



Background

Based in Glasnevin on the northside of Dublin, CLG Na Fianna was founded in 1955. Na Fianna is one of very few clubs nationally who embrace and cater for the full diversity of sporting codes of our Associations: Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders. The Na Fianna Nursery established in the early 1990's was one of the first of its kind in the country and has won high acclaim nationally as a model of best practice in Juvenile coaching. Membership is at an all-time high with over 3,500 members. We field over 200 teams across all codes and ages.

Job Title: Director of Coaching & Player Development

Overall Job Description

The Director of Coaching & Player Development is responsible for the development and implementation of best practice in the design and delivery of coaching programs and pathways from nursery age group to the completion of the underage journey (U19). The role covers the 4 main codes of football, hurling, ladies football and camogie.

Key Responsibilities (but not limited to)

1. Implementation of the NF Player and Coach pathway
 - a. Curation of coaching resources across various platforms.
 - b. Regular review and monitoring of pathways - recommend changes where appropriate.
 - c. Development of resources targeted at improving physical, technical, tactical & psychological capacities of players and coaches.

2. Coach Education and Engagement
 - a. Educating coaches via targeted workshops/formal coach education/facilitated seminars in methods that align with best practice and club player and coach pathway goals and milestones.
 - b. Build a progressive, self-sustaining coaching pathway that offers avenues for coaches to progress to the adult section of the club.

- c. Liaise with the juvenile chair around the potential of adult players (or ex-players) becoming involved in juvenile coaching. Note - this is an advisory role only and not in the purview of the director role.
 - d. Explore a TY coach education foundation programme for nursery support.
 - e. Organisation of Club Coaching Forum each January
3. Play a role in the provision of lifestyle based educational programmes for players/coaches/parents (e.g. nutrition, recovery, sport/study balance etc).
4. Recruitment, management and supervision of DCU INTRA Sports Science & Health students. The student's direction would still fall under the purview of the Coaching and Games committee.
5. Organisation and overview of CCC2 targeted camps, alongside oversight of the GPO managing club/cul camps (Easter/Summer).
6. Administrative duties
 - a. Regular reports to Club Coaching and Games Committees.
 - b. Communication to players/coaches/parents about upcoming initiatives
 - c. Annual report detailing activities and progress measured against milestones

Key Personal Attributes

- A minimum of Award 2 GAA Coaching Qualification.
- A relevant third level qualification in a coaching related field
- Experience and/or qualification in Strength and Conditioning
- A knowledge of all of the GAA codes.
- Significant experience coaching athletes from the teenage age cohort.
- An ability to work independently and with club committees in pursuit of agreed objectives.
- An ability to build rapport with players and coaches in the 'CCC2' section of the club.
- Flexibility to embrace an evolving portfolio of responsibilities that may come with the development of this newly created role.
- A fluency in IT skills and ability to work across different platforms to provide training content for coaches.
- A full, clean driver's licence and access to a car.

CLG Na Fianna is an equal opportunity employer. Expressions of interest, alongside a detailed CV, should be sent via email to secretary.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie by 6pm on Tuesday, December 7th 2021.