

Job Advert: CEO – MK Dons Football Club Sports & Education Trust

ABOUT US & OUR VISION

Milton Keynes Dons Football Club Sports & Education Trust (SET) is at the heart of Milton Keynes, changing lives through sport, education, and community engagement. As a Charity affiliated with Milton Keynes Dons Football Club, we are dedicated to making a positive impact on people's lives through innovative sports and community programs that empower, educate, and inspire.

Our vision is to be a dynamic, community-focused organisation that creates opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to thrive. Through the transformative power of sport, education, and social inclusion, we aim to empower individuals, develop our staff, and deliver high-quality, impactful programs that leave a lasting legacy. We are committed to fostering an environment where people whether participants in our initiatives or professionals within our organisation can reach their full potential.

At the core of our mission is the development of our staff, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and support they need to deliver outstanding services that drive real change. By investing in our people, we ensure a culture of excellence, innovation, and continuous improvement.

Through strong partnerships and stakeholder engagement, we work collaboratively with local authorities, businesses, educational institutions, and key organisations to expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Our goal is to create sustainable, long-term benefits for the communities we serve, addressing social challenges and enhancing opportunities through our programs.

Inclusivity is the foundation of everything we do. We strive to break down barriers to participation, ensuring our initiatives are accessible and welcoming to all, regardless of background or circumstance. Our commitment to diversity and equality drives us to build a more connected and empowered society, where everyone can succeed.

On the cusp of an exciting new chapter, with fresh ownership and ambitious plans, we're looking for a Chief Executive to take the reins and drive our Charity forward. This is your opportunity to shape the future, build powerful partnerships, and make a lasting impact on our community.

YOUR MISSION AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This is more than a job, it's a career-defining opportunity to make a real, lasting impact.

As Chief Executive, you'll be driving a bold vision that harnesses the power of sport and education to transform lives. You'll lead from the front, inspiring a team, forging game-changing partnerships, and ensuring that Milton Keynes Dons Football Club Sports & Education Trust continues to be a catalyst for positive change within the Milton Keynes community.

We need a visionary leader with the energy, passion, and commercial acumen to seize new opportunities, expand our reach, and secure major funding to drive financial sustainability. You'll be responsible for setting and executing a strategic plan, ensuring we continue delivering award-winning programs in sport, education, employability, and health & wellbeing. With a strong focus

on innovation and impact, you'll be responsible for governance, financial management, and business development, ensuring our Charity thrives in a competitive landscape.

To succeed in this role, you'll need:

- Exceptional leadership skills with the ability to inspire, motivate, and drive a culture of ambition and excellence.
- Strategic vision with experience developing and delivering long-term growth plans.
- Financial expertise with strong acumen in budget management, fundraising, and securing high-value partnerships.
- Relationship building ability with a track record of forging successful partnerships with funders, businesses, and local authorities.
- A passion for community impact with a commitment to using sport and education to empower individuals and create opportunities.

This is your chance to elevate Milton Keynes Dons Football Club Sports & Education Trust to the next level, strengthening our relationship with the community, expanding our influence, and ensuring our programs continue to change lives. If you thrive on innovation, love making a difference, and want to be part of something special, this is your moment.

HOW TO APPLY

The recruitment process for this role is being managed on behalf of MK Dons Trust by Evans Coaching & Consultancy Limited.

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter explaining why you feel you are the ideal candidate for this role (maximum 2 pages each) by email to Mike Evans at mike@evanscandc.com

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 11th April 2025 at 5pm.

First interviews will be held in person at Stadium MK between April 28th and 30th, and it is anticipated that a final interview stage will be conducted, also at Stadium MK, in early May.

If you would like to have a conversation about the role please email mike@evanscandc.com in the first instance to make an appointment.