**Surrey FA Youth Forum 2018/19 Season Membership Application**

**We are delighted to announce that the Surrey FA Youth Forum is now recruiting for the 2018-2019 Season.**

We are looking for young people between the ages of 16 and 24 to represent Surrey’s Children and Young People, helping to shape and develop football in Surrey.

The Surrey FA Youth Forum offers a unique opportunity to develop yourself as a part of Surrey FA representing young people to develop football within the county.

The Mission of the Youth Forum is ‘to Inspire, Empower and Develop young people in Surrey through football’. To do this the newly appointed team of young people will build on the success of previous teams, delivering projects across the strategic priority areas of the 2018/19 season:

* **Youth Leader Development –** Empowering and Developing Youth Leaders within football in Surrey through a social programme to share opportunities and support.
* **Inclusion –** Inspiring football For All through Social Action projects.
* **Youth Onside –** Supporting our Clubs and Leagues to ensure that the voice of Young People is heard.

“The Youth Forum provides young people with a fantastic opportunity to make a difference and develop themselves through exploring other avenues within football” *Oli Moore, 2017/18 Youth Forum Chair.*

As a prospective Youth Forum member, you are invited to the first ‘Evening for Young People’ at our new Surrey FA HQ, 7 – 8:30pm on Tuesday 25th September. You will have the opportunity to meet prospective team-mates, help shape football in Surrey for Young People and learn more about the Youth Forum. To sign-up for the event, please email [YouthForum@SurreyFA.com](mailto:YouthForum@SurreyFA.com). Further information will be sent upon receipt of your email.

It is recommended that those applying for the Youth Forum attend this event.

Recognising diversity and promoting inclusion is a priority for Surrey FA in our efforts to make football a game For All. We recognise that the football workforce should represent wider society, therefore we especially welcome applications from under-represented groups; females, people with disabilities, individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds, from diverse faith groups and from the LGBT+ communities.

**Successful applicants will be expected to adhere to the Terms of Reference, which will be sent upon successful application. All roles with the Surrey FA Youth Forum are voluntary. However, some out-of-pocket expenses will be covered with the prior approval of Surrey FA Staff.**

Please follow @SurreyFA\_YF on Twitter and @SFAYouthForum on Instagram to check out what we’ve been up to this season and upcoming opportunities for Surrey’s young people.

You can find further information about the Youth Forum to assist your application on the accompanying FAQ document.

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| **Date of Birth: (DD.MM.YY)** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Primary Contact Number:** |  |
| **Twitter Handle:** |  |
| **Primary Contact Address:** |  |
| **Current Education / Employment:** |  |

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| Statement of Purpose  Please briefly outline why you are interested in becoming a member of the Surrey FA Youth Forum.  You may wish to reference what you hope to gain as a member and what you feel you can bring to the team. |
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| **Role** | **Brief Role Description** |
| **Chairperson** | Leading the team to deliver its operational plan, working closely with the Football Development Team and Key County FA Stakeholders. |
| **Senior Project Officer** | Forming the Leadership Group, the Senior Project Officer’s will be responsible for leading project teams to deliver specific project areas. *If applying for this role, please also highlight preference(s) of project area to lead: Young Leader Development Programme / Inclusion / Youth Onside* |
| **Project Officer** | Delivering the Youth Forum’s key projects as part of the project team(s). Project Officers have ownership over the project team(s) which they join: *Young Leader Development Programme / Inclusion / Youth Onside* |

Please indicate the roles you wish to apply for and why you are applying for these roles. You may which to reference your key skills and experience’s which you feel are relevant for the role.

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| **2nd Choice** |  |

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| **Data Protection**  Health/Medical & Other Information |
| The Data Protection Act (1998) aims to ensure that all organisations that collect, process and store information about individuals do so correctly (i.e. people about whom information is collected know of its existence and how to correct it if it is wrong). Personal information contained within the application form will be used for the position applied for and no other purpose. The information will be kept confidentially by Surrey FA and used only by the assessment panel for the purpose of selecting the best candidate for the position. If an applicant is not appointed, then his or her information will be destroyed after one year. If an applicant is appointed to the post, Surrey FA will maintain their information on file. |

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| **Candidate Declaration**  Health/Medical & Other Information |
| The statements made by me in this application, including all details I have submitted, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I give my consent to the processing of the information given on this form on the understanding that it will be used only for the purposes set out above and that my consent is conditional upon Surrey FA complying with its obligations and duties in accordance with its registrations under the Data Protection Act 1998.  Signed:  Date: |

Thank you for completing your application to be a member of the 2018/19 Youth Forum. Please send your completed application to [YouthForum@SurreyFA.com](mailto:YouthForum@SurreyFA.com). DEADLINE: 5pm, OCTOBER 2nd 2018. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 5pm, OCTOBER 5th.

**FREQEUNTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What are the benefits of being part of the Youth Forum?**

As a Youth Forum member, you will have access to a Personal Development programme, supporting you to develop a variety of transferable skills which will support your own personal and professional development.

You can help shape football in Surrey, representing young people as part of Surrey FA alongside other young people. It’s also lots of fun and a great experience.

**How much time do I need to commit to the Youth Forum?**

“The more you put in, the more you get out.” We fully appreciate that people are busy, so we try to ensure that the time commitment is minimal, and we are flexible about the time people can commit. The projects which you get involved in are your decision, so you can base your decision on the amount of time you can commit. We meet monthly for a couple of hours, outside of meetings we stay connected through a variety of social platforms. If you can commit a couple hours a week, you will get plenty from your experience.

**I would like to get involved, but not sure if the Youth Forum is for me, should I apply?**

Come along to our ‘Evening for Young People’ where you can get to learn more about the Youth Forum and the other opportunities which Surrey FA offer for Young People. There is a week after the event for people to apply if you wish to.

**I don’t particularly like football, can I apply for the Youth Forum?**

Absolutely! There is no requirement to like football to be part of the Youth Forum, if you feel you have skills and experiences to bring to the team, please apply!

**I am from an Under-represented group, will I be included?**

Surrey FA is absolutely committed to ensuring that football is For All. As a Youth Forum we embrace diversity and strive for representation of Surrey’s young people. #StrongerTogether

**I still have a question, who do I ask?**

You can contact us via email - [YouthForum@SurreyFA.com](mailto:YouthForum@SurreyFA.com), via twitter - @SurreyFA\_YF or via Instagram - @SFAYouthForum. Someone will be able to answer your questions.