

FAW YOUTH COUNCIL

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OVERVIEW

The FAW Youth Council aims to provide a platform for children and young people to influence change and decision-making in Welsh football while developing themselves as young leaders and ambassadors of the game. The role of a Youth Council Member is to represent the voice of children and young people advising on policy and the development of football in Wales.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Representing the voice of Children and Young People throughout Wales.
- Influencing change in the strategic direction of football in Wales.
- Empowering Children and Young People to identify, raise awareness of and discuss the important issues and challenges for them in football.
- Inspiring Children and Young People to participate and volunteer in football.
- Making recommendations on the development of football and policy changes.
- Ensuring that all Children and Young People have equal opportunities to be part of and included in the football family.
- Develop and deliver specific initiatives that contribute toward the FAW Youth Council's aims & objectives.
- Supporting the development of leadership skills in young people.

MEMBER BIOS:



ELEEZA KHAN (CHAIR): SOUTH WALES FA

Eleeza is passionate about breaking the stigma that girls like her, from her community, cannot participate in Football. She's already taking a leading role in this, most recently qualifying as a grassroots-level football referee. She also takes a leading role in her community, volunteering with organisations such as the Cardiff Youth Service, SEF Cymru and ACE Cymru.



HARRISON CLAYTON (VICE CHAIR): WEST WALES FA

Working in sport from 2016, the young sports leader of the year for Brecknock and Radnorshire (2017) found himself as a young ambassador representative on the Sports Wales Board from 2018-2019. Throughout the pandemic, Harrison volunteered as an #IWill ambassador and has gained experience in the digital promotion of the game, as well as planning and directing community sports projects.



BEGW ELAIN (VICE CHAIR): NORTH WALES COAST FA

Begw has volunteered at her local Club since a young age. She has vast experience of sitting on committees, being an accounts officer and working her way to her most recent volunteer role with the Club as media officer. She has most recently been a part of the FAW's Be Football Mentoring programme where she has learnt key skills in confidence, communication and conversing in both English and Welsh.



JACK GRIFFITH – NORTH WALES COAST FA

Bangor 1876 commercial and marketing assistant driving the clubs brand off the pitch : running the first online shop with orders as far as Australia as well as launching a podcast and overhauling the social media to over 13,000 followers on all platforms.

While at university studying business management in Manchester, Jack has been a part of the Manchester FA's young leaders academy working on cup finals and projects to enhance grassroots football in greater Manchester, also worked at Stockport County Football Club.



IOAN MATTHEWS-JONES – NORTH WALES COAST FA

Ioan has proven he is a leader in all areas of his footballing career thus far. He was named coach of Llanfairpwll Teir with teams from U 12's all the way through to U16's level. During this time Ioan completed his C licence, as well as the FAW safeguarding, first aid and leader's courses.



JAC CHAPMAN – WEST WALES FA

Jac hit the ground running when first entering Welsh Football, becoming a player, qualified referee and UEFA B license candidate before the age of 18. Jac has also since become the first-ever Chair of the Sports Wales Youth Panel, as well as moving into a coaching role with both grassroots and academy teams.



CARYS JAMES – CENTRAL WALES FA

Born and bred and in Aberystwyth, Carys is an avid footballer playing for Aberystwyth Town Women's U19's, as well as volunteering in a coaching role for the Club. Passionate about politics and international relations, and the Welsh language, one of Carys' aims for the Youth Council is to reduce inequality in youth football in Wales - breaking down the barriers for the next generation.



NICOLE SAMSON – NORTH EAST WALES FA

Nicole is passionate and driven to give everyone a voice in football whether it's on or off the pitch. She wants to be able to open doors for young people in the future so that they don't have to break down barriers to achieve their ambitions. Nicole has played football from a young age and is a current player for TNS FC in the Adran Premier League. As well as playing, Nicole has completed her FAW safeguarding, first aid and leader's courses. Besides her passion for football, Nicole has been accepted onto the Airbus Business Degree Apprenticeship scheme and would one day like to become a CEO.



