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The RA-FA Youth Council's *Inspired* Fund

Referee Recruitment and Retention Project

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Application Form 2013/14

Dear Applicant,

Many thanks for your interest in the RA-FA Youth Council's *Inspired Fund*.

The RA-FA Youth Council is made up of twelve member's nationally, ages ranging from 18-25 years old. The Youth Council's focus areas are:

- **Referee Recruitment and Retention**
- RA Recruitment and Development
- National Referee Development - Aspiring young referees
- Event Planning and Integration.

Through these projects the RA-FA Youth Council aims to have an input in the future of refereeing in England and within the development of young referees and helping to give them a 'voice'.

Referee Recruitment and Retention

The RA-FA Youth Council has set up the *Inspired Fund* to support an innovative person wishing to become a qualified referee. Once qualified, to then become a role model and promote refereeing within their community to underrepresented groups (e.g. BAME Community, Female Officials, Low-Socio Economic ect) and inspire others to take it up.

Application Criteria:

- Aged 14 – 25.
- Have a reference of support.
- Lives within or has strong involvement with an underrepresented community within refereeing this may include but is not limited to; gender, ethnicity, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or low socio-economic groups.
- The desire to become a qualified referee through attending a Basic Referees Course and completion of the six games needed to qualify.
- Attend at least one referee meeting, this may include a county RA-FA meeting, referee evening or similar.
- Attend at a local community event to promote refereeing.
- To recruit and refer at least one friend to attend a Basic Referee's Course.
- To be an ambassador for the RA-FA Youth Council.
- Projects must be completed by the dates agreed with the council.

In return you will gain:

- A bursary up to the maximum value of £150 to go towards the cost of a Basic Referees Course.
- RA-FA Youth Council promotional items to support your promotion work.
- An invitation to the National RA Conference.
- Support and guidance from the RA-FA Youth Council and be added to the RA-FA Youth Council Advisory Group.



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"The RA-FA Youth Council aims to inspire, develop and promote young referees and the wider refereeing community to ensure referees are provided with the most enjoyable and opportunistic environment, creating high quality match officials for the future."

Application Form

Please complete in Full in BOLD legible text or type.

Name:

DOB (age):

Address:

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Postcode:

County Football Association:

Email:

Contact Number 1:

Contact Number 2:

Ethnicity:

Nationality:

Sexual orientation:

If you have been referred to the Inspired Fund by a friend, colleague or other referee please state their details below:

Name:

Contact Number 1:

Please circle as necessary: Male /Female

Cost of your local Basic Referees Course: £

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If you are under the age of 18 you will be required to have parental consent, please ask your parent/guardian to fill out the information as set below (please delete as necessary):

I parent/guardian given permission to my son/daughter to be involved in the RA-FA Youth Council *Inspired Fund*.

Signature: Date:.....

1. In the space below in no more than 200 words please tell us about yourself.

Include the following:

- A brief introduction about yourself
- Why refereeing appeals to you?
- Why you feel you would be a good role model?

2. In the space below please tell us what barriers the *Inspired Fund* will help you to overcome.

3. Tell us about the community in which you wish to promote refereeing and your involvement to date:

4. Date and name of community event to attend (31st January- June 2014):

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Contact name of event organiser:

5. How will you recruit a friend onto a Basic Referee's Course?

6. **Reference of Support-** (to be completed by County FA RDO/RDM, teacher, tutor or organisation)

Name of mentor:

Contact number of mentor:.....

Email address of mentor:

Please provide a brief Reference of Support explaining how this young person will be supported by your organisation and if you deem them suitable: (please complete in the space below)

Signature: Date:

Please send your completed application forms to RA-FAYouthCouncil@thefa.com by **4th January 2014**. We will notify successful applicants following the closing date. Your funding will be dependent on completion of an acceptance form and acceptance of the minimum requirements we expect of you in return as details in this form.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at:

RA-FAYouthCouncil@thefa.com

Good Luck,
The RA-FA Youth Council.



Guidance notes-

Address:

Where you as the applicant would like correspondence to be sent to. Please also include a post code.

County Football Association:

The County Football Association you belong to or once you are qualified will affiliate under (e.g. Hampshire FA).

Email Address:

The email address for the main contact where you would like correspondence to be sent to and how you could be contacted if needed. (e.g. joebloggs@hotmail.co.uk)

Contact Number/s:

The number/s you as the applicant would like us to contact you on if needed, please include more than one if you have them (e.g. 07000090000 (mobile) 01472111111 (home).)

Ethnicity:

Please state your ethnic background or state 'prefer not to say' (e.g. British Asian).

Nationality:

Please state your nationality or state 'prefer not to say' (e.g. English).

Sexual Orientation:

Please state whether you are heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual or state 'prefer not to say'.

Disability:

We would like to support any disabled applicants by providing information to the Course Provider (County FA) which will assist in creating a training programme to meet the needs of all learners.

Gender:

Please state whether you are male or female by circling the correct. (e.g. female)

Name of mentor:

You must put down the number and email address of your mentor. This can be someone who is a school teacher, university lecturer Referee Development Officer (if you know them. This will enable us to keep in contact with you regularly and ensure your deadlines are kept to.

Parental consent:

If you are under the age of 18 you will be required to gain parental consent from a parent or guardian, your parent/guardian will need to delete as necessary and understand the objectives and requirements of the RA-FA Youth Council Inspired Fund. This will also need a date and signature just to confirm that they give you permission to be involved in this fund.

Cost of basic referee's course:

Please contact your local County FA or visit <http://www.thefa.com/my-football> to find out how much your Basic Referee's Course will cost and please state (e.g.£130). If any issues please don't hesitate to get in contact with us and we will help you find out this information, our contact details can be found at the end of the pack.

Question:

1. In this box please tell us about yourself including details of why you want to become a referee and why you think you will be a good role model to others, this may include specific qualities you may have giving a brief description of yourself. Please complete this in no more than 200 words.

2. In the space provided please outline the reasons you believe deserve to receive the *Inspired Fund*. You should also include what barriers receiving this fund will help you to eliminate. This should be completed in no more than 300 words.
3. In this box please tell us about the community in which you wish to promote, how do you feel refereeing is developing in your community does it need improving? Enhancing numbers? Please also include whether have you done any work with your community (e.g. coaching, playing) also include anything specific and what you have done to date (e.g. completed coaching level one in 2010).
4. In this space please include how you feel you are going to recruit a friend onto the Basic Referees' Course, (e.g. will you go into local football clubs and advertise refereeing to recruit them or will you contact your local secondary schools and advertise through them? Posters in football clubs or speak to your friend).
5. What community event do you intend on attending in your local community (e.g. Kick It Out Event). Please also include the name of the person/group that will be running the event.
6. In this space you should include your reference of Support **from your mentor**, this could be your County Referee Development Officer/Manager or CEO if you know them, it could include a university lecturer, school teacher or a football coach whom you have worked with. In the space provided you should ask them if they could fill it out including their name, position and provide a brief reference of support in the box provided and a date and signature below.

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