

Job of The Week

Leisure Centre Manager

Key Skills

- business management skills
- leadership skills
- customer service skills
- the ability to use your initiative
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Maths knowledge
- Competent using a PC and the main software packages

Salary
£18,000 - £37,000

Working hours
39 - 41
Will include weekends/ bank
holidays

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Leisure Centre Manager

University

You could do a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in:

- Sports and Leisure Management
- Leisure Studies
- Sports Science
- Recreation Management
- Business Management

Entry requirements

You'll usually need 1 or 2 A Levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma; 2 to 3 A Levels, or equivalent, for a degree

College

You could do a course, which would teach you some of the skills and knowledge you need in this job. Relevant subjects include:

- Level 3 Diploma in Leisure Management
- Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

Entry requirements

You'll usually need 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a Level 2 course and 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a Level 3 course

Other routes

If you have a degree, you could apply for a Graduate Management Trainee Scheme with one of the large leisure where you would work in different areas of the business while completing professional qualifications to become a manager.

Apprenticeship

This will usually take 18 months to complete. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a college or training provider. You could start as an Intermediate Leisure Team Member Apprentice and then apply for trainee management positions leading to the advanced apprenticeship.

Entry requirements

Most people following this route have some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship and 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Career path and progression

You're likely to have more opportunities for promotion in larger organisations. With experience you may be able to become an area or regional manager, with responsibility for service development among a group of centres. You could use your experience in leisure centre management to move into related areas like sports promotion and development, or building partnerships with local authorities and national governing bodies.

Day to Day tasks

Your duties could include:

- arrange leisure activity timetables
- organise and promote events
- recruit, schedule, train and manage staff
- control budgets and monitor performance targets for your centre
- take responsibility for health and safety
- visit organisations, like local authorities, to promote your centre

Working conditions

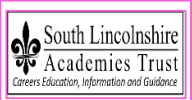
You could work at a fitness centre or in an office



Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.



Leisure and sports managers	
Weekly Pay £700	Annual Pay £36,400
Hours/Week 52h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 3.6%	Replacement 69.2%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 3.6% over the period to 2027, creating 2,100 jobs. In the same period, 69.2% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 41,000 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport & recreation Food & beverage services Gambling Film & music Accommodation 	
More info	Clear card

Sports and leisure assistants	
Weekly Pay £410	Annual Pay £21,320
Hours/Week 38h	Hourly Pay £11
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -1%	Replacement 68.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -1% over the period to 2027, losing 800 jobs. In the same period, 68.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 50,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport & recreation Gambling Education Libraries, etc Membership organisations 	
More info	Clear card

Sports coaches, instructors and officials	
Weekly Pay £460	Annual Pay £23,920
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.9%	Replacement 57.9%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,100 jobs. In the same period, 57.9% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 66,900 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport & recreation Education Gambling Employment activities Other personal service 	
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Labour Market Information

Leisure and sports managers

Leisure and sports managers organise, direct and co-ordinate the activities and resources required for the provision of sporting, artistic, theatrical and other recreational and amenity services.

Common tasks in this job:

- organises timetable of activities/schedule of programmes;
- ensures that facilities are kept clean and in good condition and that appropriate health and safety requirements are adhered to;
- keeps abreast of new trends and developments in recreational activities and arranges exhibitions, theatrical productions, concerts, demonstrations etc.;
- advises on the facilities available and promotes publicity in relation to shows, games, races, new theme parks, etc.;

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Sports and leisure assistants

Sports and leisure assistants, provide and maintain facilities for sporting and recreational activities and supervise their use, maintain the continuity of entertainment and social events, offer odds and accept bets on the result of sporting and other events and control gambling activities.

Common tasks in this job:

- maintains sports and leisure equipment and prepares equipment for use;
- supervises the use of swimming pools, gymnasium apparatus, fitness machines and other recreational equipment;
- maintains hygienic operation of swimming pools and associated facilities such as jacuzzis, showers and changing areas;
- carries clubs for golfers, advises on the layout and distance of golf courses and appropriate choice of golf club;

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Sports coaches, instructors and officials

Sports coaches, instructors and officials work with amateur and professional sportsmen and women to enhance performance, encourage greater participation in sport, supervise recreational activities such as canoeing and mountaineering, and organise and officiate at sporting events according to established rules.

Common tasks in this job:

- coaches teams or individuals by demonstrating techniques and directing training and exercise sessions;
- controls team selection and discipline and recruits ancillary staff such as coaches or physiotherapists;
- monitors and analyses technique and performance, and determines how future improvements can be made;
- deals with administrative aspects such as arranging matches, contests or appearances for athlete or team, and organising required transport and accommodation;

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Keep looking...

Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

General Manager at
David Lloyd Clubs



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuxpOyyvOFc>

Working for the
Bannatyne Group



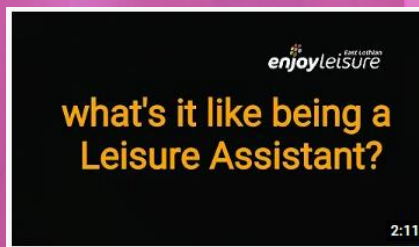
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuxpOyyvOFc>

Sports Management Degree
at Chichester University



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwl73B0uo6U>

What's it like to be a
Leisure Assistant?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iilZ6AayNI4>

Useful Websites

[Leisure centre manager](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)

<https://www.cimspa.co.uk/>

[Fitness centre manager job profile](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[Vacancy Search Results - David Lloyd Clubs](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGsxWv3_oCs

[Sport and Exercise for Health with Sport Management at University of Kent – UCAS](#)

[Sport Management with Foundation Year at University of Derby - UCAS](#)