

Dr. Graham Smith

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Sport and Physical Activity
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Research Interests:

Range of socio-cultural/football related issues (agents, occupational subcultures etc.), Migration of football playing and coaching talent, PE/School sport and inclusion, PE/School sport and holistic education, Healthy schools and children's wellbeing, The preparation and development of PE/School sport teachers, Pedagogic/teaching practice innovation and development, Elite level coaching practice (especially football), The influence of non-indigenous coaches on the occupational subculture of English professional football

Qualifications:

B.Ed (Hons) Loughborough Colleges (PE teaching), MA University of Liverpool (Education/Citizenship), PhD Chelsea School - University of Brighton (elite soccer coaching)

Biography:

From a successful career in schools Graham joined Edge Hill in September 1997. He has taught Physical Education on post- and undergraduate programmes and is currently writing a Masters level Physical Education and School Sport degree to supplement the consistently over-subscribed PE/School Sport degree he leads. Graham also worked for over twelve years as a professional coach at Everton Football Club where his role was principally concerned with talent ID, youth coaching and player development from grass roots to professional level. Through his coaching experience at professional level he has helped develop a number of Premiership and international players. His PhD explores the influence of overseas coaching and management on the occupational subculture of English professional football.