

# The FA National Youth Council

## FA REGIONAL YOUTH NETWORK

APPLICATION FORM 2021/22



The FA National Youth Council (FANYC) are delighted to announce that we are now recruiting for the FA Regional Youth Network (FA RYN) for the 2021-22 season.

The Regional Youth Network's purpose is: To collaborate with The FA National Youth Council and support their vision to **ensure all young people have meaningful opportunities to develop themselves and positively influence the football community.**

Membership of the FA RYN can be for up to two seasons, but participants will need to reapply for a second season. The FA RYN will be delivered through virtual meetings and hosted on an online platform. There may also be opportunities to attend in person FANYC meetings across the season subject to Covid-19.

To be eligible to apply to be part of the FA RYN you must first fill one of the following criteria in Part A:-

Part A – one of these must describe you

- I am an active member of a County FA (CFA) Youth Council or equivalent Youth Leadership programme hosted by a CFA.
- I am a member of a FANYC 'Partner' organisations Youth Leadership/Committee/Programme. Current partners include: AoC Sport through AoC Sport Women's Football Development Officer (Apprentices) Programme and Activators, BUCS through FA University Women's Leadership Programme, Committee members and Activators, Football Beyond Borders, Youth Sport Trust, Brent Blueprint Collective, Football v Homophobia.
- Whilst I am not part of a CFA YC or 'Partner' organisation I am actively involved on a voluntary basis supporting young people to develop themselves and participate in football.

If you meet one of the criteria above now check that you meet the other criteria in Part B below:-

Part B – these must all describe you

- I will be between 16 – 24 years old as of the 1<sup>st</sup> August and live in England.
- I'm excited by the FANYCs Vision and having the opportunity to help bring this to life.
- I am committed and interested in engaging with personal development opportunities for myself and others.
- I want to represent the voice of children and young people in football.
- I am willing and excited to support the delivery of FA NYC projects.
- I want to represent CFA YC/Youth Leadership Programmes and similar.
- I will utilise the opportunity to be part of the FA RYN to support the development of CFA YC/Youth Leadership Programmes and similar.
- I am committed to ensuring that all Young People have equal opportunity to be part of the football community, to influence change, and develop a lasting legacy in football.

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### Regional Youth Network Configuration

- There will be three Regions – North, Midlands and South. Meetings will take place on both a Regional and National basis.
- CFAs - will each be offered two places, but we would like a minimum of one member to represent each CFA (but this is not mandatory)
- FANYC 'Partner' organisations - will be offered two places per region, but we would like a minimum of one member per region
- Independent Members – there will be two places per region available

This newly appointed team of youth leaders will help continue the momentum towards building youth-adult partnerships in sport.

Recognising diversity and promoting inclusion is a priority for The FA and the FANYC in our efforts to make football a game For All. We recognise that footballs workforce should represent wider society therefore we especially welcome applications from females, those from diverse ethnic backgrounds, people with disabilities, from diverse faith groups and from the LGBTQ+ communities (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender).

**All roles with The FA Regional Youth Network are voluntary.**

**Please read the accompanying details and if you have any questions please contact Emma Clarke: [emmclarke@icloud.com](mailto:emmclarke@icloud.com) or Selena Creighton (FANYC staff support) [Selena@selenacreighton.com](mailto:Selena@selenacreighton.com)**

The FA Regional Youth Network Members	
Job Role	Key Expectations
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Represent CFA YC or Youth Leadership Programme equivalent.</li><li>● Complete a starting point assessment and goal setting exercise.</li><li>● Report back on progress 4 times per season.</li><li>● Collaborate with FA NYC, feeding specifically into Community Engagement Leads.</li><li>● Engage in discussions on the online platform and with the FA RYN.</li><li>● Be willing to develop self, others and the CFA YC or Youth Leadership Equivalent.</li></ul>

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RYN LEAD x 3 (North, Midlands & South)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Encourage engagement within their region and support/drive discussions and the sharing of best practice.</li><li>● Willingness and commitment to support FA NYC events and programmes.</li></ul>

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<b>The FA National Youth Council</b>
<b>Will Provide:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Focused support for CFA YCs, using the CFA YC Maturity Matrix and opportunities for collaborative work for partner organisations.</li> <li>● Self development and networking opportunities.</li> <li>● Opportunities to participate in sessions within the FA NYC meetings (virtually or in region).</li> <li>● Opportunities to support FA consultation.</li> <li>● Opportunities to support delivery of FA NYC programmes.</li> <li>● A platform for FA RYN members to connect and be given support.</li> <li>● Opportunities to have a Mentor from the FA NYC Mentoring Programme.</li> <li>● Opportunities to support the innovation of FA NYC programmes.</li> </ul>

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<b>Name:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>DOB:</b>		
<b>County FA/Partner (if applicable)</b>		
<b>Educational Institution (College/University Name) or Employment Organisation</b>		
<b>Mobile number:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>		
<b>Twitter and Instagram address:</b>		

### PERSONAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Please indicate whether you would like to apply for a Regional Youth Network Lead role below and if applicable which Region.

Regional Youth Network Lead x 3	YES/NO	North/Midlands/South
<b>What skills and experience will you bring to the FA RYN that will ensure you make a difference? (300 words max) – <u>Only complete this section if you are applying for one of the FA RYN Lead roles.</u></b>		

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**Why do you want to be a part of the FA RYN? (250 words max)**

**How will you use this opportunity to develop yourself, your CFA YC, other youth leadership programme or young people in your community? (300 words max)**

**Please may you write a short bio (2-3 sentences) detailing your areas of interest in football. Should your application be successful, this will support us to tailor opportunities to your interests.**

**As part of the application you are also required to submit the following:**

### **Supporting Reference For FA RYN Application**

- You are required to obtain the support of one of the following:-
  - Your County FA
  - The Partner organisation
  - An individual that you have made an impact on/supported (if you are not connected to a CFA or Partner organisation)
- The reference should be no more than 300 words long and be sent by you along with your completed application
- Your application form and reference must be saved as follows – your name, FARYN Application or Reference, year - so for example for someone named Jo Smith we would receive two documents attached to an email from Jo Smith as follows:-

JoSmithFARYNApplicationForm2021

JoSmithFARYNReference2021

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Summary of Application Requirement	Summary of Key Dates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed application form</li><li>• 1 x Supporting Reference</li><li>• Saved as stated above and sent in together by the applicant</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline for application 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021</li><li>• Membership Confirmation by: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021</li></ul>

Please submit your completed application and supporting reference to Selena Creighton (FANYC staff support) [Selena@selenacreighton.com](mailto:Selena@selenacreighton.com) and copy Emma (Chair) [emmclarke@icloud.com](mailto:emmclarke@icloud.com).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.