



CFA newsletter

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The Stakeholder meeting last month witnessed an overwhelming response with all the participants keen to voice their support for the CFA. We are now in the process of collecting the broad range of interest and planning how best we can work together. It was great to see the Football Association represented at the meeting and we are now looking to further develop links with them in order to support the wonderful game.

Dominic Weinberg Policy Officer [National Council for Voluntary Youth Services](#) said;

'Thanks for all your hard work, I found this afternoon's meeting inspiring, it was really great to hear a different group of people talk children's rights. It made me wonder why on earth nothing like this had existed before, so I really hope that you will be able to keep pushing on with this.'

The CFA is achieving considerable support – please forward this newsletter onto anyone who you think could be interested. It was agreed at the stakeholder meeting that the CFA was needed to give children a voice in their game – but it needed to be a voice with teeth. The CFA has huge potential to influence parents and this, with NCB pulling together the great work that is being done around the country by individuals and organizations, big and small, will be essential to take our work forward.

Funding remains a primary focus for the CFA and NCB. It is clearly a major task in the current economic climate and may well challenge some of the CFA's aims. In order to support the CFA, all the representatives at the stakeholder meeting recognised that a creative approach to partnership work will be important to strengthen future bid applications

Current supporters and membership: The CFA has many supporters from diverse parts of the extended football community; mums, dads, relations, carers, coaches, teachers, educationalists, health workers, youth workers, volunteers and most importantly children. So far we have not widened membership as our capacity to effectively administer a formal membership remains limited, but let's hope that will be achievable in time.

Website update: The CFA have created a link with Give Us Back Our Game's ['i Witness' incident reporting page](#).

i Witness is a UK website which allows you to confidentially describe, record and log any grassroots or youth sport incidents you have personally witnessed. The information you submit on this site will be collated and used by Give Us Back Our Game in the preparation of a yearly report, which will be presented in the public domain.

Let's Kick Racism Out of Football www.kickitout.org have added their support for the CFA creating online links as have www.gerardschooloffootball.co.uk based in Hull.

World Cup is about to flood all our senses in the coming weeks. Children across the globe will play an important part by simply watching and playing the greatest game in the world. The power of football in all its glory is immeasurable and the memories priceless. If you can take a minute to step back and watch a child playing the game in the coming weeks then my guess is that you will know a children's football alliance is essential.

Ernie Brennan

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