

Role Description: Chair – Greater Manchester Women's Football Board

Voluntary Position

Overview

The Greater Manchester Women's Football Board (GMWFB) are seeking an experienced, passionate, and committed individual to serve as the Chair.

This voluntary role provides a unique opportunity to lead a collaborative board, with cross-sector partners, focused on the development of football opportunities for women and girls across Greater Manchester.

Purpose of the Role

'Accelerating the growth of Women & Girls football in Greater Manchester, tackling inequalities, and increasing opportunities to access the game'

The Chair will provide strategic leadership to the Board, guiding its work to

- Develop and implement a clear, coherent strategy for women and girls' football in Greater Manchester that is aligned with the FA women's and girls' football ambitions
- Make recommendations to, and implement and monitor policies set by, the FA concerning all strategic and operational matters regarding women's and girls' football in Greater Manchester
- Have responsibility for all financial matters relating to women's and girls' football in Greater Manchester, separate from the County Football Associations
- Play an active strategic role in sustaining and increasing participation in women's and girls' football in Greater Manchester, including appropriate promotion and marketing initiatives to achieve this aim
- Identify partnership funding opportunities to match fund against the Football Foundation investment
- Support Manchester clubs within the FA Women's Football Pyramid for women's and girls' football
- Make recommendations to the relevant County Football Associations on regulations for the conduct of women's and girls' competitions and generally on Rules and Regulations about women's and girls' football
- Make recommendations to, and implement and monitor policies set by, the FA about the development of female players, including the FA's programme for developing female talent

- To be consulted on matters affecting women's and girls' football by the FA and other national football stakeholders
- To work with key stakeholders to develop and evolve the Greater Manchester Women's Football Board as part of a holistic and inclusive strategic governance function and structure for football across Greater Manchester.

The role involves working closely with a diverse range of partners, from the FA, County FAs, local government, sport, education, grassroots football and the private sector.

Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Leadership:** Lead the development and implementation of a clear vision and strategy for women's and girls' football in the region.
- **Partnership Engagement:** Build and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders to drive collaboration and alignment.
- **Governance:** Ensure the Board operates effectively, transparently, and in line with agreed terms of reference and governance principles.
- **Advocacy:** Act as a champion for women and girls' football, influencing policy, investment, and public perception across the city-region.
- **Meeting Facilitation:** Chair regular board meetings, ensuring productive discussions, inclusive participation, and clear decision-making.
- **Progress Monitoring:** Oversee the delivery of agreed actions, ensuring progress is tracked, reported, and celebrated.

Person Specification

Essential

- Demonstrable leadership experience, ideally within sport, community development, or strategic partnerships.
- A passion for gender equity and the development of women's and girls' football.
- Strong communication, facilitation, and influencing skills.
- Experience working collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders.
- Commitment to inclusion, diversity, and representation in sport.

Desirable

- Knowledge of the football landscape at the grassroots or professional level.
- Familiarity with local government, education, and/or voluntary sector operations.

Time Commitment

- Approx. 1–2 days per month, including quarterly Board meetings and ad-hoc representation at events or partner meetings.

Term of Appointment

- An initial term of one year, with the possibility of extension subject to review.

Support and Resources

Although the role is unpaid, reasonable expenses will be reimbursed, and administrative support will be provided. You will also be supported by a diverse Board and partner network committed to the cause.