

COACH MENTOR



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ABOUT ME

Vastly experienced Tutor
Former FA CCD (Northumberland & Jersey) & FA Women's Technical Talent Coach (North East)
Currently coaching In Grassroots, FE and HE environments

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I have been involved in the girls grassroots game for over 10 years, coaching and managing girls teams from under 8s through to open age. I have also enjoyed some great experiences as part of my work to travel abroad delivering football sessions and workshops in Kolkata, India and Mexico City.

I'm excited to be part of this years mentor programme and look forward to sharing my experiences and passion with females in the game.

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ABOUT ME

As a Teacher of Physical Education, I have successfully led the growth and development of Secondary School futsal competitions in the North-East through my voluntary roles within Gateshead Schools FA and Durham County Schools FA.

I have worked as an FA affiliate futsal tutor delivering Level 1 and 2 courses across Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. This has provided me with the opportunity to deliver formal learning and in-situ support to aspiring coaches and teachers.

Through my work with Newcastle United Foundation, I have led the U19 futsal team in EFL Trust competitions, and I have been able to design and implement a whole school initiative as part of the charity's Partner School Programme.

I have worked with scholarship students at Northumbria University; coached teams that have won BUCS titles, and individuals who have represented their country. I have coached at an elite level in the UEFA Futsal Champions League with Belfast United Futsal Club and through these experiences I have been able to improve my ability to innovate, and work in pressurised environments.

I am looking forward to supporting, encouraging and challenging coaches through their futsal journey.

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NAME

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ABOUT ME

I'm incredibly passionate about football and take great pride in coaching players and developing those who coach them.

My coaching experience comes from schools coaching and grassroots coaching. I volunteer as a Vice Chairperson, coach and Football Development Officer with a Grassroots club, whilst working with a local authority as their Transformation Programme Manager in Children's Services.

I help North Riding County FA by being part of their Inclusion Advisory Board and together we aim to remove those stubborn inequalities found in football.

My obsession is to help, through mentoring, increase the population of Asian and Black coaches in professional clubs and in grassroots football.

With 10 years of coaching in the Foundation Development Phase & Youth Development Phase and my role in coach mentoring in recent years, I hope to support coaches to produce our England players of the future.

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ABOUT ME

I've been involved in coaching for the last 15 years which has included both grassroots and boys Academy football.

I hold an AYA (Foundation Phase) and currently working towards UEFA A Licence.

I'm currently an Academy Manager at Bradford Park Avenue, working full time for the ages 6 to 18. I work part time for Leeds United Academy in the YDP Phase.

I became a Mentor in 2016 and predominantly worked with the BAME Coaches, supporting them in their clubs and on their Level 1 and 2 courses.

I'm looking forward to working and developing new coaches for the forth coming season.

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NORTH REGION



NAME

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ABOUT ME

For over 18 years I have been lucky enough to have football and coach education as my full-time job. Within this time, I have worked with all ages and abilities – designing and delivering foundation phase programmes all the way through to coaching international players. Football has allowed me to travel and coach internationally which has also helped my own personal and professional development.

I have now been part of the FA Mentor programme for 3 years and have seen how the programme has helped and supported thousands of coaches nationwide. A Key part of my role is to support coaches of all levels, all having different and bespoke needs to help theirs and their players' development, this can be done through many methods - e.g. Qualification support, session design, relevant sessions for ages and abilities, designing a personal or club philosophy and many more.

I am also very proud to be part of the Lancashire Girls Management / Coaching team where we have the opportunity to give talented girls from Lancashire the chance to develop on the pitch, make great memories and support them with their future careers.

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NAME

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ABOUT ME

I have been part of the FA Mentor Programme since its launch in 2013. During that time I have worked with approximately 12 clubs and over 350 coaches, ranging from novices to experienced UEFA B qualified coaches in the Lancashire area.

I have contributed and led workshops at the National FA Mentoring Conferences held at St Georges Park and have published in peer reviewed journals and the Boot Room on the role of mentoring. My current role with the FA is as a Coach Mentor Developer, where I hope to support the development of mentors.