MEGAN DAVIES – GWENT FA

Megan aims to be a part of genuine change and improvement in her time on the FAW Youth Council. She previously worked as a member of the Welsh Youth Commissioner Advisory Panel and created the Caerleon Youth Labour Party to highlight and empower young voices. Megan also worked as a referee in the game in Wales, having completed her FAW refereeing course at the age of 14.



LLOYD WARBURTON – CENTRAL WALES FA

Lloyd is a qualified referee from Central Wales who officiates matches all the way from U12's to senior grassroots level. Lloyd likes to travel around Wales to watch football matches at all levels and is a politically active member of his community being a Member of the Welsh Youth Parliament for Ceredigion for the 2021-23 term.



AMARA NEALE – SOUTH WALES FA

Amara is an avid football fan, having been a Cardiff City FC fan for as long as she can remember, as well as being a registered player at Barry Town FC. She brings a wealth of experience with her to the Youth Council as she currently is a member of Cardiff's Children and Young People Advisory Board, which aims to help Cardiff become the first UNICEF child-friendly city in the UK.



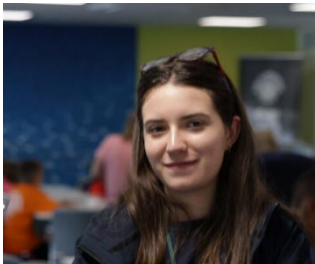
MIA ROBERTS – NORTH EAST WALES FA

Mia has always been football obsessed and is currently involved in the sport in a number of different ways. She currently plays in the Adran North for Llandudno as well as a International Football Business degree in Manchester at UCFB. Mia has recently undertaken a role at Wrexham AFC her hometown club where she is a presenter on their pre match show as well as a co-commentator on the men's senior side home and away matches. She also took part in the FAW's BeMentoring programme in 2024.



EMMA THOMAS – WEST WALES WALES FA

Emma is a passionate advocate for youth football, having represented Wales at WU15, WU16, and WU17 levels while playing for the FAW Girls Academy squad. With experience as both a player and coach, alongside studying a BTEC in Sport & Exercise Science, she is committed to increasing participation, promoting inclusion, and breaking down barriers in the game. As an FAW Football Leaders Award holder and former BE Football Influencer, Emma strives to empower young players and shape the future of Welsh football.



CAITLIN MCMILLAN – WEST WALES WALES

Caitlin is a sport sustainability specialist with experience across both high performance and grassroots level. Passionate about how sport can be used as a catalyst for change and the importance of ensuring facilities are futureproofed, her aim whilst participating in the Youth Council is to increase opportunities for participation, particularly for those from a range of socio economic backgrounds, women and girls.



EDWARD JACKSON – GWENT FA

Ed is deeply passionate about sustainability and creating a better future for the next generation. As a former Wales Under 21's field hockey player, Ed used his platform as an athlete ambassador to visit primary schools across South Wales to teach children about the importance of staying active, eating well, and looking after their mental wellbeing. His long-term ambition is to become a policy maker, where he hopes to influence positive change for future generations in Wales and beyond.



ALI ARSHAD – SOUTH WALES FA

Ali has been deeply passionate about football from a young age and continues to play the game at a competitive level. With experience coaching at the grassroots level, including leading an U12 team, Ali combines his on pitch knowledge with a strong commitment to community development. He has spearheaded numerous projects aimed at creating inclusive opportunities for young people both boys and girls to access and enjoy football. Through his work, Ali is dedicated to breaking down barriers and ensuring that every child has the chance to thrive through the power of sport.



ROSHEEN KHAN – SOUTH WALES FA

As a director of the Grange Pavillion Youth Forum, Rosheen also makes up one half of Wales' first Muslim female football referees, as well as a coach in her local community. Passionate about paving the way for young girls from ethnically diverse backgrounds, Rosheen plays a key leadership role in her community, previous school and with the FAW as one of two members to lead on youth voice at the Euro 2028 bid in Switzerland.

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