

Role Profile: Youth Sports Worker – Mixed Martial Arts

Job title	Youth Sports Worker – Mixed Martial Arts Ultimate Fighting Champion (UFC)	Salary:	£15 - £25 per hour
Reporting to:	Gym and Boxing Lead	Holidays:	33 days including bank holidays (pro-rata)
Location:	Legacy, Croydon Youth Zone	Hours:	6 hours per week

In this role we would like a coach that is passionate about Sports and Fitness. Someone that has a desire for teaching/coaching mixed martial arts to young people of different ages and backgrounds.

The Person: Can you see yourself playing a part in changing young people's lives in Croydon and giving them a healthy and positive future? Do you want to use your skills knowledge and passion to enable young people to have something to do, somewhere to go and someone to talk to?

Key Relationships: Core Management team, Youth Work Managers, OnSide, External Stakeholders, Young People and Parents.

Key Dates and application: To apply, please complete the Sessional application form, which can be found on our website. Your completed form should be sent by email to Legacy Youth Zone's recruitment team:
recruitment@legacyyouthzone.org

Job Purpose:

Legacy Youth Zone have partnered with global brand UFC and the Metropolitan Police to deliver a new and innovative MMA and Mentoring programme. The aim of the programme is to support young people who are part of, or at risk of, entering the criminal justice system. The MMA and mentoring programme has been shaped to offer interventions and positive alternatives for young people who need it most.

With backing from UFC and the Met Police, this role will deliver the MMA programme to young people who could be considered vulnerable or high risk.

We are confident that through disciplined sport such as MMA and passionate coaches who believe in sport being a positive intervention for young people, we can support young people to make better choices and become the best versions of themselves.

Sports within Youth Work is at the heart of Legacy's offer to young people. The boxing and mixed martial arts offer at Legacy is wide ranging and as a member of the Sports team, you will be key in ensuring young people have access to an exciting and engaging programme of multi-disciplinary activities that will be challenging, stimulating, fun, engaging and developmental. You will ensure the boxing suite and martial arts area is well used and maintained to a high standard, offering young people a safe, exciting and challenging arena in a friendly and welcoming environment. You will provide supervision and advice to young people and support and guide members of Legacy Youth Zone's staff and volunteers.

Context of the post:

Croydon Youth Zone, named “Legacy” by local young people, is the third Youth Zone in London opened by the national charity OnSide, in Summer 2019. This is an exciting and unique opportunity to join the delivery team and play your part in history, shaping opportunities for London’s young people and supporting full time Youth Workers and Youth Work Managers.

Legacy, like all OnSide Youth Zone’s, exists to give young people, particularly those who are disadvantaged, somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to. Each Youth Zone is open 7 days a week, at weekends and during school holidays. The Youth Zone’s purpose is to help young people grow to be happy, healthy and successful adults.

Legacy’s state-of-the-art £6.5 million building on Whitehorse Road, will provide young people with access to a range of activities, offering them the opportunity to try new things, meet new friends and gain support from friendly, warm and positive staff and volunteers. The facilities include a 3G pitch, a gym, sports hall, recreation area and dance, arts, music and media suites, with state-of-the-art facilities equipped for a wide range of sporting, artistic, cultural and general recreational activities and targeted services. To access a Youth Zone, young people aged 8 – 19 (or 25 with additional needs) simply pay 50p per visit and £5 per year membership.

Find out more by watching

<https://youtu.be/fPscnY64ikY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZCMoDYeFTQ>

.....it might just change your life!

Duties and Responsibilities - General

- Be a role model for young people and present a positive “can do” attitude
- Take personal responsibility for own actions
- Commit to a culture of continuous improvement
- Work within the performance framework of Legacy Youth Zone and OnSide
- Represent Legacy Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners
- Comply with all policies and procedures, with particular reference to safeguarding, codes of conduct health and safety and equality and diversity to ensure all activities are accessible
- Represent Legacy Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners
- To be alert to issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring the welfare and safety of Youth Zone members is promoted and safeguarded, and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Child Protection Officers using the safeguarding policies, procedures and practice (training to be provided)
- To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
- To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership
- To adhere to Legacy Youth Zone policies at all times, with particular reference to Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities

