



Get Involved (Year 1)

UKCC level 1 British Gymnastics course is available to students as part of the taught SLS170 Award in Coaching Studies module. Costs are reduced to 50% of the normal course fee for Ulster students.

Mentor support and practical coaching experience is provided by Club GymFUN and other recognised British Gymnastics Clubs associated with the GymFun Employability programme. In Club GymFUN year 1 students are often mentored by our own final year or graduate students who are still involved in Club GymFUN.

Students can complete the first of 3 associated GymFun Edge Award activities (Into Coaching programme) when volunteering at a partner gymnastics club and completing their work based learning logbook as part of the British Gymnastics assessment.

Stay Involved (Years 2-4)

Students opt sign up for the GymFUN Volunteer support programme, their volunteering hours are credited for both the Volunteer Goldmark award and the University Edge Award (GymFUN Leadership Programme).

Following a period of committed involvement, students are offered to paid coaching position as soon as they are available in Club GymFUN. Students can apply for paid positions on the University run sports camp programmes.

Students can opt to progress to the Level 2 UKCC Coaching Award, this course qualifies the students to work independently and can therefore take gymnastics activities in school setting when on placement (Club GymFUN and other associated clubs often offer financial support to students to help fund their training).

Students working in Club GymFUN are designated a Club Coach and/or final year or graduate student who act as their Mentor.

Help others develop (Year 3+)

Students who qualify to level 2 with British Gymnastics are supported to become mentors and to attend Level 3 modules and/or attendance at the British Gymnastics Conference.

Coaches are supported to develop their mentoring and Head Coach skills by working with more senior coaches and attendance at relevant workshops.

These students can complete the Edge Activity (GymFun Coach Mentoring programme)

Suitable candidates, graduates who go on to complete a PGCE, will have the option to be trained to deliver the GymFUN Teacher Training course.

Students who were committed to the GymFUN programme have carved full time coaching careers for themselves and some of our students have opened their own gymnastics clubs as private businesses and become British Gymnastics tutors and assessors.