coaching, learning and development strategies and tools;
- Third Level qualification in education;
- Strong management and organisation skills;
- Demonstrable ability to effectively plan and manage budgets;
- Excellent people management skills with an ability to foster and develop a strong sense of community, built around GAA values, amongst the student cohort;
- Strong leadership and teamwork skills; demonstrable ability to present goals and direction;
- A thorough knowledge of third level structures and a demonstrable ability to foster and maintain positive relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders;
- Strong administrative, reporting and IT skills;
- Excellent communication (verbal and written), influencing and presentation skills;
- A knowledge and understanding of education and, in particular, teacher education.

### **Desirable Criteria:**

- Teaching experience;
- An Award 1 GAA Coaching qualification.

***Please note the post is subject to Garda Vetting.***

Candidates interested in the above role should apply by sending an up to date cover letter and Curriculum Vitae to <http://jobs.ie/ApplyForJob.aspx?id=1633400> on or before 3pm on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

***The GAA is an equal opportunities employer.***

