

UoN Sport Advisory Roles

Welcome

The University of Nottingham was founded on the vision and philanthropic spirit of Boots founder Jesse Boot, who donated the land that is now our flagship University Park campus. Boot strongly believed that providing students with open spaces and the opportunity to exercise would improve their health and enable them to get the most out of their studies, and this focus remains intrinsic to the culture here today.

In 2016, thanks to the incredible generosity of David Ross, a new £40 million sports facility was opened, which has enabled the university to continue to deliver on its sports for all ethos and has seen us be named the Times and Sunday Times Sporting University of the Year three times in 2019, 2021 and 2024.

Our Vision for Sport 2024 and beyond is an exciting roadmap for the next decade for University of Nottingham Sport. Through five key priority areas we will focus on the university's plans to use sport and physical activity to further enhance the Nottingham student experience and ultimately help provide an education that is more than just a degree.

Would you like to be part of our journey? Our vision is to be the best UK university for sport, physical activity and wellbeing. To achieve this, we deliver the best all-round university experience through engaging and inspiring the whole of our community to benefit from the value of sport and supporting them to excel.

Dan Tilley
Director of Sport

Why we need volunteers?

Volunteers are an important and valued part of The University of Nottingham. University of Nottingham Sport has had an effective Sport Advisory Group for over seven years, which has supported both our Vision for Sport and fundraising activity.

We are now looking to continue this good work into a new phase of development for the Sport Advisory Group to support the university in its vision to be the best UK University for sport, physical activity and wellbeing.

We are looking for individuals (alumni and non-alumni) of all ages and from all backgrounds to support this work and provide their expertise to help us achieve our [Vision for Sport](#).

Key measures of the Vision for Sport include:

- Extent to which regular participation in sport and physical activity is embedded within the University community (% students engaged, proportional representation across different demographics)
- Providing an inspiring environment that supports students to thrive (Academic attainment and graduate outcome scores for those involved in sport; international selection for student athletes, NPS score)
- Being the best university for sport across our programmes (BUCS ranking, sector leading facilities, an established sporting profile / reputation)
- Positive relationships with stakeholders – both within the university and outside - to enhance our offer (for example alumni, national governing bodies, commercial partners)
- Delivering our programmes sustainably (Positive financial growth; improved environmental sustainability)

The University of Nottingham Sport Advisory Group and associated working groups will support this vision by providing:

- Advice & expertise – including supporting strategic workstreams and reporting back to the University of Nottingham Sport Advisory Group.
- Check & challenge / Alternative perspectives.
- Advocacy of University of Nottingham Sport.
- Access to networks to help enhance our offer.

We are particularly looking for volunteers with skills and experience in the following four areas of focus:

- **Financial sustainability:** helping us grow our commerciality and explore new revenue streams, whilst protecting our core business - the student experience.
- **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI):** helping UoN Sport deliver its inclusive offer and looking to ensure proportional representation across the varied University demographics.
- **Digital Transformation:** helping UoN Sport stay at the forefront of digital advancements in the world of sport e.g. AI technology, and helping develop new strands of delivery e.g. broadcasting / online streaming
- **Environmental sustainability:** helping UoN Sport improve its environmental efficiency in areas such as sustainable products, recycling, energy saving, travel etc...

What will the role entail:

- Advisory Group
 - 2 meetings per year (autumn and spring) – at least one of these will be in person in Nottingham
 - Term of 4 years with the opportunity to extend once
- Working Groups
 - Expected to be online quarterly meetings
 - Can be shorter term depending on the aims and objectives of the groups

The roles are advisory volunteering positions.

How to apply

Please complete this [form](#) to send in an expression of interest. If you have any questions, please email Rachael Green, Head of Alumni Volunteering at rachael.green@nottingham.ac.uk.

Informal conversations will be taking place across September and early October.