My full time role is as a Senior Lecturer in Sport Coaching at the University of Central Lancashire where I lead the MSc in Sport Coaching and deliver a wide range of modules in Coaching Practice and Sport Philosophy to Sport for International Development. My Phd research was looking at the impact of mentoring upon coaching practice and I'm currently supervising a research Phd student from the FA looking at the impact of mentoring across the national game.

I'm married to Julie and we have 2 daughters, Neve and Marcy and our dog Bear. In my spare time I play and coach Football, Golf and Table Tennis. I enjoy walking and travelling with my family both in the UK and abroad

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NAME

Dave Maclean

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ABOUT ME

I have been involved in coaching for 21 years, working within many settings, including the grassroots game, category one to three academy teams and various Community Trusts within the Northwest.

I am currently a Community Engagement Manager at Blackpool FC Community Trust and oversee many different programmes including, a disability-specific school and football community programme.

Within my 21 years of experience, I have also spent several years coaching internationally including, America within the club and high school system.

I have also worked as a coach educator with the English Premier League and the British Council in Nigeria on their Premier Skills initiative to develop coaching and safety standards in their community coach education programmes.

I am the Assistant Head Coach of the England Amputee football team and coached this team at two European Championships and one World Cup along with several other international tournaments and friendlies across the world with a highlight of a European Championship final in Turkey at Beşiktaş Vodafone Park Infront of over forty-one thousand people.

I have proudly been a FA Coach Mentor since 2017 and offered on-the-ground support to FA Charter Standard Clubs and their coaches within the Lancashire County FA. However, In 2021, I became a Northwest Region FA Coach Mentor, and I am now looking forward to supporting and developing people who coach specifically in the disability game.



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ABOUT ME

VALUES – Honesty, Integrity, Trust and Value the Human Being

UEFA A LICENCE COACH
FA YOUTH COACHING MODULES
QTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION
BSc Hons Sport and Exercise Science

13 years experience working at Elite level in the English game and abroad. In England ranging from the Championship down to the Northern Premier on the pyramid. 1st team level down to academy.

Involved in Grassroots football since 2002.

16 years experience in Education mainly as a PE Teacher along with Pastoral and Mentoring roles.

Roles in Football include Coaching, Scouting with recruitment and Opposition Team Analysis.

11 years involved with work around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion with the FA (Football Association) PFA (Professional Footballers Association) and ZRF (Zesh Rehman Foundation)

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NAME

Ishfaq hussain

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ABOUT ME

I am a 49 year old south asian male coach, who has 15 years of experience in working within the grassroots environment and elite programme with various professional clubs.

I have extensive range of qualifications from my level 1 to UEFA A licence and Advance Youth Award. I have played football in Bradford s Sunday Alliance for 20 years and still turnout if & when called upon. I have coached kids from pre academy to adults ,from grassroots to Elite step 5 semi professional and have also managed teams in academies from foundation phase to youth development
In grassroots football I have managed u18s boys team / open age womens team (asian) and mens team at semi pro level.

I have been mentoring for the FA part time now for over 3 years

Over the years I have built relationships with football clubs and communities around west yorkshire. I am now using these connections and knowledge gained to support the next generation of coaches who intern are supporting the next generation of players resulting in leaving a legacy.

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Jimmy Khan

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ABOUT ME

- 35+ years of experience within a grassroots community football setting.
- FA Council Member representing the National Game.
- FA A Licenced Coach
- FA Coach Educator having delivered over 100 FA Level 1& 2 courses for the North West region FA's as well as delivered the first ever female only FA Level 2 course across the UK.
- Extensive experience in Diversity and Inclusion within a sport setting across the country and recently appointed as a Mentor for D & I for the FA nationwide (BAME)
- FA D&I Mentor for Manchester.
- Vice Chair and Football Development Manager for grassroots football club AFC Urmston Meowside.
- Former Pakistan International Football player – Played in Pakistan's first every World cup qualifying campaign for Italia 90.

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ABOUT ME

I have always had a passion for football from an early age. I was the first girl to play for my school team and was always getting into trouble for kicking a netball.

