



Sports Inclusion Development Officer Job Description

Title:	Sports Inclusion Development Officer
Salary Scale:	Grade 4 administrative scale in line with the local authority grades commencing at Point 1 - €36,474
Hours:	37.5 hours per week. The chosen candidate must be flexible, and willing to work evening and weekends to accommodate the service needs, for which time off in lieu can be taken.
Annual Leave:	28 days annual leave and pro rata where less than full time hours worked.
Travel Expenses:	Travelling expenses will be paid where appropriate.
Location:	5 Dean Street, Kilkenny R95HD79
Reports to:	Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership CEO & Programme Manager.
Duration:	12 month fixed term contract subject to satisfactory completion of a 4-month probationary period.

KRSP shall require the person to whom the appointment is offered to take up such appointment as soon as possible.

Background

Sport Ireland established the Local Sports Partnership (LSP) Network as an initiative to create a national structure to co-ordinate and promote the development of sport and participation at local level. LSPs aim to increase participation in sport and physical activity by breaking down barriers and increasing numbers of people participating and ensuring continued participation through all stages of life.

Sports Inclusion Development Officer (SIDO) aim to increase the participation of people with disabilities and people who experience barriers to participation in sport, fitness and physical activity throughout the country. This is achieved through working in partnership with statutory agencies, sports clubs, community groups, facility providers, schools, service providers and people who experience barriers to participation.

Job Purpose

The Sports Inclusion Development Officer (SIDO) will work in a coordinating capacity with all relevant stakeholders to increase and sustain participation opportunities for people who experience barriers to inclusion throughout the county with a specific focus initially on people with a disability, older adults and people from the LGBTQ+ community.

Specific tasks of the SIDO will be determined locally having regard to the overall job purpose (as set out above) in line with Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership Strategic Plan and with reference to any issues, challenges and priorities identified in the sports strategy for the area. The following represents an indicative list from which the SIDO tasks may be drawn depending on the above factors.

Planning & Programme Management

- Assist the implementation of the goals and objectives of KRSP outlined in the KRSP strategy and actions arising out of these objectives.
- Support and contribute to the preparation of annual operational plans for the delivery of the strategic objectives with specific focus on inclusion.
- Facilitate mid-year and annual reviews of the annual operational plan reporting on the effectiveness and impact of work areas.
- Participate in the design, organisation and implementation of KRSP projects/events including any of Sport Ireland's National Programmes as required ensuring inclusion for all.
- Adhere to KRSP financial policies concerning procurement of goods and services, budget planning, budget management and reporting while ensuring compliance requirements of funding agency (ies).
- Contribute to ensuring that all programmes and courses operate on a user-friendly professional basis.
- Work with KRSP current and potential partners and stakeholders including local community groups and organisations, sports clubs, NGBs, partner agencies to develop and strengthen relationships and encourage cooperation and collaboration
- Carry out research and needs analysis as appropriate.
- Implement a monitoring and evaluation framework for all projects. Measure and monitor performance indicators based on the impact, which courses/programmes are having at local level.
- Administrate programmes and events including maintaining up-to-date databases.

Specific Areas of Responsibility

- Assess levels of programmes and service provision by relevant agencies targeted at encouraging increased quality of participation opportunities for people who experience barriers to inclusion.
- Promote and support the participation of people who experience barriers to inclusion in sports and physical activities, ensuring opportunities are visible, accessible and welcoming.
- Promote awareness and build understanding of inclusion in sport, highlighting the importance of sport and physical activity for people who experience barriers to inclusion through engagement and advocacy.
- Develop, co-ordinate and deliver a comprehensive range of KRSP inclusion programmes, including the current provision, with a focus on sustainable participation and community impact.
- Work collaboratively with key partners and stakeholders to explore and develop new initiatives that enhance inclusive participation.
- Organise and facilitate training and development opportunities including research, administration, planning, organisation and delivery of relevant courses, workshops and seminars with a view to building capacity within communities, clubs and volunteers.
- Support the administration and oversight of externally delivered training, maintaining high standards and representing KRSP with professionalism.
- Support the purchase, storage and shared use of equipment including loan or lease agreements in line with KRSPs asset management system.
- Lead the promotion of SIDO-delivered programmes in line with KRSP's Communications Plan, ensuring consistency with brand guidelines and tone of voice.
- Provide regular reports and updates to the Programme Manager, CEO, KRSP Board and funders, supporting both internal planning and external accountability.
- Undertake any other relevant and related duties as may reasonably be required by KRSP in line with the evolving needs of the organisation and local communities

