

Job Description: Youth Officer

Netball Northern Ireland

Contract: Full-time (subject to funding)

Reports to: Head of Development

Duration: 31st March 2027 (with possibility of extension, subject to funding)

Location: Belfast (Primarily office based)

Salary: £26,000

Role Purpose

The Youth Officer will play a central role in developing and delivering opportunities for young people to engage with netball across Northern Ireland. The position will focus particularly on primary schools and early years of post-primary education, ensuring accessible, fun, safe, and inclusive participation pathways.

The role will lead on growing school and organisational affiliation, building strong relationships, and supporting teachers and volunteers to confidently deliver and officiate netball. It will also champion youth voice and engagement, ensuring young people play an active role in shaping the sport through the Youth Forum.

Key Responsibilities

Youth Participation & Programme Delivery

- Design, implement, monitor and review programmes that increase youth participation in netball.
- Deliver fun, engaging, and safe netball sessions within schools and community settings.
- Support the early development pathway for young players, particularly within primary and early post-primary settings.
- Encourage lifelong participation in sport and physical activity.


School Engagement & Affiliation

- Grow and manage school and organisational affiliation to Netball NI.
- Develop and promote a clear and attractive affiliation benefits package.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with schools, teachers, educational stakeholders and local authorities
- Increase access to netball opportunities across diverse communities.

Education, Training & Workforce Development

- Lead on upskilling teachers and school staff to:
 - Deliver netball sessions confidently
 - Officiate games appropriately
- Support the development of young people as coaches, officials, and volunteers.
- Identify and create opportunities for young people to engage in non-playing roles within sport.

Competitions & Events

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- Manage and coordinate Primary School Leagues.
 - Organise and deliver competitions, festivals, and events for young participants.
 - Ensure events are inclusive, safe, and well-managed.

Youth Voice & Engagement

- Lead and develop Netball NI's Youth Forum, ensuring meaningful youth representation.
- Actively gather and respond to feedback from young members.
- Embed youth voice into programmes, decision-making, and organisational development.

Leadership & Working Groups

- Lead the Primary School Working Group, ensuring effective planning and delivery of youth initiatives.
- Contribute to the wider strategic aims of Netball NI.

Safeguarding & Compliance

- Ensure all activities meet safeguarding and child protection standards.
- Promote a safe, inclusive, and positive environment for all young participants.
- Adhere to all organisational policies and procedures.