



ARGYLE
COMMUNITY
TRUST

JOB APPLICATION PACK

BUCS Performance Football Coach

£12.50 per hour | Sessional | Zero hours





We are proud to be the official charity of Plymouth Argyle Football Club. For over 25 years it has been our mission has been to inspire and make a positive difference to Devon and Cornwall Communities.

Our outreach work, and the impact we have on the lives of the communities we proudly serve, wouldn't be possible without our incredible people. Trust staff truly make a difference every day.

Mark Lovell - Argyle Community Trust Chief Executive Officer

WHO WE ARE

We are the leading sport for social good charity in Devon and Cornwall, operating over 2,700 square miles. We utilise the prestige of football and the reach of the club to inspire, engage, and help people of all ages, genders, races, and socioeconomic statuses, with a vision to 'provide opportunities to all people within our local communities by inspiring and empowering them through sport'.

OUR VALUES

We endeavour to uphold six core organisational values:

Professionalism - our staff are role models, coaches, mentors, and teachers and must conduct themselves professionally.

Inclusivity - we believe in fair play and having open access for all. We aim to celebrate diversity and focus on the needs of each individual and community.

Respect - we respect our partners, people, and communities and aim to gain the respect of others.

Excellence - we strive for excellence in all we do to support our beneficiaries and ensure they reach their full potential.

Honesty - we are open and transparent in all our work and with the communities we serve.

Pride - we are proud of what the organisation and its parent club represent.

WHAT WE DO

Our work across Devon and Cornwall focuses on removing barriers to participation and offering opportunities that are accessible to all communities in our operational area. We maintain a focus on disadvantaged and isolated communities, underrepresented groups, at-risk children, young people, and adults. We strive to work ethically and transparently in everything we do.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to inspire and make a positive difference to Devon and Cornwall communities through the power of sport and the brand of Plymouth Argyle Football Club. In short 'We are One Argyle.'

Our work strands focus on six key areas, all aligning with our strategic aims which are to:

Empower people in the communities of Devon and Cornwall to overcome inequalities and raise aspirations by providing opportunities and accredited attainment.

Promote physical participation and wellbeing by encouraging healthier lifestyles and removing barriers to participation.

Inspire supporters to engage with our community outreach programmes.

Improve our systems and structures to ensure we provide quality, efficient services that are value for money.

Understand and measure the impact of our programmes on the community.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Argyle 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.

Safeguarding

Argyle Community Trust is committed to safeguarding, protecting the welfare of all participants in our programmes and promoting robust policies to ensure that our staff and volunteers adhere to safe practices. Where regulated activity forms a part of the job role, the successful candidate will be subject to undertaking enhanced DBS checks prior to employment.

Candidates are advised that in order to identify any matters that might relate directly to ACT's legal duty to meet the safeguarding requirements set out in KCSIE, online searches may be carried out on short-listed applicants in order to identify incidents or issues related to a candidate's suitability to work with children.



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| Position: | BUCS Performance Football Coach |
| Location: | Plymouth |
| Offices: | Plymouth Marjon University |
| Salary: | £12.50 per hour |
| Contract: | Zero hours - sessional coaching |
| Hours: | Zero hours, flexibility required, including early mornings/evenings and Wednesday matchdays |
| Reports to: | Higher Education Coordinator |

Coaching with Argyle Community Trust is the perfect role for an individual with a passion for sport who enjoys motivating others, being out and about in their local community and who actually wants to have fun whilst they work. The successful candidate will be part of a great team and this role offers the right candidate the opportunity to join us in making a positive difference to students at Plymouth Marjon University.

Argyle Community Trust is looking to recruit a BUCS Performance Football Coach to assist the Head of Football in the development, coaching, and matchday management of BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) performance football squads. The coach will support the delivery of a high-performance football environment and help develop student athletes on and off the pitch.

As a registered charity, the Community Trust works in close conjunction with Plymouth Argyle Football Club and with many people across several sectors where sport has proven to be the ideal tool for creating lasting engagement with individuals.

A key function of this role is also to plan and deliver structured and engaging training sessions for the BUCS development squads in line with the University football framework.

The candidate must have good, in-depth knowledge of coaching and development.

We would also expect the candidate to have sports coaching qualifications and be computer literate. In addition to this, the coach must be able to undertake key administrative duties that are associated with the role.

HOW TO APPLY

If you can meet the specifications and would like to become part of the Argyle Community Trust team, please complete our online application form <https://hr.breathehr.com/v/bucs-performance-football-coach-42229>. You will be given the opportunity to upload a covering letter and CV should you wish to do so however, for safer recruitment purposes, we do not accept applications by CV only.

If you would like further information or wish to discuss the post contact ACTrecruitment@paafc.co.uk.

For more information about the work of Argyle Community Trust and our strategic aims visit <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/about-us/>.