I worked my way through grassroots as a coach and went onto coaching for Nottingham Forest Boys Academy, Sheffield United Girls CofE (RTC), which is challenging when you love the team at the other end of the city. Working with Hope Powell as part of the England pathway and managing the England Deaf Futsal and Football team.

I have experience of developing coaches through my previous role with the FA as a County Coach Developer and a FA Tutor.

I am passionate about females having the opportunity to be the best that they can be. Crossing the chalk line and making a difference to future generations of the Girl's and Womens' game.

I have met some amazing people who have helped me on my journey and i hope i can do the same in Sheffield & Hallamshire.

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Matt Fejos

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ABOUT ME

Coached, loved and developed Futsal for 12 years in three different countries. As a developing sport with incredible potential in England for both football development and it's own pathway, I've always appreciated the global futsal community having time for me and giving me incredible experiences to learn. I'm excited to be able to share and support the journey of coaches learning more about futsal.

In New Zealand I was a full time futsal development officer and coached from U8s up to both women and men at national league level. Players have gone on to international futsal and professional and international football. I've coached and grown the same full futsal pathway in England with Tranmere Rovers and now work for Manchester United Foundation developing and mentoring young people in schools during the day, coaching futsal to players from 11 to 16 in the women's RTC and the Para Regional Talent Hub.

I have a BSc in Psychology, Uefa B Futsal, Tutor for Futsal Level 1 and 2, Youth modules and am currently studying my Level 1 Futsal from Spain – a 300 hour course This background and my own values means that I'm positive, supportive and genuinely passionate about helping discover and be really deliberate about your WHY, before planning out the 'what' and 'how' you want to achieve with regular planning and reflection.

There's no better time to be involved in futsal with a televised national league and momentum building as it was pre-covid. The opportunities to contribute to the growth of the sport and yourself are waiting.

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Neil Connor

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I have been coaching and mentoring for over 20 years in various industries, but I now feel I have found my home working in the football industry. I have been gaining unvaluable experience both domestically and internationally over the past 5 years which allows me to bring a different coaching viewpoint having learnt and delivered various football methodologies and national frameworks across the world. It is an absolute honour and privilege to be able to work alongside the coaches of tomorrow to support their development and share both our journeys and I hope I can make a small impact along the way!

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NORTH REGION



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ABOUT ME

Like many of us, football has been my passion since a young age! I am particularly passionate about the development of women's football, both in terms of the development of players and the development of coaches.

I started out in coaching with my local professional club, initially as a community coach before starting a role as the Women and Girls Development Officer. I combined that role while working within the girls' Regional Talent Club, working with high performing female players. During this time, I was fortunate to have some exceptional mentors - without them I probably would not be able to be in the position I am now.

I currently work as the Head of Football at Leeds Beckett University, while also lecturing across Sports Coaching and PE. I have always enjoyed the theory behind coaching as well as the practical element of it. I have recently completed my PhD which looked at the experiences of girls in PE and sport, and has informed my coaching practice in a range of ways. Alongside my role at university, I coach a team within the FA Women's National League.

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ABOUT ME

I have been coaching and managing for 13 years. My footballing journey has taken me to different continents such as Asia and Oceania. I have been fortunate to work in Professional football for over 6 years.

I have been involved in the mentoring programme for around 3 years and deliver the FA Introduction to football.

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ABOUT ME

I currently work for Sefton Council as a Development Manager overseeing health programmes and services to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the Sefton Community I have been doing this role for 16 years.

I have been coaching within the grassroots game since 2010 across all ages groups. Since 2012, I have been coaching in Partially Sighted and Blind Football at local, regional and national levels. I am currently Head Coach for Merseyside Blind & V.I FC who have teams in the National Partially Sighted and Blind Football Leagues.

I joined the FA Coach Mentor team in 2016 and worked on a number of specific projects including Wildcats and Disability. During this role I tutored a number of workshops including Developing Coaches Through Mentoring and Disability Awareness.

I am really looking forward to supporting coaches and clubs in the North West Region this season.