



****Previous applicants need not reapply****

August 2024

Dear Applicant

MEMBERSHIP/COLLECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – HEAD OFFICE, BLACKSHOTS LEISURE CENTRE, THURROCK, ESSEX : PART-TIME, PERMANENT: 20 HOURS PER WEEK

Thank you for expressing an interest in the above vacancies.

Please find attached a Job Profile and Person Specification for the role. **You are advised to read our [Important Applicant Guidance resources prior to completing your application form](#)**. These resources are designed to support you in submitting a successful application form and to ensure you provide us with the information we need to assess your suitability for the role. Remember, your completed application is the only information we have about you and is what we will base the first stage of our selection procedure upon, so please complete all sections with a well-planned and positive approach. You may (if you wish) submit your CV to supplement your completed application.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION SECTION – VERY IMPORTANT

In this section of your application, you should **ONLY** address the criteria assessed at Application Stage (A) on the Person Specification, some of which are of high importance. Please provide clear **information, examples and evidence** to demonstrate these criteria. **Shortlisting will depend on how well you demonstrate your ability to meet the criteria assessed at Application Stage (A)**. If you do not complete this section fully and/or only submit your CV, your application may not be successful at shortlisting.

Due to the requirements of the Right to Work checks, if you are short-listed and invited to attend a further competitive selection process, you must be able to produce **original** document/s from the **"Right to Work Checklist"** from either List A or List B Group 1 & 2, to demonstrate legal entitlement to work in the United Kingdom.

Please submit your completed application form as soon as possible – but in any event no later than Sunday 8th September 2024. Please note, that vacancies may be closed earlier than the published closing date if we get a high volume of applications. We therefore advise that you complete your application at your earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

If you are shortlisted for an interview, you will be contacted. If you have not heard from us within one month of submitting your completed application, please assume that you have been unsuccessful. In the interest of economy we do not acknowledge receipt of applications.

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Wishing you every success in your application, and thank you for the interest you have shown in our Company.

Yours sincerely

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Impulse Leisure – Head Office



JOB PROFILE

JOB TITLE:	Membership/Collections Administrator
SALARY:	£12,312 - £12,865 per annum (£11.80 - £12.33 per hour)
HOURS OF WORK:	20 hours per week; working patterns flexible in order to meet the operational needs of the business. <i>*including some early evening evenings, on a rota basis and the occasional Saturday working, subject to advance notice.</i>
LOCATION:	Head Office - Blackshots Leisure Centre (Thurrock, Essex)
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Chief Finance Officer
LIAISON WITH:	Impulse Leisure Members, Finance department, Membership Advisor teams, managers, external agencies, and general public.
JOB PURPOSE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To provide administration assistance to the Finance department for the Direct Debit membership collections.2. To assist in providing an efficient and effective point of contact for membership account related queries.3. To assist and contribute to appropriate administration projects as directed.4. To ensure the membership database is maintained accurately ensuring BACs deadlines are met and all dues are paid in a timely fashion with support from 3rd party agencies in line with the company protocols.

KEY CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To fully comply with all legislation including the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Impulse Leisure's Health and Safety Policy and all locally agreed safe methods of work, in accordance with the individual centres' normal and emergency action plans etc.
2. To promote and maintain an awareness of and proactive commitment to energy reduction, carbon and environmental management.
3. To wear with pride the correct staff uniform, with a name badge at all times, in order to set a good example to all staff and to present a professional image to the public.
4. To actively promote Equal Opportunities and Diversity and observe the standard of conduct in relation to both employment and service delivery.
5. To undertake additional training/qualifications, as and when required, in order to comply with current and future company initiatives and/or governing body guidance and best practice.
6. Personal commitment to continuing professional development (CPD) and to key areas of development for the organisation, that will contribute to your learning, and widen your experience within the leisure industry as required.
7. To speak positively and enthusiastically about the company and its services to ensure that a professional company and brand image is always provided to customers and colleagues.

8. To comply with Impulse Leisure's Customer Care Policy.
9. Adhere to company protocol as laid out in the Employee Handbook, and subsequent changes/additions that may be issued from time to time.
10. Where necessary and required, to work together with other departments within the organisation to identify any process improvements and improve standards and efficiency.
11. At the discretion of the Chief Finance Officer / senior managers, undertake any other activities as may from time to time be agreed consistent with the nature of the job described below.
12. To respect the confidential nature, and safeguard personal information relating to all persons, in accordance with Company policies/procedures and the DPA/GDPR legislation. To not divulge or publish any information, other than to authorised personnel within Impulse Leisure. To not use any information for unofficial purposes.
13. If necessary, also to work at any Impulse Leisure's centres either on a permanent or temporary basis, consistent with the nature of the post.