Marketing & PR

- Create and contribute content for KRSP's communication channels, including press releases, social media, website, and programme updates.
- Support the delivery of a marketing plan, ensuring inclusive and accessible communications that reflect the goals of KRSP.
- Identify PR and media opportunities in consultation with the Programme Manager to increase visibility of inclusive programmes and KRSP's impact.

Health & Safety Management

- Contribute to ensuring that all facilities the company use are fully compliant with current health & safety standards.
- Assist in the investigation of all accidents/incidents.
- Communicate all results/recommendations arising from investigations of accidents/incidents.
- Ensure that all activities undertaken as an officer of KRSP are in line with codes of practice and legislation.

KRSP is committed to building a diverse sport sector and therefore strongly encourages applications from underrepresented groups. KRSP is committed to equality and inclusion and welcome applications from all individuals, regardless of their background. KRSP strives to be a diverse and inclusive workplace.

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Person Specification**

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant Degree in any of the following areas Sports Development, Leisure Management, Exercise Science, Physical Activity, Health Promotion or equivalent qualification <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 years relevant experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor Qualifications such as Safeguarding, Active Leadership Coaching Qualifications / experience Disability Sports qualifications
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-year relevant experience in Sports Development / Health / Fitness Experience of project management and of piloting, developing and delivering sustainable physical activity-based initiatives Experience of the community and voluntary sector and the sports and recreation environment and of motivating those sectors with lower participation characteristics to become involved Experience of working with people who experience barriers to inclusion (Disability, Older Adults, LGBTQ+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in the areas of education, social or community development or working in the community sector in a developmental and supportive capacity either in a paid or voluntary capacity Experience in sports administration and/or organising training events Good understanding of programme monitoring and evaluation Experience of working in a project team Experience of supporting volunteers & student placements
Skills and Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong IT, administrative and organisational skills Ability to consult, communicate and network appropriately and effectively with all sectors of the community Ability to monitor and evaluate work and write reports Ability to produce and access information efficiently and accurately Excellent communications, presentation and facilitation skills Ability to advise, inform, motivate and support individuals and organisations Ability to prepare, monitor and manage budgets and to prepare funding applications Ability to produce good quality publicity material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of research methods Understanding of the public sector and local government environment Good time management skills
Attitude and Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness of the importance and value of participation in sport / active recreation for people with disabilities A constructive, positive and progressive attitude to working as part of the Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership team and an ability to develop partnerships with the wider community Be motivated and committed to sports development and increasing opportunities for participation, in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An awareness of the role and importance of both co-ordinated and inter-agency responses to local sporting needs

	particular among hard-to-reach groups in local communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to on-going training and development. • A self-motivated approach to work 	
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion the Garda Vetting process satisfactory to the Sports Partnership's requirements. • A full clean EU/Irish driving licence and use of personal transport for work is required. • Willingness and ability to travel efficiently between sites • Ability and commitment to work evenings and weekends when required 	

Please submit a statement of suitability and CV **Ref: KRSP SIDO** by **1pm Wednesday 29th July 2026** to info@krsp.ie

Shortlisting of candidates may apply based on the information supplied at application. Canvassing will disqualify.

Those shortlisted will be invited to attend for interview which will take place in person in Kilkenny City on **5th & 6th August 2026**. Informal enquires up to **22nd July 2026** at 056 7794991 or info@krsp.ie

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