

**Vacancy: Education and Employability Manager**

Stockport County Community Trust is looking for an experienced Education and Employability Manager to work within our education department to develop, manage and lead a range of education and employability programmes across Stockport.

**About Stockport County Community Trust**

Stockport County Community Trust is the official charity of Stockport County Football Club which was set up in 2021 after the purchase of the club by Mark Stott, with the aim of ensuring the football club has a positive impact in the local community. The charity works across Stockport and the surrounding area to use the power of football and Stockport County to make a positive difference by inspiring, educating and supporting the community.

The charity engages with around 8,000 people each year through a variety of education, social inclusion and health and wellbeing programmes, working with residents aged from 5-85 (the current age of our youngest and oldest participant) in a variety of club and community settings.

**Purpose of the role**

Stockport County Community Trust is seeking a qualified and experienced individual to develop and lead a range of educational programmes for both children and adults that meets our mission of “using the power of Stockport County FC to make a positive difference by inspiring, educating and supporting our community”.

The postholder will manage our schools’ programmes in primary and secondary schools across Stockport as well as developing a range of additional education and employability programmes for adults and across other alternative educational provisions.

The successful candidate will play a crucial role supporting our team of coaches who deliver education and sport programmes in schools and alternative settings across Stockport through classroom workshops and practical sessions as well as the staff team that deliver sports coaching in a number of primary schools each week in the form of PPA cover.

This is a rare opportunity to join a charity which is developing and expanding, and which is committed to making a difference to the community in Stockport.

**Details of role**

Job title: Education and Employability Manager

Salary: £30-33K per annum

Hours of employment 37.5 hours per week

Place of work: Edgeley Park, Stockport

**Benefits**

Stockport County Community Trust recognises that its staff team is its greatest asset and is committed to providing a range of benefits including staff training, kit, pension, CPD opportunities, 25 days holiday (plus bank holidays), discount in the club shop and access to complimentary match day tickets.

**How to apply**

To apply, please complete the Community Trust’s application form and return to David Wardle, Director of Operations d.wardle@stockportcounty.com by the closing date of Wednesday 11th June at 1pm. Interviews are likely to be held w/c 23rd June 2025.

**Roles and responsibilities**

As the Education and Employability Manager for Stockport County Community Trust you will be responsible for creating and maintaining relationships with schools across Stockport who work with the Trust on our current range of school programmes as well as developing a number of new and innovative programmes for children and adults to help all people we work with to develop their full potential. You will also be responsible for supporting and developing the Community Trust staff deliver these programmes.

The post holder will work with primary and secondary schools as well as local SEND schools and a range of alternative provision settings. The Trust also has scope to explore the possibility of setting up adult education and employability programmes, which would be developed by the Education and Employability Manager.

You will help plan and co-ordinate curriculum and education workshops which use football and Stockport County Football Club to help engage children and adults in curriculum subjects and adult education. as well as working with schools that buy in PPA coaching, always ensuring our provision is of a consistently high quality.

The main responsibilities of the post holders are.

* To provide strategic vision and oversight around the development of education programmes that are delivered by Stockport County Community Trust. This might include programmes in schools and out within the local community and could include children and adults of all ages.
* To provide ongoing support to coaches working within the education department in a way that fosters positive growth and development, whilst striving for high quality and dynamic delivery of the Trust’s provision.
* To embed supportive ‘quality assurance’ processes through regular observations and performance reviews with all members of the team across all aspects and to evaluate staff performance and co-ordinate progressive CPD opportunities.
* To seek new funding opportunities for education programmes that could be delivered on behalf of Stockport County FC particularly around employability and adult education.
* To coordinate the bookings for all schools in Stockport to deliver our ‘Together Schools programme’ which provides high quality curriculum and sport sessions within local primary and secondary school settings at no cost to the schools.
* To ensure that all community-based programmes are enriching and progressive, providing physical activity engagement opportunities that are inclusive in their nature.
* To manage the Community Trust’s PPA delivery including maintaining strong relationships with existing schools and building relationships with potential new schools.
* To plan and implement a range of additional curriculum based competitions and events to engage even more young people with Stockport County throughout the academic year.
* To develop and maintain strong links with partner schools and education partners to ensure that all community-based programmes are managed in an effective and confident manner, meeting school behaviour management expectations and overall objectives.
* To lead on the evaluation and monitoring for the education department to illustrate the benefits of participation in the programmes that the postholder will lead on.

It is essential to this role that all candidates.

* Understand and implement Stockport County Community Trust’s Safeguarding Policy and procedures including the appropriate reporting of all concerns.
* Act as a strong, positive role model for participants of all backgrounds.
* Display at all times the values of Stockport County Community Trust.
* Be committed to applying and promoting equality, diversity and inclusion through all aspects of the role and workplace.
* Promote the brand of Stockport County at all times and be a positive ambassador for the club and its work across the community.

There may be a need within this role to work flexible and unsociable hours when required.

**Safeguarding commitment**

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the vulnerable adults that we work with. We require all applicants to understand and demonstrate this commitment. All applicants will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check and all offers of employment will be conditional on the return of a satisfactory check being received.

**Person Specification**

**Qualifications**

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| NGB Coaching Qualification | **D** |
| Relevant teaching qualification (L3 PESS/CTTLS/QTS/QTLS)  | **D** |
| Safeguarding Qualification  | **D** |
| First Aid Qualification  | **D** |

**Experience required:**

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| Knowledge of National Curriculum for PE (preferably Primary school) | **E** |
| Previous community-based experience | **E** |
| Experience of managing and implementing physical activity programmes for children aged between 5 and 16. | **E** |
| Experience of setting up adult education and employability programmes | **D** |
| Proven high-level communication skills with an ability to communicate effectively and influence a range of audiences and stakeholders. | **E** |
| Proven ability to develop relationships and work in partnership.  | **E** |
| Experience of working with children and adults in delivering education programmes | **E** |
| Proven track record of delivery against outcomes/targets. | **E** |
| A "can do" attitude with evidence of leadership skills with a proven ability to manage and motivate others to reach their full potential | **E** |
| Experience of securing funding for new education programmes | **D** |

 **Any particular aptitude/skill required:**

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| A passion for education, the community and making a difference | **E** |
| Ability to work on own initiative | **E** |
| Strong team player with good interpersonal abilities | **E** |
| The capability to communicate effectively with all stakeholders | **E** |
| Excellent organisational and planning skills | **E** |
| Achieve targets and respond flexibly to changing needs and demands | **E** |
| IT Literate  | **E** |
| Clean driving license & access to a vehicle | **E** |

E= essential D = desirable

**Equal opportunities**

Stockport County Community Trust is an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age.