



VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND PLAYER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUP

Volleyball England is excited to announce that expressions of interest are now open to find its first Player Community Leadership Group members, an initiative dedicated to engaging and connecting with more players across the volleyball community.

Members will work closely with Volleyball England and the wider Player Community to identify ways to better engage and support players, and to ultimately improve the sport.

The governing body is looking to work with a representative group of players from across England, in order to continue to make sure that diverse lived experiences are at the heart of its delivery as an organisation. It wants to hear from young players, local, regional and national players, players on the England pathway, players from all disciplines, and anyone else actively playing volleyball.

Volleyball England encourages applications from players of all backgrounds, and will be providing additional shortlisting opportunities for applicants who have ethnically diverse backgrounds, or have a disability, as there is a recognised lack of diversity in our governance pathways by candidates from these communities.

Anyone over the age of 16 can apply to join the Leadership Group.

Volleyball England is seeking members who are passionate about improving the player experience, raising the profile of volleyball and interested in contributing to top-level change. Applicants should be collaborative, excellent team players, and have good communication skills.

Expressions of interest are now welcome, and you can apply online [here](#). Volleyball England will be kicking off the new Leadership Group with a launch event for successful applicants in 2025!

If you have any questions about this opportunity that you would like to ask before applying, you require the application in a different format, or you would like to make a reasonable adjustment request to apply, please contact Guin Batten via job@volleyballengland.org

WHAT IS THE PLAYER COMMUNITY

It is the active playing community from all the different disciplines that play in England.

The Player Community will be invited to come together once a year to listen to speakers, discuss opportunities, co-create solutions and build a sense of belonging to improve the player experience. This will be called the Player Forum.

WHAT IS THE PLAYER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUP?

The Leadership Group's role will be to engage with players from across volleyball's communities. The Leadership Group will make sure that diverse lived experiences are at the heart of Volleyball England's delivery, and that the voices of players are captured.

Alongside this, the group will also provide leadership to the wider player community, as well as plan and deliver the annual Player Forum.

WHAT IS VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND LOOKING FOR?

Any players above the age of 16 can apply to join the Leadership Group. Applicants should have the following skills:

- Strong communication skills, and an ability to work as part of a team
- Able to problem solve, and be creative with solutions
- Able to gather information and insight from others, and present it
- Be adaptable and think critically
- Able to ensure everyone's views are heard and respected

Everyone has skills they can bring to the table, and Volleyball England wants to hear from you!

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERS EXPECTED TO DO?

Leadership Group members can be in post for up to three years, and are invited to attend regular monthly meetings, which run for an hour each. However, each month Volleyball England will be looking at a different area, so you can make the decision about what areas of work you want to get involved with.

You will be asked to provide input and guidance on key areas of work, as well as working with your networks, friends and peers to gather the insights and opinions of other active players you know. As well as inputting into meetings, you will have the opportunity to lead discussions and share Chairship of some of the meetings, so that you can really get involved in some of the topics that are important to you.

In a nutshell, as a member of the Leadership, you'll be asked to work with Volleyball England to identify opportunities to improve the player experience and create solutions to connect with more players.

WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF THE PLAYER LEADERSHIP GROUP?

Volleyball England is committed to making sure you get the most out of your time in the Leadership Group by supporting you to develop your skills. You'll get to work as part of a team to create positive change and impact, all while ensuring player voices have a meaningful platform.

As a key Volleyball England volunteer, you'll get an inside look at some of our big events and initiatives, Sustainability Projects, the Inclusion and Diversity Advisory Group, and some of our higher profile competitions and events.

Volunteering as part of the Player Community Leadership Group could also help open future opportunities with other sports and organisations!