

# CHAMPIONS of CHANGE

## BECOME A CHAMPION OF CHANGE

- Do you have a big idea to transform your cricket club or organisation?
- Are you aged 14 to 18?
- Do you want to join a community of like-minded young people?
- Would you love access to exclusive ICC Women's T20 World Cup merchandise?

[Then apply here to become a Champion of Change!](#)

With the ICC Women's T20 World Cup held in England and Wales this year, we're marking the occasion by inviting 14-18-year-olds to step forward as the next generation of cricket leaders.

Champions of Change is a unique programme designed to inspire and support you to deliver a project for change at your local cricket club or community organisation.

**Ready to shape the future of the game, build something meaningful, and be part of a motivated youth community? Then this is your moment.**

You don't need to have all the answers - you just need an idea! We'll help you do the rest through a brilliant education and support programme, tailor-made for the cricket leaders of the future.

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## IN PERSON WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date	Time	Workshop Location	Address
13 July	4pm – 9pm	Cheshire Cricket Board Offices	Hartford House Moss Farm Leisure Complex Northwich Cheshire CW8 4BG
14 July	10am – 3pm	Yorkshire	TBC
15 July	4pm – 9pm	Benwell Hill Cricket Club	Denton Bank West Rd Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7EU
21 July	4pm – 9pm	Pedmore Cricket Club	Pedmore Hall Ln Pedmore Stourbridge DY9 0SR
22 July	4pm – 9pm	Lisvane Cricket Club	Paramount Business Park Pascal Cl St. Mellons Cardiff CF3 0LW
23 July	4pm – 9pm	Copdock and Old Ipswichian Cricket Club	Old London Road Copdock Ipswich IP8 3JN
27 July	4pm – 9pm	Derbyshire County Cricket Ground	The Central Co-op County Ground Nottingham Rd Chaddesden Derby DE21 6DA
28 July	4pm – 9pm	Kent County Cricket Ground	Worsley Bridge Rd Beckenham BR3 1DR
29 July	4pm – 9pm	Wargrave Cricket Club	The Recreation Ground Recreation Road Wargrave Berkshire RG10 8BG
30 July	4pm – 9pm	Cornwall Cricket Board Offices	Cornwall Cricket Board (Gannel Building) College Road Truro Cornwall TR1 3XX

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the Champions of Change programme?**

Champions of Change is a unique programme that is using the ICC Women's T20 World Cup to empower 14-18-year-olds to design and deliver a project for change at their local cricket club or organisation. Whether you have ambitions to start a new girls' section, improve club facilities, design a new inclusive kit, or build a youth committee, participants will receive dedicated training, support, and guidance to bring their ideas to life.

### **Am I eligible to apply for Champions of Change?**

You can apply if you:

- are aged between 14 and 18 (inclusive)
- are connected to a cricket club or community organisation in England or Wales
- have an idea for a project that could make your club or organisation even better or more welcoming

No previous volunteering experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

Applications will be assessed anonymously by a selection committee. Feedback will not be given to those unsuccessful.

### **What are the timelines for Champions of Change?**

Applications open on Friday 19 June and close on Sunday 5 July.

Applications will be assessed anonymously by a selection committee. Feedback will not be provided to those unsuccessful.

All applicants will hear back via email by Wednesday 8 July 2026.

The programme itself will run throughout the summer. In-person kick-off workshops will be delivered in July, before switching to an online format for four webinars that occur monthly between August and November. An in-person wrap-up event will be hosted in winter with the dates to be confirmed soon.

Later in the year young people will be close to completing their projects and we will celebrate their brilliant achievements throughout the off-season.

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## **Do I have to attend the in-person kick-off workshop?**

Yes to be involved in this programme you will need to attend one of the in-person kick-off sessions. We will be delivering these across England and Wales in July, at the dates and times outlined above. You are welcome to register for whichever location is most suitable to you, and you do not need to attend more than one as the same content will be delivered in each workshop.

## **Do I have to be part of a club?**

You don't have to be a player, but you do need a connection to a cricket club or community organisation to help you deliver the best project possible. We offer training and support to clubs and organisation so that they can actively engage with the young people participating in this programme.

## **What does my club or community organisation need to do?**

We know how important your club or organisation's help will be to the success of your project! For successful applicants, we will run training sessions for members to give them top tips and advice on how best to support you and your project. More details about these sessions will be shared to the accepted participants and their club contacts.

Taking part in these training sessions isn't just about supporting one young person, it's an investment in your club or organisation's future. Strong youth engagement helps cricket stay innovative and connected to communities. By supporting a Champion of Change this summer, you are helping to inspire the next generation of volunteers, leaders, and lifelong cricket fans.

## **Can clubs or organisations have more than one Champion of Change?**

Absolutely!

## **What happens at the in-person workshops?**

The kick-off workshops are an opportunity for the participants to meet likeminded young people and start their journey as Champions of Change. The workshops will be facilitated by Liz Ward who has significant experience as a consultant and facilitator in working with young people to deliver campaigns. The workshops will be broken into two sessions, with a break in between for a meal provided at the venue. More details will be provided to those who are selected to participate in the programme.

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## **How does this relate to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026?**

With the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 being hosted in England and Wales, this programme celebrates the moment by putting young people at the heart of the game's future. Champions of Change gives you the chance to mark the tournament by leading positive change in your own organisation and community. Participants will also receive exclusive World Cup merchandise.

## **Who is delivering the workshops?**

The workshops will be delivered by Liz Ward. Liz is a sports consultant and facilitator working around the world to support teams and clubs to build winning cultures.

From the Premier League and the FA, to the MLS, NWSL and USL Liz has worked around the world supporting clubs and teams on and off the pitch. As a consultant she has worked with organisations in the UK, East Asia and Australia to support their understanding of LGBTQ+ and Anti-racism, her areas of expertise.

Her background is in campaigning, most recently as Director of Programmes at Stonewall, The Advocacy Academy and prior to that she worked as a youth worker, all around the UK.

Her approach is research-led, experiential and tailored to the group, drawing on her extensive background in youth work as a tool for change. Sessions are useful, practical, and impactful, as well as having a little laugh along the way.

[You can find out more about Liz here.](#)

## **Do I get any qualifications after completing Champions of Change?**

While this isn't a formal qualification, participants will receive recognition for completing the programme, gain valuable leadership and project-building experience, strengthen friendships, and develop skills that look great on future applications, whether that's for school, work, or future volunteering opportunities.

## **Who can I contact if I have any questions?**

If you have any questions about the programme or your application, you can reach out to the team via the following email address: [cricketcollective@ecb.co.uk](mailto:cricketcollective@ecb.co.uk)