Duties and Responsibilities – Detailed

- Together with the Gym and Boxing Lead, UFC and the MET Police, plan, develop and implement a comprehensive UFC mixed martial arts programme for young people, enabling them to build their confidence, social skills and overall wellbeing
- Coordinate and deliver the programme to young people
- Ensure continuous development of the programme, developing and expanding to meet the changing needs of our members
- Carry out inductions for new users and provide supervision in the boxing / martial arts area, promoting best practice and safety standards
- The role is 100% face to face delivery with young people
- Ensure the highest standards of health and safety are maintained in the mixed martial arts area and monitor safety practices whilst working.
- Ensure that all equipment necessary for each session is fit for purpose and adheres to safety standards
- Carry out daily, weekly and monthly checks, reporting any defects or faults to the Sports Coordinator of any of the equipment.
- Assist in the provision of risk assessments and report to the relevant Session Manager any accident or incident that requires attention, completing accident report forms as appropriate
- Where possible, to deliver accredited awards, motivate, encourage and support young people to participate fully in mixed martial arts area offer
- Keep up to date on policies or procedures required for safety in the mixed martial arts area
- Ensure the mixed martial arts area is kept clean, tidy and clear of rubbish at all times
- To manage, support and coordinate necessary requirements for the mixed martial arts area programme
- To promote and safeguard the welfare of young people at all times. To promote cultural cohesion and inclusion and proactively challenge any prejudice and discrimination
- Any other duties as may reasonably be required

Person Specification

Selection Criteria* A = Application Form I = Interview T = Test/Personality Profile	Essential or Desirable	Method of Assessment
Experience		
Experience of working with groups of young people aged 8 to 19, or up to age 25 with a disability	Desirable	A & I
Experience of working with young people from diverse backgrounds and with additional needs	Desirable	A & I
Experience of mixed martial arts coaching and participation	Essential	A & I
Experience of conducting equipment safety checks	Essential	A & I
Experience of working with/mentoring a team of volunteers	Desirable	A & I
Experience of working with young people with additional needs and disabilities	Desirable	A & I
Experience of delivering mixed martial arts sessions	Desirable	A & I
Qualifications		
Level 2 coaching qualification e.g.: ABA Boxing, Kick Boxing Level 2, other disciplines	Essential	A

First Aid qualification	desirable	A
Skills		
Ability to deliver high quality mixed martial arts activities with young people	Essential	A & I
Able to work as part of a team and under own initiative	Essential	A & I
Able to manage challenging behaviour	Essential	A & I
Able to communicate effectively with young people, parents, team members and members of the public	Essential	A & I
Ability to work reactively to situations and change the programme/activity as needed	Essential	A & I
Ability to engage and build positive relationships with young people including disengaged and disadvantaged young people	Essential	A & I
Ability to coach, encourage, motivate and provide reliable support to young people	Essential	A & I
Knowledge		
Understand the principles of working with young people, the issues affecting their lives and knowledge of their needs	Desirable	A & I
Knowledge of health and safety and best practice in a mixed martial arts environment	Essential	A & I
Special Requirements		
A willingness to work unsociable hours	Essential	A & I
The ability and willingness to travel to events in the region and beyond	Essential	A & I
Enhanced DBS clearance. Commitment to Safeguarding children (DBS Check undertaken by Legacy, and Safeguarding training provided)	Essential	A & I

*Selection criteria for guidance only, alternative methods may be used to assist the selection process

The strength of the OnSide Network and Legacy Youth Zone is the diversity of its people; we place huge value on different people doing things in different ways and we welcome applications from what might be considered non-traditional backgrounds. The one thing we all have in common is our desire to raise the aspirations of young people across the country. Legacy Youth Zone are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable groups.

For information regarding how Legacy Youth Zones processes your data, please click here: <https://www.legacyyouthzone.org/privacy-policy/>

Legacy Youth Zone Values

ONSIDE YOUTH ZONES NETWORK VALUES



YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Young people are at the heart of everything we do, inspiring and challenging us to deliver services that exceed their needs and challenge them to be the best they can be.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage ourselves and each other to be best we can be through continuous learning and improvement, and a focus on finding solutions.



RESPECT

We act with honesty and integrity, celebrating diversity across the whole organisation and caring about each other, our young people and the Youth Zone environment.



AMBITIOUS

We are passionate and driven in taking on new challenges, embracing new ideas, and exceeding our ambitions for young people, the Youth Zones and our local communities.

COLLABORATIVE

We will create and nurture strong, creative partnerships, working together to achieve better results and outcomes for young people.

