



## **PREMIER LEAGUE NETWORK – ELECTION STATEMENTS 2020**

### **THOMAS CONCANNON – NEWCASTLE UNITED SUPPORTERS' TRUST**

As a relatively fresh face to the Premier League network representing Newcastle United's Supporters Trust, I appreciate I have only met most of you through the screen of a laptop, but I am in awe of the work that has been done and continues to be done by fellow fan representatives.

We face many challenges as football fans and a collective effort is needed on issues across the pyramid and as well as face the issues that affect us in the Premier League, from ticketing to TV scheduling, to more recent issues such as PPV and 'Project Big Picture'.

As a Newcastle fan, I recognise the improvement still needed on structured dialogue between clubs and fans. I am under no illusion that I am here to represent the entire Premier League network and our respective organisations, not just Newcastle United, working closely with you all in a united effort on FSA policies and campaigns that benefit our clubs, supporters and communities.

I would come to the table representing the clubs not currently in European competition, and no offence is intended to fellow fan representatives here, I believe at the age of 29 I'd be able to represent the younger demographic of football fan!

For the last six years I have worked with the Football Supporters Association on their Fans' Embassy project which provides a support service to England fans for international fixtures, working closely with the FA. This has given me valuable experience of working to help fans across the country, putting rivalries aside to support our national side. This has enabled me to develop good relationships within the FSA, although the Sunderland contingent may disagree!

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement, whoever is elected to represent us will stand us in good stead.

## **NIGEL COTTERILL – CLARETS TRUST (BURNLEY)**

In volunteering for the Vacant Board Position of FSA National Council, I have listed some personal information which I hope the FSA members will find invaluable.

My name is Nigel Cotterill. My experience and qualifications for the vacant role are as follows:

I currently am the Treasurer, Webmaster and Board Member of the Clarets Trust and the Treasurer, Webmaster and Board Member to Burnley Football Club's Disabled Supporters Association.

Prior to this I was a Board Member of the Board of Management at Broadacres Housing Association where I served on the Audit and Diversity Committees as well as being Broadacre Housing's Diversity Champion.

I am an ex-Primary School Governor and previously have been the Treasurer and Trustee of a Registered Charity.

I have multiple Certificates in Computing and a Certificate covering the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

I have previously run my own Businesses successfully and am a carer to my disabled Wife.

Currently have two DBS Certificates (Disclosure and Barring Service). One Enhanced. Authenticity of certification is easily verifiable and if any further information is required then I can easily supply it.

Should I be successful I look forward enthusiastically to promoting the interests and objectives of the FSA National Council and all its members.

Kind regards to all.

## **STEVE MOULDS – FOXES TRUST (LEICESTER CITY)**

Fans are the lifeblood of football and football clubs a key part of their local communities – they are not ‘businesses’ driven solely by a profit motive. I joined the Foxes Trust (FT) when it was formed to help save our club from going out of existence. I became a Board member to help represent our fans at national level.

Since 2016, I have attended all but one of the Premier League (PL) Network meetings, all of the Supporter Engagement meetings with the Premier League prior to the delegate system, and, was selected as a delegate for one meeting post-lockdown.

I have been proactive, including compiling national data on ticketing prices that, alongside FSA proposals, were put to the PL who agreed to examine rule changes on concessionary pricing.

The pandemic has brought tragedy to many families, however, conversations I have had with our members indicates the importance football has in providing a sense of ‘normality’ in their lives. Therefore, resolving structural problems within football has become more urgent. As the FA and EFL appear to be looking for ‘any port in a storm’, it is essential fans are able to contribute reasoned, coherent and collective solutions to fix these problems. To this end, I pledge my continued support to the FSA and its PL Network.

Dialogue between FT and Leicester City has been material to the club making public decisions that have been more fan-centred than some PL clubs. I hope we can have a continued positive impact on the future shape of our national game.

As a supporter of a club that has, in relatively recent times, played in three divisions, I have a broad perspective on the issues facing clubs and fans. All of which I trust adds up to being a valuable asset to the National Council.