**Young Leaders Programme**

**Job Description**

The Young Leaders programme focuses on 18-24 year olds involved in football.

The programme has been supported by UEFA GROW. It aims to provide a voice for young people in football and support the development of young leaders. And it also helps the Foundation to gain more insight into what young people want from the beautiful game.

The Irish FA Foundation are currently recruiting for a number of new Young Leaders to be a part of the programme and provide a voice in this voluntary group. The group will be expected to give approximately 4 - 8 hours per month to the work in the programme.

The successful candidate(s) will serve as a member of a group that will be involved in the following activities:

* A range of opportunities and workshops that help develop knowledge and employability
* Networking in your industry specific area in football
* Volunteering opportunities with Irish FA and other sports bodies, such as Ulster GAA and Ulster Rugby
* Monthly meetings with the group and the Irish FA Foundation representative(s) who will obtain feedback and ideas from the group and bring back to the governing body
* Lead on different projects that help to engage with clubs and empower more young people to get involved in volunteering within football

The football family is very broad, so we are very keen and open to accept applications from a variety of interests within the sport. Areas of interest include, but are not exclusive to:

* Coaching
* Refereeing/Officiating
* Marketing/Communications
* Media/Journalism
* Business/Finance
* Sports Development
* Physio
* Strength and Conditioning
* Nutrition
* Performance Analysis
* Community outreach

The Irish FA Foundation expect the young leaders to commit approximately 6-8 hours a month to the role. This may vary from month to month, depending on role, responsibilities, meetings, courses and other external circumstances.

Specification

The key specification that should be met to serve on the group is as follows:

* Applicants must be 18-24 years old
* Applicants must be able to demonstrate an interest in an area(s) of football and should show how they are currently volunteering, studying, or working within that area
* Applicants should be able to highlight how they are keen to positively share ideas and help shape future programmes and opportunities within the Irish FA

Application

The Irish FA Foundation may, in exceptional circumstances, amend the criteria if suitable candidates are not found within the initial criteria. We welcome applications from all interested in this post and hope that the process of application serves as experience for future job applications and allows young people to consider how they go about communicating their interests, experiences and skill sets.

Successful applicants will be invited to an interview, and if successful, be appointed into the Young Leaders programme. Again, the interview is in place for two reasons:

* Firstly, to select the most appropriate candidates for the programme
* Secondly, to provide candidates with interview experience and feedback that they can take forward for future interviews

Applications will open on **Monday 4th July 2022** and will close on **Monday 22nd August 2022.** Please complete the application form and submit to Kyle Robinson by emailing [kyle.robinson@irishfa.com](mailto:kyle.robinson@irishfa.com). If you have any queries on the role or application, please contact the same email address.