

WOC Development Project Manager

WOC Development Project Outline

The World Sprint Orienteering Championships (WOC2024) are taking place in Edinburgh in July 2024. This offers a unique opportunity to promote orienteering to a wider audience and attract more people to take part in Scotland and across the UK. With the excitement of the sprint format proving particularly attractive to young people. The staging of the world championships has the potential to have a substantial impact on orienteering activity across the country. The sport needs to grasp this potential and achieve a significant growth in numbers enjoying orienteering as an exciting sport for all, young people in particular. We are seeking a motivated individual to create a 2 year delivery plan to maximise this opportunity for the sport of orienteering.

Role Outline

We are seeking to appoint a full-time project manager to realise the benefits of this opportunity. This will initially be a fixed term contract of 6 months, we are hopeful for a 2year extension to this initial contract but this will be subject to outcomes and funding.

Outcomes from this should be

- A targeted publicity programme leading to greater awareness of orienteering and the opportunities offered by the WOC.
- The engagement of orienteering clubs, external partners and sponsors in projects leading up to, and beyond, the championships.
- A costed and coordinated programme of events and activities that can be delivered across the UK during the following two years.
- Identified opportunities of attracting additional resources for (community or national) orienteering activities and plans to take advantage of such opportunities

This is a joint project between the Scottish Orienteering Association and British Orienteering. As well as clubs across the UK, key partners within orienteering will be the WOC organising team and the development staff at Scottish Orienteering and British Orienteering.

The post will be home-working, but given the location of the WOC it is expected that the appointee will be based within a reasonable travelling distance of Edinburgh and will be expected to attend regular meetings with stakeholders.



Essential:

- strong communication and networking skills
- ability to generate interest and enthusiasm in a variety of different potential partners - orienteering clubs and members, schools, local authorities (Active Schools or outdoor education), youth organisations, sponsors, ambassadors (elite athletes)
- experience in scoping a coordinated and achievable project plan
- budgeting and financial management
- knowledge of orienteering
- resident in Edinburgh or the surrounding area
- full driving licence
- Ability to work on own initiative as well as being a team player
- Motivated and ability to motivate others

Desirable:

- marketing experience, particularly in sport
- experience in engaging and working with partners and attracting additional resources to support projects
- presentation skills
- experience working within orienteering, the outdoor sector and/or major events

Summary:

Place of work: Home working but must be located within easy travelling distance to Edinburgh

Remuneration: £30,700 FTE

Hours of work: Full time 35 hour working week

Contract: 6 months. There is scope for a 2 year project delivery phase contract subject to funding availability at the end of the initial 6months, this would be a separately awarded contract.

Closing Date for applications: Monday 25th July 2022.

If you wish to discuss this role or to submit an application please email Anne Hickling, Development@scottish-orienteering.org. A CV and covering letter outlining how to meet the requirements of this role should be submitted by email.

