

THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Community Board Member



Would you like to make a material difference to the game of Rugby League? Read on...

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The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the governing body for the Sport of Rugby League in the United Kingdom.

We believe that Rugby League is more than a sport. It is a cultural identity, a passion, a way of life, and a practical force for good in communities. Its history is one of determination to succeed against the odds, to fight discrimination and intolerance, and to be an honest and authentic sport, which cares enough to make a difference to its players and fans, as well as their families, and communities. Since 1895, we have delivered a sport that delights and unites people across the country. We are proud of who we are, the value we add to sport and society, and the difference we make together.

The Community Board has been in place for over 20 years. It is responsible for assisting the RFL Board in the delivery of the strategy at Community level and promoting the development and growth of the Community Game. It plays a very real role in ensuring the voices of the constituent parts of the Community Game are heard, as well as ensuring the sport is accessible to all. The latest strategy can be found [HERE](#).

As a number of our long-standing Board members are standing down at the end of this year, this is a unique opportunity to join the Community Board to add your voice, experience and perspective to the discussions. The Board is looking for new members with current or very recent experience and/or knowledge in the following areas:

- Adult Participant
- Youth and Junior Club – Coach, Volunteer or Player
- Social Offers – Touch, Tag, X-League and Masters
- Disability Sport
- Women & Girls
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Independent

The RFL recognises the enhanced creativity, performance, and legitimacy of an organisation that embraces and celebrates diversity and is actively striving to realise these benefits at Board and beyond. We recognise that to fully deliver on our mission and be true to our guiding principles, we must be representative of the communities which we serve. We have committed to achieving gender parity and greater diversity on our Boards, and strongly encourage applications from suitably qualified candidates from under-represented sections of the community, whether based on sex, gender, race, disability, sexuality, lower socio-economic groups, or other characteristics. We would be pleased to discuss our culture and commitments with any interested individuals.

Commitment: The Community Board meets a minimum of four times a year, with the majority of meetings held at the RFL Offices at the Etihad Campus in Manchester. Members may be invited to attend other meetings and events from time to time and will occasionally volunteer to sit on sub-committees to support or lead specific programmes of need or interest to themselves and the game.

We are looking for Board members who are passionate about Rugby League* and would relish the opportunity to help the RFL drive the game forward.

*We are also seeking an independent representative who may not have had any experience of Rugby League or sport in general but can bring other areas of expertise to the Board.

All Board members will be given a thorough induction and a warm welcome.

Term: initial term of 3 years.

Remuneration: this is a voluntary position with reasonable expenses paid.

How to apply: If you would like to apply for this role, please send your CV and covering letter to the RFL People Team at People.Team@rfl.co.uk by 3rd November 2023.