

Fulham Supporters Trust Board Election

November 2021

1. Sarah Keig

I am a third generation Fulham supporter, having regularly watched Fulham play home and away for over 40 years. Whilst a number of owners have come and gone during that time the supporters, who are the lifeblood of the club, have remained and grown in size. Without the supporters there is no Fulham and it is important that we have a voice within our Club, which reflects the diverse views of the supporters. I believe that the role of a Board member is to question and hold those running the Club to account. I am a Regional Organiser for the largest trade union in the UK, I regularly meet with Chief Executives, Council Leaders and Politicians to challenge and question their decisions. In order to do this effectively I have to have good communication and negotiating skills, confidence to build relationships of trust and respect and the ability to work with others at all levels. I believe the skills that I bring would help me to excel as a Board Member for the FST especially in the areas of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. I am passionate that we encourage and support members from all genders, sexual orientations, races and religions.

2. Tamara Dragadze

1. I am already helping the Board to have more women come to matches and to showcase the now thriving Women's team. We are in talks with various organizations but being a full board member would help to fast track it.
2. With my personal experience I can represent senior citizens and be a voice for the disabled, so important for access to the new Riverside stand.
3. This year it is 40 years since I fell in love with the club when we moved to the vicinity of Craven Cottage. I have liaised with the club as a Friend of Bishops Park and for nearby residents to have smooth relations with the new developments.
4. As an anthropologist I will use my professional skills supporting our club's stance against racism and to improve diversity.
5. Lastly, as a grandmother and mother I am keen to see the club remain a family club which depends in large part on how the Board negotiates the issue of ticket prices. I will support the Board in all it does to secure an understanding by the club of the reality of the fan base and its need to be sustainable through the generations.

3. Owen Smith

Following Fulham is my passion, and I love to follow the club as much as I can home & away. I'm happiest when Fulham win, and my friends would say that I'm not my best when we lose, but coming to games, and spending time with friends, is something I wouldn't change for the world.

I can leverage skills from my work in business and the Boardroom to help the Trust improve and safeguard three critical areas that are fundamental to Fulham being Fulham: -

1. Our home must always be at Craven Cottage;
2. Fulham fans having fair access to tickets; and
3. Protecting the sense of community and association we as fans have with Fulham FC.

We are more than just customers, and it is right that the Trust acts as an independent and sometimes critical watchdog of Fulham, it's management and ownership, which are transient, unlike the fan base.

I am running for re-election to Board of the Trust, having served since 2018. Having previously supporting the Trust as Treasurer, I am currently focussed heavily on ensuring an annual celebration day becomes a part of the Fulham matchday calendar and continuing to actively contribute to Board initiatives.

4. Ian Clarke

I've enjoyed representing Fulham supporters on the Trust board for the last three years, two as Vice Chair, during which we have made great strides collectively in the development of the FST.

My contribution has been both behind the scenes, upgrading and running our IT and website, as well as with more visible activities including attending the majority of the monthly meetings with the Club, leading for the Trust in many. It hasn't always been easy to strengthen our relationship whilst challenging on difficult topics, but I believe we have struck the right balance.

I have also worked closely with the Club on ticketing issues big and small, presenting a detailed pricing strategy in 2019. As a long-term season ticket holder and away traveller, this is a subject close to my heart.

My primary motivation now is the same as it was when I helped to establish BTTC in 2001 – the long term sustainable and successful future of Fulham at Craven Cottage; that will never change.

We have a good opportunity now to further extend the reach of the FST, grow our voice and represent a more diverse supporter base. I ask for your support in helping to achieve this.

5. Steve Nicholson

My name is Steve Nicholson and along with my wife and three children, am a long standing season ticket holder in The Hammy End. We have all followed Fulham home and away for many years. My first venture to The Cottage was in 1969 when I was lucky enough to see the Maestro Johnny Haynes play before he retired later that season. I am the Head Teacher of a Comprehensive Academy School in Oxfordshire, a role I finish next summer, and would relish the opportunity to work for, and represent, the Trust and the 'Fulham Family' of supporters worldwide. I started working in education as a teacher of Mathematics before moving through the ranks and finally becoming a Headteacher. Along the way I have developed a wide variety of transferable skills that I am certain could be utilised by the Trust if I were to be elected. It would be an honour to give something back to the club and the supporters I have loved for so many years. As Fulham fans we teeter on the edge between unadulterated happiness and complete despair, but we wouldn't have it any other way, and we will always be there supporting Fulham.

6. Sue Couch

I have served on the Fulham Supporters' Trust Board for three years, initially as membership secretary and my main focus now is the Trust inbox. I reply as soon as possible to every email, and am inspired by the interest and knowledge shown by members about everything from Financial Fair Play to the quality of the hot dogs.

I am a Trust representative for the Independent Advisory Group for policing at football in London.

I began supporting Fulham in 1987 and was quickly enlisted onto the Supporters' Club Committee, later being deeply involved in the Fulham 2000 and Back to the Cottage campaigns.

Our purpose then was to keep Fulham FC at Craven Cottage. That achieved, fans still need a voice guaranteed to be heard by the Club. I feel the Trust represents generations of people who continue to support Fulham through thick and thin, as well as newer fans. Our reputation as a safe, diverse, welcoming family club is hugely important.

I am delighted that we now have two female Board members and hope that we will attract more women, girls, and other less well-represented Fulham supporters.

I should be honoured to serve another term for the Trust.