



Dear Secretary,

Ref; **FA FOOTBAL YOUTH REVIEW**

In early 2023, The FA instigated a project to explore the future of youth football in England which is aimed to identify new and exciting opportunities to improve grassroots football for young players across the country. It recognised that whilst current playing levels are strong across the game, it is best practice for any sport to analyse participation and provision at points in time, to future proof the game, as other nations across the world are doing.

Over the past 10 months The FA have engaged with stakeholders from across the grassroots community to generate ideas, develop learning and further explore potential changes to the game. They are now at a stage where they wish to share back with the grassroots community some of their thinking so that feedback can be gathered and views and opinions on the topics raised can be heard. This is a crucial stage in the process and here at Durham County FA we are pleased to be partnering with The FA to deliver an upcoming workshop in which there will be the opportunity to hear some of The FA's proposals and in providing our feedback help shape the next steps of this piece of work. Further details of the upcoming workshop can be found below:

- Date: Monday 13th November 2023, responses required by noon Wednesday 8th November 2023.
- Time: Arrival from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. An anticipated finish time of 8.30.
- Venue: Durham County Cricket Club, Cathedral Suite
- Sign Up Process: click onto the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/P0NKWpC5TC> and complete the application.

Places will be limited due to the venue capacity and you will receive confirmation if you have been allocated a place or not, can you please provide name(s) of attendees and their role(s).

We hope to engage with many of you from across the county and neighbouring Counties to ensure that our collective views and being fed into the process. If you have any questions relating to the event please contact; Andy Brown Andrew.brown@durhamfa.com and Thomas.wallace@durhamfa.com for further information.

This is an opportunity for those connected and participating in Youth football to have an input on any proposals and it is important your organisation is represented as this will help shape youth football in the future.

We look forward to meeting you at the upcoming event and exploring how we can continue to evolve our youth football offer to provide children with the best experience of the game.

Kind regards,

John Topping
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