**Role title:** Assistant Football Coach

**Organisation name:** Barnet Refugee Service

**Duration of placement:** 6 hours for 6 weeks

**Start date:** 26th October 2020 (approximately, specific days and hours to be organised with organisation upon offer of the role)

**End date:** 30th November 2020 (dependant on the start date)

**Location:** Middlesex University Football Pitches

**Interview date(s):** 15th, 19th, 20th October

**Placement Times:** 6 hours a week to be arranged with placement supervisor. Must be available Friday evenings 6-8pm

**Pay rate:** £10.75 per hour (London Living Wage)

**This job is part of the Middlesex University Students’ Union’s Community Placement Scheme and is only available to current students of Middlesex University. The scheme has been established to ensure students are paid London Living Wage (£10.75) to put your studies or interests to use practically on placements whilst helping the local community. The scheme is designed to boost student employability and increase collaboration within Barnet and beyond.**

**In order to apply, please register at** [**https://www.unitemps.com/**](https://www.unitemps.com/)**.**

**About Barnet Refugee Service**  
Barnet Refugee Service (BRS) aims to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those who are seeking asylum or who are granted refugee status, to advance their education and training opportunities, to assist them in adapting to a new community, to relieve their financial hardship, to provide recreation and leisure activities, to improve their living standards and to educate the public in general about issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

If you would like to find more information please visit our website at [www.b-r-s.org.uk](http://www.b-r-s.org.uk/) or contact our Operations Manager at 0208 905 9002.

**About the role**  
The purpose of this role is to work with young refugees and asylum seekers to encourage and support them to achieve their full potential. Your role could include organizing and participating in group sports activities and promoting BRS projects. You will need to record and report all the volunteering work that you do and help with other administration tasks.

You will be required to attend an induction session to receive any relevant training and must at all time follow the latest government Covid-19 guidelines in addition to BRS policy. Whilst supporting the Youth Worker with tasks such as creating training drills, planning games and strategies, aiding attendees in their technical skills, instilling a sense of good sportspersonship and maintaining a team spirit throughout whilst joining in with enthusiasm. Your role will be integral in boosting the confidence of the young people and you will have the support and supervision of the Youth Worker.

In addition to the practical football assistance, you will also be able to assist in the organisation of the sessions, including making sure equipment is prepared and ready for the session, liaising with MDX Sport regarding the session bookings, purchasing refreshments and recording company expenses.

It is also important that you consider the safety of the attendees at all times, providing instructions on how to get to the pitches, meeting attendees on campus to deliver to help them arrive at the pitches if needed and ensure they’re sufficiently supervised. All young people attending must receive registration consent and other relevant forms) that must be signed by parents, carers or guardians) and returned and must be kept safe and confidential. You must report any unusual behaviour or concerns immediately to the Youth Worker or Operations Manager.

**Skills and experience**

Essential

* Availability Friday evenings 6-8pm
* Empathy for refugees and their specific issues
* Strong interpersonal skills. Must be able to work well with others and have leadership skills
* Experience of playing football at any level, preferably currently
* Cultural awareness, understanding, and respect for different cultural backgrounds
* Administrative, organisational, and time management skills
* Ability to convey oneself as a positive role model
* Motivational skills to encourage the players
* The candidate must have some knowledge about the different strategies implemented to play the game
* Must possess patience and the ability to perform under pressure, be an inspiration to the young people to play in the spirit of the game

Desirable

* Experience with refugees and their specific issues
* Ability to speak another language (specifically Farsi, Arabic, Pashto)
* Experience of coaching in football or another sport

**How to apply**  
**Please note the deadline for this application is 1st October 11.59pm. Please upload your CV, and answer the following questions in your cover letter (300 words max per question):**

1. What interests you about this opportunity?

2. Why are you the perfect candidate for this placement?

3. What would you hope to achieve through the placement?

4. Are you currently a student at Middlesex University? If so, what course and year of study are you undertaking?

5. Do you have any convictions, cautions, reprimands, or final warnings we should take into account when applying for a DBS check?

6. Do you have any access requirements or needs that we should be aware of when considering your application and inviting you to interview?

Candidates will be shortlisted based on cover letter and CV.

**Further Information**

We will be completing the shortlisting process as soon as possible following the closing date, and aim to let you know as soon as we can. Please note however that due to the number of applications that the students’ union receives for placement opportunities, we are unable to offer personal feedback on applications. If you are invited to interview, you will receive any interview feedback prior to this. If you need any additional information or if you would like to speak to someone about your application please contact the Community Partnerships Coordinator, Sally Bernard, at [s.bernard@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:s.bernard@mdx.ac.uk) or 020 84115009.