

CANDIDATE STATEMENT – HARRY LOVERING

Proposer: Nina Peters

Secunder: Mark Shephard

Having been a Torquay United fan for over 15 years, I am a passionate and sociable individual who wants to make TUFC a community-driven club. I believe with the right individuals, TUST and the Bryn Consortium can make TUFC flourish again both on and off the pitch.

I have helped run the Torquay United travel club with Mark Shephard for over 5 years now with our aim to get as many gulls' fans to away games as possible supporting the lads away from home. Throughout this time, I have already established community connections to a wide TUFC supporter base over the years, alongside forging strong links with club staff members since the arrival of the Bryn Consortium. I help run our social media, promoting bookings and reaching out to our supporters, alongside putting on a fantastic experience for TUFC fans when they come on board with us. This not only shows my ability to communicate and interact with TUFC fans in the community, but also shows the time I have already dedicated to this great football club.

Furthermore, I have also recently been co-opted to the TUST board after offering my expertise and experience in working as a teacher in a local secondary school to promote youth engagement for our club in a more community-driven way. I have attended a couple of TUST board meetings discussing the travel clubs progress so far this season and have also written a youth paper outlining what my vision is for youth engagement. I have already started to fulfil some of this by inviting Tom Lapslie into my school to do a career talk and Q and A for the students, alongside raffling off some club merchandise given to me by Joe (CEO). We have recently discussed how this could now be used as a model for other schools in the area. Furthermore, I have also started to form early links with the community sports trust to see where we can improve our community links in schools going forwards.

Therefore, I believe given my current role with TUFC Travel Club and my ongoing involvement with the TUST board to promote youth engagement, I am the right candidate to be involved with TUST at this present time due to my wide reaching TUFC community connection and strong communication skills.