

Andrew Beaven

Profile

I received the ECB “Coach” award (level 2) in 2011 and have continued my coaching education ever since, actively reviewing and blogging “on the job” learning at theteesra.com, and pursuing CPD opportunities wherever I can find them.

I have coached extensively with the Colts’ section (u9-u16) at the Oakfield Parkonians CC, ever since I first qualified as a level 1 coach in 2009. In addition to supporting the Club’s very successful competitive teams across the various age-group squads, in 2017 I became Lead Activator for the **All Stars Cricket** scheme, for 5-8 year olds completely new to the sport, growing the group from just 10 children in the first year to more than 40 in 2019.

For almost 6 years, from the spring of 2014 until the COVID-19 lockdown in early 2020, I was a member of the coaching team at the **Lord’s Indoor Cricket Centre** (formerly known as the MCC Cricket Academy). I coached across the various age-groups, working in particular with the Academy’s term-time and holiday courses for “Little Legends” (age 3-4), “Mini Masters” (age 4-5) and “Cricket Cubs” (age 5-7), devising and leading age-appropriate coaching plans.

From 2015-2019, I coached at the **Graham Gooch Essex Indoor Cricket Centre**, Chelmsford, creating and delivering 1-to-1 coaching plans for players from U11 County & District Age Group through to adult Club level.

I have led many **Chance to Shine** programmes in primary schools, and coached with the “**Team Up England**” initiative, taking cricket for girls into secondary schools. I also support events for **Essex Cricket in the Community** and local School Sports Partnerships by officiating in Schools & Junior competitions.

In 2019, I ran my first **coach development** sessions, providing training for All Stars Cricket Activators and for junior cricket activators, and delivered Activator training, face-to-face & online, for the ECB’s National Programmes (All Stars & Dynamos Cricket) in 2021.

As a freelance cricket coach, I have specialised in helping children to play and enjoy cricket, but I am also interested in

- understanding and applying the pedagogical principles underlying games-based learning, Games Sense, Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) to skill acquisition;
- the application of “non-linear pedagogies”, including the Constraints-Led Approach (CLA), in coaching & sport instruction — coach as “environmental designer”;
- the role of “coach as educator” and the importance of “learning how to learn” in skill acquisition & development;
- the development of *functional movement solutions* and “physical literacy” for younger children;
- the psychology of sport and performance behaviour;
- coach development, both personal and as a coach developer working with other coaches.

Qualifications/certificates held

- ECB Coach (level 2) (2011)
- Enhanced DBS (Online Update Service)
- First Aid for Sport, Exercise & Fitness — ITC level 3 award (2021)
- ECB Safeguarding Young Cricketers (2021)
- ECB Coaching in Primary Schools
- ECB Disability Inclusion Training
- ECB ACO Umpire, level 1
- It’s Your Call Umpire Education Stage 1 (online)
- It’s Your Call Umpire Education Stage 2 (online)

Experience – coaching

- Chance to Shine (primary schools) with Essex Cricket in the Community & Capital Kids Cricket 2018–
- “Team Up England” (secondary schools, girls) with Essex Cricket in the Community 2019–2020
- ECB All Stars Cricket Activator 2017–2019
- Lord’s Indoor Cricket Centre (casual coach: coaching groups, from ages 3-11) 2014–2020
- Oakfield Parkonians CC Colts (u9-u16) 2008–2019
- Essex County Cricket Board (casual coach: 1-to-1s with development pathway players) 2015–2019
- Regent’s Park CC Colts 2015-2019
- Queen Mary University London, Men’s Cricket Club Coach 2015-17
- Private Coaching — schools’ programmes, including after-school clubs; 1-to-1 technical coaching

Experience – coach development

- ECB National Programmes Activator tutor 2019–
- ECB Coach Developer programme 2019

CPD – Cricket

- ECB Coaching Young People & Adults: Performance & Video Analysis (Middlesex CCB) 2016
- ECB Coaching Young People & Adults: Training Interventions & Methods (Middlesex CCB) 2016
- ECB Coaching Children: Creating the Learning Climate for Children (Essex CCB) 2014
- ECB Coaching Children: Skill Development for Children (Essex CCB) 2014
- ECB Coaching Children: Game Based Learning for Children (Essex CCB) 2014

- Chance to Shine Network Support: Connect, Support, Improve Programme (online) 2020
- Pace Bowling Masterclass with Steffan Jones (MCC Cricket Academy) 2018
- Power Hitting Masterclass with Julian Wood (MCC Cricket Academy) 2017
- Pace Bowling Masterclass with Richard Johnson (MCC Cricket Academy) 2017
- Spin Bowling Masterclass with Robert Croft (MCC Cricket Academy) 2016
- Batting Masterclass with Gary Palmer (HECCSport) 2016
- “Feel the Force – Creating Power for Cricket” with Mark Sheppard (HECCSport) 2016
- Wicket-keeping Masterclass with Paul Nixon (MCC Cricket Academy) 2015
- Seam Bowling Masterclass with Martin Bicknell (MCC Cricket Academy) 2015
- Wicket-keeping Workshop with Barry Hyam (Essex CCB CA) 2012
- Lifeskills Street 20 Coaching (Essex CCB & Cricket4Change) 2011
- Coaching Bowlers Workshop (Essex CCB CA) 2011
- Training Methods Workshop (ECB/Essex CCB CA) 2010
- ECB Coach Assistant (level 1) (ECB/Essex CCB CA) 2009

