

FAW NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

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FAW YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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):

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):

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.



AYAH ABDUL

Ayah brings experience in playing football here in Wales, as well as coaching young Women and Girls from ethnic minority backgrounds. Her aim whilst part of the Youth Council is to increase the opportunity and participation of those from ethnic minority communities, especially young Women and Girls.



BEGW ELAIN

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.



IOAN MATTHEWS-JONES

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

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.



GRACE EVANS

As well as being a player for Cardiff City U19s, Grace has recently completed her C license in coaching and spends time coaching the younger players at Aberdare Town FC. This has allowed her to better herself in her role at an organisation she created to help young people with disabilities access football. In 2021 she was also awarded the National Rising Star of the Year for the FAW McDonald's Grassroots Awards.



NICOLE SAMSON

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

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

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

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.

CONTACT

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