



People Development

Youth Committee

Youth committees are a great way for football clubs to engage with young people and to provide guidance and recommendations around issues affecting them. They provide a voice for young people, help boost engagement and help to provide your committee with new ideas.

When exploring the possibility of setting up a youth committee, have a look at the different roles that you would want committee members to take on, including chairperson, vice-chairperson, engagement officer and media officer.

For the youth committee to be effective, the chairperson should feed into the main club committee. The youth committee should regularly present and update the club committee on its progress.

The youth committee could also link in with the main committee to run a mentoring system where youth committee members are mentored by someone on the club committee. This means the youth committee representative would shadow the main committee member at meetings and learn their role.

Things to consider before setting up the group

- Ages that you want to target
- Size of group
- Time, commitment and duration of youth committee
- Regularity and duration of meetings
- Roles and responsibilities of each person

Example structure

The club youth council will be an eight-member team.

The team will consist of:

- One chairperson
- One vice chair
- One project officer (lead on developing community links)
- One project officer (lead on recruiting young volunteers)
- One engagement officer
- One events officer
- One communications officer
- One media officer

The youth council will meet a minimum of six times per year.

MEETING NO.	DATES
1	TBC
2	TBC
3	TBC
4	TBC
5	TBC
6	TBC

Expectations

Each youth committee member will have a job description that will be signed off by the club. These job descriptions are clear, letting members know that they are representing the club and their values.

The youth committee can also create their own charter.

Recruiting for youth committee

- Speak to current youth team players
- Put posters in youth centres
- Promote in schools, colleges, universities and youth groups
- Liaise with local councils