KEY ROLE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To input information to relevant database/spreadsheets to maintain accurate records, and produce reports as and when required, e.g. debtors' lists, membership cancellations.
2. To collate information to process direct debit collections, in an effective, timely and accurate manner to meet deadlines.
3. Follow procedures for checking membership contracts and obtain missing or inaccurate information supplied, validate, and file all necessary documentation, complying with data security and protection requirements.
4. To assist in contacting members whose accounts have fallen into arrears using methods system-based messaging, emails, and where needed phone.
5. To assist with the maintenance and monitoring of confidential contract files for all memberships across the Thurrock Group, archiving application files and documents when necessary to ensure accuracy and relevance in accordance with the GDPR/Data Protection Act (DPA). This includes manual and computerised administrative systems (i.e. sales stats).
6. To assist the Chief Finance Officer with the preparation of files of membership and associated documentation and liaising with the Debt Recovery Agency to maximise success of debt payments.
7. To assist in compiling a list of debtors to enable the appropriate action to be taken against the member.
8. To accurately send the relevant documents to debtors and track our success for debt recovery.
9. Where required, to be aware of and comply with debt recovery rules and regulations which are published by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).
10. In the course of your duties, you may have knowledge of, or access to information that is confidential. It is essential that such information is safeguarded in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998; it should not be published or divulged other than to authorised personnel or used for any unofficial purposes. In cases of doubt about what is confidential or who is authorised, your manager must be consulted.

11. Continually update the Membership Advisor team, and Chief Finance Officer on debtors, on information such as amount of debt owed, amount paid and membership cancellations for the purposes of debt control.
12. Be aware of Direct Debit and AUDDIS (Automated Direct Debit Instruction Service) runs to pass on accurate information to members with regards to their membership payments.
13. To assist the Customer Experience Manager with the general maintenance, configuration, and use of membership software applications (currently Gladstone and partner products).

GENERAL

1. To undertake general office duties including, photocopying, scanning, filing etc.
2. Answering of telephones, ensuring messages are passed on accurately and efficiently and dealing with queries if appropriate. This includes assisting in the management of the debt, taking payments over the phone and responding to enquiries regarding debts or cancellations of memberships.
3. To assist with maintaining (creating where necessary/required) efficient and effective administration systems.
4. To contribute to projects effectively when required and meeting appropriate time management deadlines.
5. To build and develop solid working relationships with managers, employees, members, and external organisations in a professional manner.
6. To participate as a team member on any internal (or external) working groups or partnership forums and develop and maintain effective relationships to achieve appropriate outcomes.

The post holder **will** be required to work at any of the Company's facilities as required and will be required to stand in for staff on annual leave, training courses, etc., or at short notice in the event of, for example, illness.

Note: *This document does not constitute an exhaustive list of all duties relating to the post but indicates the main areas of activity. From time to time, it may be necessary to vary the duties, in consultation with the postholder, to take account of changing operational requirements, the introduction of different working methods, etc...*

In the course of your duties, you may have knowledge of, or access to information that is confidential. It is essential that such information is safeguarded in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018; it should not be published or divulged other than to authorised personnel or used for any unofficial purposes. In cases of doubt about what is confidential or who is authorised, your manager must be consulted.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

JOB TITLE: Collections Administrator

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

The person specification provides an outline of the experience, skills and abilities we expect the successful candidate to possess. You should match your own skills, experience, and abilities to those listed below. **You must tell us in what way you meet the criteria asked for; a sentence or two of explanation with examples will help us to assess your application.**

Applicants with a declared disability will be guaranteed an interview where they score at least 2 (out of a 0-3 scale) on each of the criteria weighted with High Importance, i.e. score of 2 multiplied by the criteria weighted 3 = 6.

Key: A – Application; C – Certificates; I – Interview; PA – Practical Assessment

***Weighting Scale:** 3 – High Importance 2 – Medium Importance 1 – Low Importance

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	WEIGHTING (*SEE ABOVE)	HOW ASSESSED (SEE 'KEY' ABOVE)
<u>Qualifications & Experience</u>	1. Previous experience of working in an office environment, in small teams and on own initiative.	3	A, I
	2. Previous experience of working with direct debit, standing order, BACS system or data entry.	3	A, I
	3. Previous experience of handling collections calls.	3	A, I
	4. Previous experience of communicating with members of public.	2	A, I
	5. NVQ Level 2 (or equivalent) in Business Administration.	1	A, C
<u>Skills, Knowledge & Abilities</u>	1. Able to communicate verbally in a clear and effective manner, with both members of the public and staff members at all levels e.g. via the telephone, meetings and one-to-one conversations.	3	A, I
	2. Able to write clearly, accurately and concisely e.g. taking messages, compiling letters etc.	3	A, PA
	3. Proficient in the use of MS Office applications (especially Word, Excel and Outlook) e.g. compiling correspondence, inputting information, maintaining computerised records and producing reports etc.	3	A, I, PA
	4. Good basic finance/numeracy skills i.e. calculating debt payments, interpreting figures/ data.	3	A, PA
	5. Excellent organisational and administrative skills with an attention to detail.	3	A, I, PA
	6. Effective time management, e.g. ability to work quickly and to a high standard of accuracy, arrange own workload, prioritise and to see tasks through to completion within the required deadlines.	3	I, PA
	7. Well-developed interpersonal skills with the ability to build and maintain effective working relationships with people at all levels.	3	I
	8. Able to handle difficult situations, particularly over the telephone.	3	I
<u>Special Knowledge</u>	1. Knowledge of computerised membership systems e.g. MRM Plus 2/GladstoneGo (or equivalent).	2	A, I

