



The People's Football Association – FA EQUALITY NOW – 1 person, 1 vote

Introduction – FA Membership – Individual for the People and Fans

We estimate there are over 8,000 membership organisation's and associations based in the United Kingdom (with memberships of over 1,000 individuals/organisation's). The figure for smaller organisation's (including local sports clubs and societies) is likely to be far higher at approximately 50,000.

Over 80% of membership organisation's based in the UK are located in Central or Greater London and it is assumed that many (particularly those representing professions/trades and/or responsible for lobbying activity) are based there due to a traditional requirement to be close to central government.

The UK has an estimated population of 66.5 million citizens and it is estimated that at least 53.2m belong to some kind of membership organisation/association either:

- Retail (e.g. loyalty card)
- National (e.g. The National Trust)
- Local (e.g. local church/library)

Our research indicate that some 14 million British citizens belong to over 450 professional membership organization's (of which 145 are Chartered Bodies) and there are 160 trade unions representing an estimated 8 million individuals (5.6 million are members of unions affiliated to the Trade Union Congress).

What this highlights is that individual membership of an organisation is an area of British Life.

THE FAEQUALITY NOW Blueprint – Key solution (further details are in the expanded blueprint)

Therefore, for our National Governing body, The Football Association, at its core should be a membership body where anyone can join, where it is truly inclusive, open and democratic. It is the membership who elect a 24-person board based on open elections and it's the board that governs The Football Association. The mandate to the people and the fans is given. It is the People's Football Association.

The key point to highlight is that this is an individual membership, one person, one vote (to elect the board) and NOT what we currently have an association of different groups and vested interests, Premier League soft power throughout the current FA and an archaic 19th century governance.

England developed the rules of Association Football but now a new governance structure needs to be put in place in 2021 and beyond to represent everyone and where everyone is included should they join as a FA member.

This solution at its core is bringing back football to the fans and the people.

Side Note: The FA already have the England Supporters Club and the FA Coaches Association so in principle the core technology is already in place. The Independent Regulator needs to be put in place to oversee this implementation.