



A role for everyone in sport – exploring the empowerment needs of people with disabilities across sport and physical activity.

Research Assistant Post- Part Time

About the role

The purpose of the advertised role is to support a research project titled **“A role for everyone in sport – exploring the empowerment needs of people with disabilities across sport and physical activity.”** The project is funded by Sport Ireland through the Research and Evaluation Grant Scheme and is led by Active Disability Ireland in collaboration with academic partners.

The research aims to explore how people with disabilities understand empowerment and to identify the barriers and supports that influence participation in meaningful roles within sport and physical activity, including leadership, advocacy, volunteering, and community engagement. The study will use a mixed-methods, participatory approach, incorporating surveys, interviews, and focus groups with people with disabilities.

The successful candidate will report to **Rob Purcell, Insights Officer at Active Disability Ireland**. Working closely with the project team, the Research Assistant will contribute to:

- The development and refinement of accessible data collection instruments (e.g. surveys, interview and focus group guides)
- Assisting with project ethical approval application
- Supporting participant recruitment through disability networks and partner organisations
- Data collection through interviews, focus groups, and electronic surveys
- Assisting with qualitative data transcription and analysis
- Carrying out administrative and research support tasks related to the delivery of the project, and any additional duties reasonably required within the scope and level of the post

This role offers an opportunity to contribute to inclusive, disability-led research that aims to inform policy and practice in sport and physical activity in Ireland.

Candidate requirements

- A degree (Level 8 NFQ) related to physical activity, sport, disability or other related areas.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to interact with external stakeholders.
- Capacity to work independently and within a project team to achieve results.
- Highly motivated with excellent organisational skills.
- Research experience with qualitative data collection and analysis

Salary and commitments

- €1500 per month to be invoiced each month
- 72 hours per month / 18 hours per week
- Duration: 6-8 months dependent on funding (For immediate start)
- Flexible working hours
- Remote working

Applications

Your application must include (i) a CV and (ii) cover letter explaining how you meet the criteria outlined in the above job description and why you are interested in taking this post. Candidates should email queries and their application to rpurcell@activedisability.ie by 5pm on Friday 20th February. Please put "Research Assistant Post" in the subject heading of the email. Remote interviews will be supported. You may also phone Rob Purcell with queries on 086 1035033.

Active Disability Ireland is an equal opportunities employer, and all applications will be treated in strict confidence.