



The FA National Youth Council (FANYC) is delighted to announce that we are now recruiting for the FA Regional Youth Network (FA RYN) for the 2023/24 Season.

The Regional Youth Network's purpose is: To collaborate with The FA National Youth Council to support their vision:

'To ensure all young people have meaningful opportunities to develop themselves and positively influence the football community.'

The FA RYN will be delivered through virtual meetings and hosted on Microsoft Teams. Members of the FA RYN will work as part of sub-teams to deliver projects across the season that meet the wider strategic goals of The FANYC and The FA.

The FA RYN Configuration

The FA RYN will be made up of 32 members, with 4 sub-groups, each sub-group consisting of 8 members - working to deliver a project within a target area.

The four sub-teams are:

- Clubs & Leagues
- Inclusive Football Environments: Disability Football
- The Youth Leadership & Volunteering Community
- Volunteer Game Plan

Between November 2023 and April 2024 there will be monthly meetings, alternating between meetings for the whole Regional Youth Network, and sub-team meetings. This newly appointed team of Youth Leaders will help continue the momentum towards building youth-adult partnerships Football.

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 the football 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 within The FA Regional Youth Network are voluntary.

Successful applicants will be expected to attend **all** FA RYN meetings throughout the season. Although of course we know that at times there are unexpected situations which may make attendance not possible (to take account of this we set a minimum attendance level, as from our experience we have learnt that if this level is not met it adversely impacts the value gained from being part of the FA RYN). However, it is crucial that applicants are able to make the first meeting, as this a key element of building a successful team for the season. If you know you are unable to make any of the dates below, please share this in your application.

- RYN meeting one 13th November 2023 (6pm-7.30pm)
- Sub-team meeting one w/c 11th December 2023(60 minutes)
- RYN meeting two 19th January 2024 (6-7.30pm)
- Sub-team meeting two w/c 19th February 2024 (60 minutes)
- RYN meeting three 25th March 2024 (6-7.30pm)
- Sub-team meeting three w/c 15th April 2024 (60 minutes)
- Sub-team meeting Four w/c 29th April 2024 (60 minutes)
- RYN meeting four 6th May 2024 (6pm-8pm)

To be eligible to apply to be part of the FA RYN you must be:

- Actively involved on a voluntary basis within sport.
- Between 16 – 24 years old as of the 1st August 2023 and live in England.
- Excited by the FANYC vision and having the opportunity to help bring this to life.
- Committed to and interested in engaging with personal development opportunities for yourself and others.
- Motivated to represent the voice of children and young people in football.
- Willing and excited to support the delivery of FANYC projects.
- Willing to utilise the opportunity to be part of the FA RYN to support the development of Youth Leadership Programmes.
- Committed to ensuring that all young people have equal opportunity to be part of the football community and, to influence positive change within it.

If you have any questions, contact FANYC Chair, Jordan Liburd – nationalyouthcouncil@thefa.com or Selena Creighton (FANYC Staff Support) – selena@selenacreighton.com.

The FA Regional Youth Network Members	
Job Role	Key Expectations
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a starting point assessment and goal setting exercise • Report back on progress 4 times per season • Collaborate with FANYC, feeding specifically into the relevant Regional Leadership & Development Leads • Engage in discussions on the Youth Leadership & Volunteering community with a wide network of youth leaders • Be willing to develop yourself, others, and the football community

The FA National Youth Council will provide the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-development and networking • Participation in sessions within the FANYC • Involvement in FA consultations • Opportunities to support the development and delivery of FANYC programmes • A platform for FA RYN members to connect and be given support.

Full Name:		Address:
DOB (dd/mm/yyyy):		
What is your Local County FA?		
Are you connected with/supporting one of our partner organisations? e.g., BUCS, AOC, ESFA, ISFA		
FA Number (FAN)		
Educational Institution (College/University Name) or Employment Organisation		
Mobile number:		
Email:		
If you are Under 18, please provide details for a parent/ guardian - if you do not provide this we will not be able to progress your application		
Parent/ Guardian Name		
Relationship to you		
Email Address		
Mobile Number		
Preferred sub-group (1st choice)*		
Preferred sub-group (2nd choice)*		

***Please note: whilst The FANYC will endeavour to offer you your 1st or 2nd choice, this may not be possible. Therefore, you may be offered a place on RYN in another sub-group.**

On the following pages there are 5 questions for you to answer. Please see the next page. This can be submitted written on the form or through the submission of labelled voice recordings (No Videos).



Personal Statement in Support of Application

Please briefly state your current involvement in Youth Leadership (100 words max./ 1 minute voice recording)

Why do you want to be a part of The FA RYN? (250 words max./ 2-minute Voice recording max.)



How will you use this opportunity to develop yourself? (200 words max. 1 minute 30 Seconds Voice Recording max.)

How will you use this opportunity to develop your County FA Youth Council, other Youth Leadership programme, or young people in your community? (300 words max. or a 2-minute 30 seconds voice recordings max.)



Please write a short bio detailing your areas of interest in football and Youth Leadership. Should your application be successful, this will support us to tailor opportunities to your interests and may be shared with FA staff looking to engage Youth Leaders in tasks/projects. (3/4 sentences or a 1-minute voice recording max)

Please see the next page for final details & how to submit your application.

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:
 - o Your County FA
 - o A sporting organisation or charity (These do not have to be football specific)
 - o A Partner Organisation e.g., BUCS, AOC, FBB
 - o Club or League committee/board, or Youth committee/board (or equivalent)
 - o An individual that you have made an impact on/supported (if you are not connected to a CFA or Partner Organisation) e.g., A young person you have worked with such as a fellow youth council member.
 - o Your school or college e.g., a student you have impacted or a staff member you have worked with.
- The reference should be no more than 300 words and should be sent by you along with your completed application. Please make sure your reference clearly indicates who has provided the reference and contains their contact details.
- Your application form and reference should be saved as follows: your name, FARYN Application or Reference, year - e.g., for someone named Jo Smith we would receive two documents attached to an email from Jo Smith as follows:

JoSmithFARYNApplicationForm2023

JoSmithFARYNReference2023

Summary of Application Requirement	Summary of Key Dates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form or completed personal details section of the application form and 5 labelled voice notes. • 1 x Supporting Reference • Saved as stated above and sent in together by you (the applicant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for application: 20th October 2023 at midday • Application Outcome by: 3rd November 2023 You will receive a phone call from one of the team and you will be offered feedback on your application to support your personal/professional development)

Please submit your completed application form (& Voice Recordings) and supporting reference to Selena Creighton (FANYC staff support) Selena@selenacreighton.com and copy (cc) nationalyouthcouncil@thefa.com Via WeTransfer by 20/10/2023.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

Note: If you are submitting voice recordings/notes please do not include any personal details on the recording. Please Label your voice recordings questions 1-5 and your name (JoeBloggsRYNApplicationQuestion1)

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