



Welcome

The Chester FC Youth Panel is your chance to have a say in what happens at Chester FC and Chester FC Community Trust. It's a space for young people aged 14–24 to share ideas, speak up about what matters to them, and help shape the club, its community projects, and the matchday experience.

As a panel member, you'll work with other young people and staff from the club and Community Trust, take part in discussions and projects, and help make positive changes. Along the way, you'll build confidence, develop new skills, and gain experience that can support your future - all while helping to make Our City, Our Community, and Our Club a better place for young people.



Aims

- Provide a platform for young people to influence what happens at Chester FC and Chester FC Community Trust
- Embed youth voice in decision-making across community programmes, matchday experience, and club initiatives
- Support panel members to develop their skills and confidence, providing leadership, communication, and project experience
- Strengthen connections between Chester FC, the Community Trust, and young supporters and participants



Membership

- Up to 14 young people, aged 14-24
- Open to fans of Chester FC and participants of Community Trust programmes
- Panel members will be recruited through an open application process
- Voluntary membership for a term of 12 months, with the option to renew

Meetings

- Four meetings per year: February, April, July & October
- Community Trust staff will facilitate the meetings and be responsible for safeguarding, supervision and health & safety.
- The panel will set meeting agendas, which may include guest speakers, workshops and projects



Responsibilities

- Attend and participate in meetings and optional task groups
- Represent the views of young people in Chester & Cheshire West
- Share ideas, feedback, and personal experience to inform and influence decision-making across the club
- Work collaboratively with other panel members and facilitators
- Uphold the values of Chester FC

Roles

- Panel Chair / Co-Chair
 - Elected by panel members (term: 12 months)
 - Lead discussions and help keep meetings on track
 - Work with Community Trust staff to facilitate sessions
- Minute Taker
 - Keep a record of meeting notes and decisions
- Facilitator
 - Community Trust staff will facilitate all meetings



Why join?

- Influence decisions that affect young people at Chester FC and in the community
- Build confidence in speaking, teamwork, and decision-making
- Take part in meetings, planning, and consultation similar to professional settings
- Boost Your CV & Employability: Demonstrate commitment, responsibility, and community involvement
- Log recognised volunteer hours for school, college, university, or award schemes
- Meet new people and connect with other young people who share your interests and values
- Work alongside, and learn from, staff from Chester FC and the Community Trust
- Influence matchday and community activities, events, and projects
- Be part of something meaningful and make a positive difference to your club and local community

How to Apply

If you would like to be part of the Youth Panel, applications should be emailed to **community@chesterfc.com** and include your name and age, together with a personal statement explaining what you would bring to the role and at least one idea you have to improve Chester FC or the Community Trust.



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Applications are welcome from all sections of the community. We want the Youth Panel to be diverse and representative of young people in Cheshire West & Chester.

Data Protection

Young people will be asked to complete a consent and participation form, and all personal data will be stored securely by the Community Trust.

Safeguarding

Chester FC and the Community Trust have safeguarding policies and procedures, and will ensure the safety of all young people involved with the Youth Panel.



Communication

All communication will be monitored and facilitated by Community Trust staff.

Induction

Young people will receive an induction, which will include guidance on the Youth Panel, keeping themselves safe, and an overview of Chester FC and the Community Trust.

Resolutions & Voting

Decisions of the Youth Panel will be taken after a discussion, and resolutions will be recorded within the minutes. If a consensus can't be reached, the Chair may ask for a vote by a show of hands, with each member having one vote.

