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| **Meeting** | Lincolnshire FA Youth Council  |
| **Date** | 30th July 2022, 10am-1pm |
| **Venue** | Lincolnshire FA Office  |
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| **Present** | Jordan Mason, Sarah Pridmore, Lauren, Tom, Alex, Millie, Damian, Riley, Ethan |
| **Apologies** | Suzy and Amaya |
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| **Agenda Item** | **Description** | **Action** |
| 1. **Minutes of last meeting.**
 | Outstanding Action(s):* Safeguarding Courses
* DBS Verifications
 | **Damian to complete safeguarding courses and DBS verification**  |
| 1. **Election of Officers**
 | Officer Elections sent to JM in advance. Members elected to positions were: Chairperson: LaurenVice-Chair: TomDiversity and Inclusion Lead: SuzyMedia and Marketing Lead: AmayaYouth Committees Lead: Ethan | **JM to action a Youth Council Section on the Website** |
| 1. **Collaboration with Grimsby Town Sport and Education Trust**
 | Kristan from GTSET joined the group remotely to discuss the Premier League Kicks Programme. Premier League Kicks is a social inclusion programme that aims to engage with 11–18-year-olds in high-need areas across the UK. Sessions look to deliver workshops aimed at developing positive inclusive communities through the power of football. Sessions are held at the Trin Community Centre in Cleethorpes, engaging with 25-30 young people every Friday. 1-2 of these are disabled. Currently, GTSET have 0 volunteers supporting these sessions. Lauren suggested approaching local schools and colleges to offer volunteering spaces to students completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Tom stated that all schools now have a designated DofE lead, and that finding volunteering opportunities is often the biggest hurdle for this lead. Kristan stated that GTSET hadn’t considered this and will look into it.Currently, there is a transition link between PL Kicks and the Academy or into other clubs. Current workshops include racism, LGBTQ+, bullying, county lines and budgeting. All workshops take place pitchside, so need to be ‘short and sweet’. PL Kicks has also engaged in social action fundraising projects. Kristan asked the group four questions:* What things would you consider important to learn about or would you like to know more about that you wouldn’t get from school?
* What would you want from a football session?
* How can we engage more youth in social action – what matters in your local communities?
* What inspired you to be involved with this Youth Council?

Kristan finalised his visit by inviting the group to the PL Kicks Youth Summit Event, which is a celebration of the programme.The group discussed which themes would be of value, these included: Careers, ambition, gender (tying into WEURO), identity, positive relationships and mental health. The group answered the above questions, including stating that getting involved with the Youth Council was to have an opportunity to have a voice and impact in football. Opportunity and experience, and personal & professional development. It was suggested that GTSET PL Kicks could attend a future YC meeting to engage with Youth Leadership. Sarah suggested we also collaborate with Lincoln City Foundation. | **Group to consider the four questions and discuss at next meeting.****Group to further discuss and develop the themes and workshops at next meeting.****Jordan to contact Lincoln City Foundation to see who leads PL Kicks there.** |
| 1. **Key Messaging with Young People**
 | 5- to 11-year-olds:The group agreed to develop a bi-monthly digital newsletter that can be shared through clubs & parents. Sign up would be through a Google doc or similar.Riley suggested we should start small and simple to get the ball rolling. The first newsletter should be fun to introduce Lottie and Larry.The first newsletter will include: an introduction to Lottie and Larry, a ‘Welcome Back to Football’ section, and an introduction to the Youth Council section, with two YC profiles each newsletter – first newsletter will introduce Lauren and Tom has Chair and Vice-Chair.The question was asked if the Youth Council could have their own email address for young people to contact. Sarah will look into this.12- to 18-year-olds: The group agreed to use the Instagram account to communicate with this age group. We will look to mirror a similar bi-monthly ‘newsletter’, but produced in a different format to suit Instagram. Future content will include ‘safety in football’, however first edition will focus on introducing the Youth Council.This will include: * Our mission: ‘to give a voice to Young People involved in football in Lincolnshire’
* Profiles of Youth Council Members
* Current Projects: PL Kicks with GTSET, Key Messaging with Young People, Developing Youth Committees in Clubs and Leagues

The group asked if DMs were able to be used to allow young people to get in touch – it makes the YC seem approachable and friendly. Sarah will confirm. | **Group to send profiles to Jordan – for L+L Newsletter, website and Instagram page****Jordan to action sending the content to Esports Media****Sarah to confirm****Jordan to work with Esports Media to produce Instagram posts with the relevant information****Sarah to confirm** |
| 1. **Youth Committees**
 |  Lauren suggested that this agenda item should be a priority at the next meeting – it would be good to get started with this, as getting the first few clubs to adopt would be the biggest hurdle. One club has been highlighted as a worthwhile pilot due to connections between the YC and the club. It was suggested that clubs could have a digital badge for their website/social media that demonstrates their commitment to Youth Leadership/Engagement.The group developed a list of benefits and a step-by-step guide to act as a starting point for clubs:Benefits: * Player retention (Lauren suggested writing a testimony of a bad experience at a previous club due not having a youth voice there)
* Easy to set up
* Improves inter-club networking and relations
* Grows capacity (tasks can be delegated to Youth Committee Members)
* Lincolnshire FA YC can facilitate the first meeting

Steps: 1. Find members (process should be informal, team captains make a good starting point)
2. Start at under 14s, aim for a minimum of 5 members
3. First meeting can focus on internal discussions about the club, including:
* What do you like about your club? Consider coaches, committee, teammates, pitch & facilities, kit & equipment
* What could be better about your club?
* What impact would you like to have as a member of the Youth Committee?
1. Future objectives can look at taking these discussions external, e.g., completing a youth survey about the club.
 | **Group to approach club once plans finalised****Group to design badge****Group to finalise benefits and steps and prepare how to present this to clubs** |
| * **AOB**
 | JM informed the group that the County FA will be going through an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training by an external company. The workshop should take about 2.5 hours and is for all staff, board, council and sub-groups of the County FA. The group have the opportunity to undergo professionalised ED&I training. There will be multiple options for workshops meaning that they should be accessible for everyone, and it will provide an opportunity for YC members to network with other members of Lincolnshire FAThe group asked if we could communicate via Whatsapp.  | **JM to communicate when training dates are booked.****Sarah to action Whatsapp Group.** |
| **Next meeting date**  |  Tuesday 13th September, 6pm-8pm  |