

MCofS Area Youth Coordinators Role and Required Skills



Purpose of the Post

- To be responsible for the delivery of the MCofS's Operational Plan activities regarding youth development in association with the MCofS Development Officer.
- To act as a source of advice and support to young climbers.

Events

- Organise the MCofS Youth Climbing Series (YCS):
 - Act as Chief Coordinator
 - Ensure all relevant forms are completed
 - Report any accident or near miss at an MCofS event
- Help with the co-ordination of MCofS supported youth events within their MCofS region such as Youth Festivals, Youth Meets and other climbing competitions (e.g. SYCC).
- Help with organising and delivering coaching sessions organised in their MCofS region.
- Organise and help with delivery of MCofS REALrock sessions (both indoor and outdoor) in their area. Work with other AYC's to deliver a joint summer Weekend REALrock Meet.
- Organise and deliver Volunteer Training.
- Help with a Junior Training Partner Initiative at walls in their area.
- Operate a Junior Talent Spotting Procedure - liaise with MCofS Coaches regarding children with exceptional potential.
- Help in the delivery and organisation of climbing awareness sessions.
- Help at National and International events.

General

- Maintain a list of Regional Volunteers who are available to help on MCofS events.
- Act as the main liaison with climbing walls in their MCofS region.
- Help in the arrangement of MCofS Route-setting Courses at local climbing walls.
- Raise awareness of MCofS membership, website, magazine and activities for children.
- Maintain contact with other youth organisations in their MCofS Region e.g. Youth Service, DofE, Active Schools Managers and Coordinators, Local Authority Sports Development Officers. Help distribute information to these organisations on MCofS Youth events.
- Support and actively help in delivery of the MCofS's Equity Code of Practice.
- Understand and operate in accordance with the MCofS Child Protection Policy and Procedures.
- Understand and operate all events in accordance with the MCofS Events Protocol.

Advice and Information:

- Offer advice to parents, climbing wall clubs, MCofS Kids Clubs and MCofS Member Clubs and novice young climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers on the following:
 - MCofS recommended safety and good practice
 - Practical help on the use of MCofS guidelines for events
 - Local climbing and hill walking opportunities for young climbers
 - Information on MCofS events, support and training opportunities
- Supply reports and articles for the MCofS website and magazine
- Supply information for, and act as a administrator for the Scottish Youth Blog

Advisory Role

- Sit on relevant MCofS Advisory and Working Groups and help formulate MCofS policy and Operational Plans (e.g. Climbing, Coaching, Competitions Advisory Group [CCCAG]; Youth Working Group [YWG])

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Time Commitment (per year - approximate – may vary):

Youth Climbing Series: 3 Rounds and 1 British Final (2 days/event); UK AYC representation – liaise with BMC & MI (1 day)

Scottish Youth Climbing Championship: 1 event, 2 days

REALrock: 1 Weekend summer Meet; 2 weekend Saturdays; 3 evening sessions

Youth Festival: 3 days (e.g. Climbing Rocks Festival)

Coaching Sessions: 3+ sessions

Volunteer Training: 1 YCS workshop; 1 belay workshop

Climbing Awareness Sessions: 1 workshop

International Competitions (in Scotland / UK): variable (e.g. World Youth 3 day)

MCofS Advisory Role: CCCAG 1 meeting; YWG 1 meeting

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Personal Skills

Essential:

- To be an active climber with experience of climbing at a variety of locations, on different rock types across all disciplines (bouldering, trad', sport and mountaineering)
- To have experience of climbing competitions (either as a competitor and / or as a volunteer)
- To be able to advise on route-setting for YCS, SYCC and other MCofS competitions (<F7b+) with particular reference to young children
- To have experience of working in an indoor climbing wall
- To have teaching / instructional experience (whether qualified or unqualified, or through career or voluntary work)
- To have a good working knowledge of rope techniques and safe climbing systems
- To have experience of working with young people
- To be able to relate well to young people and understand their needs
- To be able to work with volunteers (both mature adults and young adults): offering guidance, advice and support
- To be in MCofS Membership

Desirable:

- To be IT literate in word processing, spreadsheets, power-point presentations
- To be able to accurately route-set for competitions across all grades used in the YCS, SYCC and other MCofS competitions (F4 – F7b+) whilst having an understanding of the particular requirements relating to young children
- To have undertaken a FUNdamentals Course
- To have qualifications relating to safe practice:
 - SPA, CWA or MIA
 - NCF Coaching Modules
 - Coaching certificates from other sports
- To possess an up to date Enhanced Disclosure from Disclosure Scotland (obtainable free of charge through MCofS / CRBS).