- ECB Coaches Association Conference 2013, 2015 & 2017

CPD – Coach Development

- National Programmes Activator Tutor training (ECB) 2020; 2021
- ECB Coach Developer Programme & “Foundation I” orientation (2019)
- ECB Coaching Ambassador (online) 2019
- Coaching Others to Coach (Open University short course - online) 2019
- All Stars Cricket Activator Tutor training (ECB) 2019
- Tutor Development Session (UK Coaching - pilot programme) 2019

CPD – Coaching (General)

- COVID-19 Awareness Training (ReActivate/CIMSPA/Sport England - online) 2020
- Understand, Connect, Thrive: Developing Your Practice (UK Coaching - online) 2020
- Coaching on the Ground: Planning, Doing and Reviewing (iCoachKids MOOC - online) 2020
- Child-Centred Coaching & Physical Literacy (iCoachKids MOOC - online) 2020
- Coaching Children 5-12: The Next Generation (UK Coaching) 2019
- Developing Effective Environments for Children in Sport (iCoachKids MOOC - online) 2019
- Exploring Play: The importance of play in everyday life (University of Sheffield/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Coaching the Mental Game (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Team Coaching (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Self-Aware Coach (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Player-Centred Coaching (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Coaching in the Knowledge Era (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2017
- Exploring Sport Coaching and Psychology (OpenLearn - online) 2017
- The Art & Science of Coaching (Athlete Learning Gateway, IOC - online) 2017
- How to Coach the Fundamentals of Movement (sportscoachUK) 2017
- How to Deliver Engaging Sessions for Adults (sportscoachUK) 2014
- Sport Psychology Workshop with Dan Abrahams (TheSportInMind) 2014
- Introduction to FUNDamentals of Movement (sportscoachUK) 2014
- Performance Movement Skills (SAQ International) 2014
- Athlete Development Workshop with Kelvin Giles (Active Essex) 2013
- Equity in Your Coaching (sportscoachUK) 2011

CPD – Mental Health

- Mental Health Awareness for Sport & Physical Activity+ (UK Coaching with Mind - online) 2021
- COVID-19: Psychological First Aid (Public Health England/FutureLearn - online) 2020
- Understanding Anxiety, Depression and CBT (Reading University/FutureLearn - online) 2019
- Mental Health Awareness for Sport & Physical Activity (UK Coaching with Mind - online) 2019
- Mental Health in Cricket & Beyond (LagomMind in partnership with Opening Up Cricket) 2019
- Youth Mental Health (University of East Anglia/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Understanding Autism (OpenLearn - online) 2018
- Mental Health in Cricket — Coaches' Workshop (Opening Up Cricket/MCC Cricket Academy) 2018

CPD – other

- Blended and Online Learning Design (UCL/FutureLearn - online) 2021
- The Online Educator: People & Pedagogy (Open University/FutureLearn - online) 2020
- Transforming Digital Learning (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2020
- How to Teach Online (FutureLearn - online) 2020

Experience – Online Publishing; Marketing

29 years in scientific, technical & medical online publishing, latterly managing and mentoring B2B marketing teams as they delivered digital, social and event marketing.

I was a Member of the Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals (CILIP) — the library & information association, and of its predecessor organisation, the Institute of Information Scientists (1989-2019).

Further information on my professional career prior to becoming a full-time cricket coach is available on request.

Experience – other

Community:

- Associate Member, Board of Governors, Ilford County High School, 2018-19
- Co-opted Member, Board of Governors, Ilford County High School, 2014-18
 - Chair of Pupils, Learning & Standards Committee (2016-2017)
 - Training Link Governor
 - Safeguarding Link Governor
- Hon. General Secretary, Old Parkonians Association (old boys of Ilford County High School) 2014-2016

Volunteering:

- Cow welfare warden (public engagement with grazing cattle, Wanstead Park), City of London, 2021
- Volunteer event assistant, "Shrouds of the Somme", London 2018
- "Runner", City Wide Team, World ParaAthletics Championships & IAAF World Championships, London 2017
- Event Support, UCI World Track Cycling, London 2016
- Event support, Tour of Britain 2014 (London stage)
- "Tour-maker", Tour de France Grand Départ 2014 (Cambridge to London stage)
- "Clyde-sider", Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2014
- "Gamesmaker", Paralympics, London 2012

Memberships

- ECB Coaches Association (ECB CA)
- ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO)

Blogs

- The Teesra (www.theteesra.com)
- ConnectedCoaches (community.ukcoaching.org) — Community Champion

References

Available on request