



FST Board Election

November 2024

Candidate Statements

This document contains the proposer, seconder and statement (maximum 200 words) of each candidate standing in the FST Board Election of November 2024. The candidates are listed here according to a random draw carried out by the Independent Scrutineer.

Tamara Dragadze

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Jakub Krupa

Seconded by: Gavin Megaw

I hope you will elect me for a second term so I can finish what I have started with my colleagues—to safeguard ticket prices, to ensure that our more vulnerable fans can enjoy our matches. I also want to reach out to overseas fans and to diverse communities in the UK. I want to listen to fans to find ways to bring more of them to our FST because we need more numbers. I also try to further attendances at the women's game. I feel so honoured to have been elected once and hope I can do so again.

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Sue Couch

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Ian Clarke

Seconded by: Simon Duke

I fell in love with Fulham in 1987 and was soon caught up in the efforts to rescue Craven Cottage from demolition, I joined the Supporters' Club board and was involved in the Fulham 2000 and Back to the Cottage campaigns and more recently as FST Board member. I offer my services once again for this round of elections.

I believe the Trust should represent the generations who supported Fulham through dark times, as well as newer fans.

Premier League status is a mixed blessing and increasing ticket prices a concern to most supporters. As football becomes ever more corporate and a lure for investors, it remains vital for Fulham fans to know their voices are heard by the Club. The Trust aims to ensure this, and we represent you to the best of our ability. Not a day goes by without your FST Board doing some element of work towards this goal.

Fulham's reputation as a safe and welcoming family club is hugely important. I currently represent the FST at the Independent Advisory Group for policing football in London. The emphasis in policing right now is the safety of women and girls, which of course we care about deeply.

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Dan Crawford

Member standing for election

Proposed by: Roger Southgate

Seconded by: Hinn Li

I am re-standing for election to the Fulham Supporters' Trust board because relations between fans and Fulham Football Club have deteriorated markedly in the year since I stepped down after twenty years of service.

The Trust's primacy in fan engagement is threatened by a hand-picked fan advisory board and the ownership appear to have little regard for the lifelong fans who pay more and more to come to Craven Cottage. I have the experience of forging a working relationship with the club in the years following the successful Back to the Cottage campaign and working for Supporters Direct.

As a Labour Party councillor in the London Borough of Ealing, I have a good relationship with Hammersmith and Fulham Council having successfully campaigned to save Charing Cross Hospital. I also have been a committee member of several community co-operatives and benefit societies.

As a journalist, who co-founded hammyend.com in 2003, I would like to use my experience to help promote the work of the Trust and expand the organisation's reach across our local, national and global fanbase. I want to promote the heritage and history of London's oldest professional football club as well as safeguard Fulham's future for all our fans.

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