Closing date for applications - Sunday, 10 August 2025
Shortlisting - Monday, 11 August 2025
Interview Date - Ongoing

JOB DESCRIPTION

Primary Objectives of the Role

- Support the planning and delivery of high-quality training sessions for BUCS performance squads in line with the university's playing philosophy.
- Assist with team selection and provide input on tactical preparation and player management.
- Take an active role in matchday operations including warm-ups, in-game coaching, analysis and post-match debriefs.
- Aid in the individual development plans of players, contributing to their technical, tactical, physical and psychological growth.
- Work collaboratively with the Head of Football to monitor player attendance, engagement and progression.
- Maintain professional and constructive relationships with student-athletes, academic staff and the wider university sports department.
- Contribute to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all players in line with Trust and University policies.
- Assist in performance data collection, including video analysis, GPS tracking and match statistics as required.

Delivery and Quality

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Knowledge and Understanding

- Work collaboratively with the Head of Football to monitor player attendance, engagement and progression.
- Assist with team selection and provide input on tactical preparation and player management.
- Participate in quality assurance checks in order to maintain high standards

Safety

- Know and apply Trust policies on Child Protection and Health and Safety placing the safety of participants and staff at the forefront of planning and delivery.
- Maintain and organise kit and equipment taking responsibility for efficient use and careful husbandry of resources and Trust property; Ensure logs and inventories are kept up to date.
- Participate in Argyle Community Trust CPD to support own development and development of others.



Engagement and Communication

- Engage, motivate and inspire groups of students and participants.
- Maintain professional and constructive relationships with student-athletes, academic staff and the wider university sports department.
- Develop healthy relationships with other staff to allow for a culture of constructive feedback, debate and discussions around coaching development

Core Responsibilities

- Prioritise Health and Safety and Safeguarding when planning and delivering to ensure that the Trust protects the welfare and safety of all staff, volunteers and participants.
- Enhance the reputation of the Trust by creating positive relationships within local and national networks.
- Strive for quality & high standards, setting clear expectations and upholding Trust values.
- Take personal responsibility for executing your duties, understanding policies and following procedures.



PERSON SPECIFICATION






| Qualifications and Experience | |
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| Experience coaching 16+ or adult players in a structured environment | E |
| A passion for player development and performance coaching | E |
| Experience in coaching within a BUCS, academy or semi-professional football setting | D |
| FA Level 2 / UEFA C Licence | E |
| Current FA Safeguarding Children Certificate | E |
| Current First Aid in Football | E |
| UEFA B Licence or working towards | D |
| Knowledge And Understanding | |
| Understanding of performance planning and reflective practice | E |
| Knowledge of tactical periodisation and football-specific fitness development | D |
| Understanding of university football culture and BUCS competition structure | D |
| Awareness of safeguarding and health & safety in a coaching environment | E |
| Strong organisational skills and ability to manage a team environment | E |
| Core Skills and Attributes | |
| Enthusiastic, motivated and passionate about developing student-athletes | |
| Excellent communication and interpersonal skills | |
| Able to work collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary team | |
| Flexible and adaptable to meet the demands of student sport schedules | |
| Commitment to continuous professional development | |
| Staff Skills and Attributes | |
| Proven relationship-builder at all levels with strong interpersonal skills | |
| Behave in an inclusive and respectful way, always representing the positive EDI values of the Trust | |
| Ability to accurately convey meaning and deliver information in a clear and engaging way including face to face presentations and written materials | |
| Understand obligations regarding confidentiality, information sharing and GDPR | |
| Good standard of English in both written and verbal communication; effectively conveying information at an appropriate level at an appropriate level | |
| Respond positively to feedback and strive for high standards and excellence in all aspects of the role | |

RELATIONSHIPS

| Key Internal Relationships | Key External Relationships |
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| Higher Education Coordinator | Plymouth Marjon University |
| Head of Education | BUCS |
| DSO | |



BENEFITS - WHY WORK FOR US?

We aim to ensure we look after our staff welfare and provide fair opportunities across the charity. Argyle Community Trust offers incentives and progression based on key performance indicators, appraisals and added value to the Trust for all permanent contracted staff.

-  Relevant qualifications and training
-  Ticket incentives for staff
-  An opportunity to buy back on holidays
-  Free access to courses for your children across Trust provisions
-  Club kit






Other Benefits

-  Holiday allowance based on service - After five years of service your holiday entitlement will increase by one day each year, enabling you to increase your holiday allowance by up to four days
-  Healthcare Cash Plan after successful completion of probation, not contractual but based on how the charity performs

Role Dependent Benefits

The Trust will also consider individual requirements needed to complete a role including:

-  Work mobile phone with some allowance for personal usage
-  Use of company vehicle for work purposes only
-  Car allowance



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