Get Berkshire Active Community Coach or Activator Bursary – Guidance Notes

“Good coaches inspire people to get active and stay active. Good coaches also guide those on a journey of improvement, including those with talent, to progress faster and further than they could on their own. Additionally, the act of coaching brings individual and personal wellbeing to the coach and the participant as well as making valuable, social and economic contributions to society.”

Aims

To focus national resource in to the support of individuals in the communities of Berkshire to progress and enhance capacity and capability of the professional coaching workforce we have locally.

Objectives

To assist individuals wishing to further develop their individual and coaching skills by completing recognised qualifications, continuous professional development opportunities and courses appropriate to their needs. This is with the intention of developing a continual learning culture focusing on ongoing improvement and the development of coaching expertise, making the coach far better equipped to provide experiences based on the needs and goals of the individual(s) being coached.

Who can apply?

Applications are welcomed from individuals who have the main objective of setting up or improving their current provision for a community led initiative or activity to increase physical activity. We also welcome local authorities or charities with volunteers committed to increasing participation in physical activity in targeted areas of the community.

Are you eligible?

For your application to be considered for a Get Berkshire Active Community Coach or Activator bursary:

✓ Be resident in Berkshire or be actively coaching in Berkshire
✓ Be aged 16+ and have some experience with engaging with the people you are hoping to lead into a more active lifestyle
✓ For NGB courses meet the minimum age (16+ for Level 1, 18+ for Level 2)
✓ Be willing to pay the full cost of the course up front as bursaries will be awarded retrospectively
✓ Register on the Get Berkshire Active coaching database – www.gba.sportsuite.co.uk/login
✓ Provide a supporting statement addressing the following:
  o Number of new coaching hours the bursary will allow you to deliver; above what you are already contributing
  o Number of new participants receiving advise or coaching as a result of receiving the bursary
✓ Have confirmed dates of the course/qualification you are booking on to
✓ Provide a supporting statement from your club, teacher, local authority or a local Sports Development Officer
✓ All coaches accessing funding will be required to report back to Get Berkshire Active on impact over 12 months

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

• Applicants can apply for funding for up to 50% of the total course cost. Please note the bursary can only contribute to the cost of the course, additional expenses such as transport and accommodation will not be considered.

• Applicants and clubs can apply for the maximum of £200 to contribute to the total course(s) cost per financial year.

• Funding can be accessed for coaches to attend any coach development opportunities, including; Level 1, 2, 3 & 4 NGB courses, recognised sport or physical activity related qualifications and CPD opportunities.

• Applications for bursaries are welcome to apply throughout the year from the 1st April 2017 until the closing date on the 31st March 2018.

• Each application will be assessed on an individual basis by the Get Berkshire Active coaching award panel against the eligibility criteria.

• Applications should include at least one supporting statement beyond that of the individual or club/organisation.

• Funding applications will only be considered for courses that have not yet been started. In other words, the date of receiving the application by Get Berkshire Active must be before the first date of the course stated in the submission. So please consider this in your application.

• Funding will be paid upon the success passing the course and released by submission of a certificate to Get Berkshire Active (or headed letter from the awarding body) alongside an invoice for the award amount given. Funding will be available to claim for a period of 12 months after the completion of the course after which funding cannot be claimed.

• All coaches accessing funding will be required to report back to Get Berkshire Active on the impact of their coach education as detailed in the award letter. Impact reporting will be requested 6 months and then 12 months after receiving the bursary award.