

**Annetta Minard  
Nominated for President at 2014 AGM**

**Biography**

This is an exciting time for volleyball, with a range of opportunities coming together to raise the profile of the sport throughout the country. To fully utilise these opportunities there is a need for strong leadership and a cohesive vision that is relevant and accessible to players and supporters alike.

Volleyball has the potential to become the main participation and performance sport for a new generation of players. Opportunities to learn the game must be enhanced by a clear performance pathway, so that talented young players can see a future for their endeavours in sitting, beach or indoor volleyball.

The strong network of clubs throughout the regions provides a dynamic infrastructure for coaching and competition; for volleyball to thrive across England, these regions must be empowered to contribute to the development of their sport.

I am extremely ambitious for the development of volleyball in England and I am very aware of the responsibility of the role of President. As the Executive Principal of a large Multi Academy Trust, I am experienced at working with Directors and Governors, to raise standards and attainment. Through my involvement in regional and national steering committees, I have developed an awareness of the national and political landscape and I am fully aware of the need to keep up to date with national sporting and political agendas, in order to make the most of every opportunity to drive forward initiatives.

I am determined to raise the profile of volleyball, both nationally and internationally and I firmly believe in learning from the experiences of other countries. For volleyball to thrive in England, we need to foster an inclusive but outward facing culture that is open minded and willing to think creatively.

I have extensive financial and project management experience and I do not believe that lack of funding should be a prohibitive factor in strategic decision making. We need to be very clear about the key objectives for volleyball in England and achieve our targets through partnerships; networks; creative thinking; shared opportunities and on-going negotiations. Income generation needs to be a key focus but equally, existing funds need to be scrutinised to ensure best value for the whole volleyball community.

I believe that I have the drive and experience to lead The Board for Volleyball England and I would appreciate your support in my aspiration to become President of the Association.