

Eddie Odhiambo

Profile

A driven Education, Sporting, and Pastoral Professional with expertise in improving the outcomes of people through targeted intervention and effective leadership.

Currently Head of Football for Velocity - Oxford City and a member of the Oxfordshire FA volunteer engagement focus group working to create inclusive new ways to recruit, train, reward and retain future generations of volunteers for local community football clubs throughout the county.

A Football Professional and Pastoral Leader with over Ten years' experience of building positive relationships in education settings as a Mentor, Coach, Teacher, Head of Year and Placer Care Lead. An excellent track record of effectively leading staff teams in Professional Development and Youth Development to further opportunities in Football and employment.

A background in sport, 10 Years as a professional Footballer. Experience as a 1st Team Football Manager for Semi-Professional club and Football Co-commentor for regional radio station. UEFA A Licence for coaching. Ongoing CPD to develop expertise in Sport and Education.

I am motivated to explore opportunities in the professional sports industry, primarily football, to support the professional development of myself and those I interact with.

Education and Qualifications

2024 – (Present)	Level 4 Leadership & Management Apprenticeship
2024 – (Present)	TASS Certificate, Athlete Personal Development and Lifestyle
2024 – 2024	Level 3 Designated Safeguarding Lead
2022 – 2023	League Managers Association Leadership Development Course Graduate
2022 – 2023	PFA Effective Board Member Course Graduate
2021 – Present	Staffordshire University BA HONS, Professional Sports Writing and Broadcasting
2022	UEFA A Licence Coaching Football
2020	UEFA B Licence Coaching Football
2018	FA Youth Module 1 & 2 FA Coaching Disabled Footballers Association for Physical Education (AfPE)
2005 – 2006	Southampton College A Level: B – Economics, B – Geography, B – Sports studies National Diploma, Pass – Spanish
2005	Oxford School GCSE: A – German, B – PE, B – Economics, B – Maths, B – English C – Science, C - Geography

Employment History

2023 – Present, Head of Football, Velocity - Oxford City

Velocity is a Football and Education college programme. Oxford City is a semi-professional Football Club operating in The National League

Main responsibilities:

- Management of the whole student experience, including Football & Education.
- Monitor practice subject to audit & inspection from bodies such as OFSTED and The Football League
- Lead the team to plan, deliver and review the provision to benefit all stakeholders & company partners.
- Create varied & innovative enrichment experiences for the learner's development.
- Embed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion into programme strategy and operations
- Promote a culture of support for each learner, throughout the programme.
- Lead and oversee business development opportunities and administration.
- Analyse & report on progress of staff and department KPI's.

2022 – 2023, Academy Head of Player Care, Oxford United FC

Oxford United is a League 1 Football Club, operating a Category 3 Academy.

Main responsibilities:

- Implement and Lead Player Care programmes to Audit requirements.
- Implement and Lead bespoke Player Care programme to support players at all development phases.
- Lead staff to support with delivery of Player Care programmes.
- Impact on players Personal Development programmes for at all Academy development phases.
- Implement programmes on Transition, Life Skills and EDI for players in an elite environment.

2018 – 2022, Head of Year, St Birinus School, Didcot

St Birinus School is a boys' comprehensive school in Didcot, Oxfordshire. St Birinus latest Ofsted was Good with Outstanding traits.

Main responsibilities:

- Impact on student academic and pastoral progress via appropriate support and intervention.
- Lead a staff team of tutors to support student's academic and pastoral progress.
- Support the wellbeing and ensure professional development needs of staff tutor team are met.
- Implement whole school strategy to remove barriers to access learning for all students.
- Implement whole school strategy day to day effective running of the school.
- Teacher of PE and Personal Development.

2021 – 2022, North Leigh FC1st Team Manager (Alongside full-time employment)**2020 – 2021, North Leigh FC, Semi-Professional Football Player / Coach (Alongside full-time employment)****2020 – Present, BBC Radio Oxford Summariser / C-commentator (Alongside full-time employment)****2018 – 2020, Banbury United FC, Semi-Professional Football Player / Coach (Alongside full-time employment)****2017 – 2018, Community Project Officer, Northampton Town FC Community Trust****Main Responsibilities:**

- Delivered a Football in the Community PE Curriculum in Primary and Secondary schools in Northamptonshire.
- Managed and lead training for Full-Time Community Coaches.

2016 – 2017, Community Project Manager, Brackley Town FC**Main Responsibilities:**

- From scratch created and delivered a Football in the Community program including PE Curriculum, Girls Football, Disability Football, Walking Football, Holiday Camps.
- Created funding streams by engaging local stakeholders to the football club and successful funding applications.
- Delivered a Football in the Community PE Curriculum to Primary Schools in Oxfordshire & Northamptonshire.
- Managed, recruited, and trained Ad-Hoc Community Coaches.
- Oversaw the U8 - 12 of the Club Academy Youth Teams including recruitment and training of coaches.

2016 – 2018, Banbury United FC, Semi-Professional Football Player (Alongside full-time employment)

2014 – 2016, House Officer (Safeguarding and Welfare), Kettering Buccleuch Academy – Kettering

Main Responsibilities:

- Supported the academic and pastoral wellbeing of secondary aged students.
- Supported Senior staff to effectively deliver whole school SOPs for attendance, behaviour and concerns for all students.

2012 – 2014, Coach in The Community / Mentor, Back of the Net – Northamptonshire

- Delivered an onsite alternative provision curriculum for students at risk of Not being in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) post 16.
- Supported the Pastoral wellbeing of students at risk of NEET.
- Deliver football holiday camps.

2012 – 2016, Brackley Town FC – Semi-Professional Football Player (Alongside full-time employment)

Professional Football Player

2011 – 2012	Gateshead FC
2010 – 2011	Newport County FC
2008 – 2010	Stevenage FC
2006 – 2008	Oxford United FC
2002 – 2006	Southampton FC