



English Schools' Football Association

Membership Matters

Don't forget...

Reward & Recognition window 2

Don't forget – the ESFA Reward & Recognition second nomination window is NOW OPEN until Friday 14 Sept. You have until then to nominate those who you think should be recognised for their Schools' Football work in your area

ESFA National Cup Draws (schools)

All ESFA Schools' Cup draws are now LIVE on the website – head over to www.esfa.co.uk/competitions to see which draws are in place in

Welcome back for the 2018-2019 season of Schools' Football!

Reward & Recognition Winner

We are proud to announce our first Rewards & Recognition winner of 2018-19- Ryan Strange from Blackburn, Lancashire

Simon Wotton nominated Ryan, who is the Football Secretary of Blackburn Primary School and has been a voluntary coach for Blackburn primary U11 since 2011. In addition to providing a large number of children the opportunity to play District Football, he has supported the transition of numerous players into local club academies.

Ryan has improved the team in many various ways. In the beginning the team was having to 'beg and borrow' kit, equipment and facilities to use. However there has been a huge progression from this to the point where Blackburn now also has a Girls' U11 District Football Team due to his excellent work.

Congratulations Ryan, we appreciate all your hard work and would like to say a big thank you for all of it.

The purpose of the Reward & Recognition Award Programme, which is supported by the FA, is to celebrate our volunteer network across the country.

Ryan is now the first nominee for ESFA volunteer of the year and, along with this feature, is the recipient of 2 tickets to England v Spain at Wembley Stadium.





Resources for Associations: Volunteers

A number of corporate companies now provide opportunities for, or actually require, their staff to engage in voluntary work. Have a look at the websites of large employers in your area to see if they can help. Here's a few tasters to show the types of support you might find:

ASDA encourage their staff to volunteer for local charities and community groups. Contact the local store's "community champion"

[Click here for more info](#)

BDO also actively seek to support their staff to volunteer in community work

[Click here for more info](#)

Zurich provide opportunities for free professional advice and support on matters such as marketing and social media training

[Click here for more info](#)

Students often need work experience to complete the requirements of their course or to enhance their prospects entering the jobs market.

Trainee teachers may be interested in volunteering to differentiate themselves when entering the jobs market - here's a search facility for PGCE providers who might be interested in guiding their students to support Associations.

[Click here for more info](#)

Trainee physiotherapists may also be interested in supporting your events - find your nearest provider here:

[Click here for more info](#)

All students aged 16-19 must study programmes which include work experience and non-qualification activities, which complement the other elements of the programme and support the student to progress to further or higher education or to employment. Your local college may therefore be able to provide you with students for stewarding (public service or sports students), programme design (business, art or IT students), match reporting (business, journalism, sports or admin students) or website/app design (IT or art students), organising and minuting meetings (business or admin students) or general "running" at events (sports, public services, events management). Put together a full list of opportunities, identifying when contributions are required, and then contact your local college to see if they have level 3 students who can help. Most colleges will have a work experience manager/co-ordinator, or ask for the head of department in the subject area which might help you.

You can search for your local post 16 colleges [here](#).

Resources for Associations: Funding



The Postcode lottery actively attempts to fund health and fitness projects specifically grass roots sport. They seek to improve the physical and mental health of communities .

[Click here for more info](#)

The Tesco carrier bag scheme is a source of funding for associations most probably for districts. Have a look at the link below -

[Click here for more info](#)

The Waitrose scheme may be a source of volunteers and cash through their carrier bag scheme. This scheme promotes for their staff to volunteer for local good causes.

[Click here for more info](#)

Equipment funding may be available through the Ford Britain Trust .

[Click here for more info](#)

Next have an active strategy to support local community sports groups so contact your local branch to enquire

[Click here for more info](#)

Don't Forget...

The ESFA Development Fund is open until **Wednesday 19 September** - Over the past two years, over £160,000 has been directly invested into the grassroots level of Schools' Football and you still have the chance to apply. Full details available [here](#).



New Website Launch

A new website for ESFA is set to launch this week. The website will be an updated version of the previous and offers a refreshing new design. The same key features will be included within this.

Whilst we will still be utilising parts of the old website in order for associations and schools to login to their accounts, maintain details, submit scores and view fixtures, etc. the public site address will now be www.schoolsfootball.org and will host all the Association's news, events and general information.

All of your login details etc. will still remain the same as they are now and the processes for accessing your area won't be changing.

The new website will hopefully be a much easier and clearer way of communicating information from across the ESFA and its members. Please feel free to provide us with any feedback.

National Recruitment Campaign

Members will see that our new website has a "Join In!" page, which includes a section on volunteering. We aim to publish all of our national volunteering opportunities (Council vacancies, staff and internships, international management team vacancies, research opportunities or any other special project work) and would be delighted if our members wanted to use our recruitment page to help promote their vacancies.

We will then periodically run national recruitment campaigns to both fill specific vacancies as well as trying to generate interest in volunteering, so we can match interested volunteers to local Associations.

Details of how to use this service, will be published on the website in due course.



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Discipline

Match officials – we need to advise County and District SFAs of the need to ensure that all match officials appointed for inter-school and rep. team football are compliant regarding safeguarding regulation. The current advise reads as follows:

Appointing Match Officials and team sheets: The appointment of Match Officials is the responsibility of the 'home' team. Your local Referees' Association Secretary or County Schools' FA / FA Referees' Officer may be available to assist with the appointment of Match Officials. If you are unable to appoint a neutral and qualified referee, then you must inform your opponents before they travel as a matter of courtesy. Teamsheets are available to download from the ESFA website. The forms should be completed and submitted to the match referee at least fifteen minutes before kick-off.

Sin Bins – we need to advise membership that from Season 2019-2020, the use of temporary dismissals (sin bins) for all or some yellow card offences will be mandatory in youth football. We understand that the FA Judicial Department may be creating a video to promote understanding of the concept. This is not confirmed yet.

FA Discipline Handbook – members association need to be made aware that the 2018-2019 version of the Discipline handbook will appear on the following link once it is ready for publication by The FA -

<http://book.flipboxapp.net/client/the-fa-discipline-handbook>

It is important to note that all match officials, if they are not part of your school staff, must hold a current and valid FA DBS / Criminal Record Check to officiate in a fixture at your school.

A date for your diary...

The ESFA AGM will be taking place on Saturday 24 November 2018 in Stafford - full details will be sent out to you shortly - but in the meantime, pop the date in your diary and we hope to welcome you to Stafford in November.

An important message on data protection...

The changes to data protection laws, which came into effect in May, clearly state that personal information cannot be retained longer than it is needed. This means that we have no right to keep personal details of volunteers who no longer work with the Association, unless they have specifically agreed that you can. It is therefore imperative that your Association's records on the ESFA portal are up to date and do not contain personal information for those no longer involved. Whilst we accept that cleansing your information is an additional task, it is a legal requirement that you do so.

Please help protect the Association by deleting records which are no longer used, before 1st October, when we will check again. Thank you.