<u>Other</u>	1. Must be willing and prepared to undertake additional training necessary in order to fulfil the requirements of the role.	3	I
	2. Promote and maintain an awareness of and commitment to equal opportunities and diversity.	3	A, I
	3. To maintain confidentiality and safeguard information in accordance with the GDPR and Data Protection Act legislations.	3	I
	4. Must positively participate in any Company initiative both internal and external, and be adaptable to change, where necessary for the benefit of the business.	3	I
	5. To be flexible and adaptable with hours, tasks and working patterns, and must be prepared to work at any of Impulse Leisure's Centres consistent with the nature and responsibilities of the post.	3	I
	6. Must be willing to undertake an enhanced financial background check, due to the sensitive nature of the data being handled –	3	I

IMPULSE LEISURE
APPLICANT PRIVACY NOTICE (JANUARY-2024)
IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

As part of any recruitment process, Thurrock Community Leisure (Impulse Leisure) collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. Impulse Leisure is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

WHAT INFORMATION DOES IMPULSE LEISURE COLLECT?

Impulse Leisure collects a range of information about you, including:-

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history
- information about your current level of remuneration, including (where applicable) benefit entitlements
- whether or not you have a disability for which Impulse Leisure needs to consider reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process, and
- information about your legal entitlement to work in the UK.

Impulse Leisure may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs and/or from recruitment agencies, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews and/or other forms of assessments.

Impulse Leisure may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references we will request from former employers and/or education establishments (schools, colleges, universities), information from employment background check providers (where relevant) and information from criminal records checks (Disclosure and Barring Service). Impulse Leisure will seek information from third parties only once a conditional job offer to you has been made and will inform you that it is doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record (through the Applicant Tracking System (ATS)), in HR systems and on other IT systems (including email).

WHY DOES IMPULSE LEISURE PROCESS PERSONAL DATA?

Impulse Leisure needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you. In some cases, Impulse Leisure needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check an applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

Impulse Leisure has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows Impulse Leisure to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's

suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. Impulse Leisure may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against litigation.

Impulse Leisure may process special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. It may also collect information about whether or not applicants are disabled to make reasonable adjustments for candidates who have a disability. Impulse Leisure processes such information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

For some roles, Impulse Leisure is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where Impulse Leisure seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

Impulse Leisure will not use your data for any purpose other than for the recruitment exercise for which you have applied.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO DATA?

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR and recruitment teams, interviewers (i.e. panel members) involved in the recruitment process, managers in the business area for which you may be considered and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

Impulse Leisure will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you a conditional offer/offer of employment. Impulse Leisure will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you, employment background check providers (if required) to obtain necessary background checks and if required, the Disclosure and Barring Service (which will require your express consent) to obtain necessary criminal records checks.

Impulse Leisure will not transfer your data outside the United Kingdom.

HOW DOES IMPULSE LEISURE PROTECT DATA?

Impulse Leisure takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties. Impulse Leisure employees involved in recruitment processes have been trained in data protection.

FOR HOW LONG DOES IMPULSE LEISURE KEEP DATA?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, Impulse Leisure will hold your data for 6 (six) months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At the end of that period, your data is deleted and/or securely destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained throughout your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice.

YOUR RIGHTS

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:-

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request
- require Impulse Leisure to change incorrect or incomplete data
- require Impulse Leisure to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing, and
- object to the processing of your data where Impulse Leisure is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact the person responsible for data protection, details at the end of this document.

If you believe Impulse Leisure has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner. However, in the first instance please contact Impulse Leisure so that your concerns can be investigated in the first instance.

WHAT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL DATA?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to Impulse Leisure during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, Impulse Leisure is unlikely to be able to process your application properly or at all.

AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING

Recruitment processes are not based solely on automated decision-making. However, Impulse Leisure's application tracking system (ATS) will request candidates to respond to the following:-

- 'if they are legally entitled to work in the UK'. If a candidate ticks 'no'; then they will not be able to complete the rest of the application process, and
- 'if they hold a valid National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ)'. If a candidate ticks 'no'; then they will not be able to complete the rest of the application process.

Candidates who respond yes to proceed with the application, but are subsequently then unable to provide the correct right to work original documentation and/or who do not have a valid NPLQ will not proceed further in the recruitment process.

Any concerns relating to this question, should be directed to Lorna Mapson, Group Human Resources Manager – recruitment@impulseleisure.co.uk

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA PROTECTION

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