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Nominated for Schools and Youth Development Commission
President at 2016 AGM

I started playing volleyball at the age of 13 in a local school in East Midlands and quickly moved through the talent pathway to go on to represent England at all age categories. I have also been fortunate enough to be part of the GB Development Squad in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics. Having graduated in Sport & Exercise Science from Sheffield Hallam University, I was employed as a Workforce Officer at Volleyball England for 2 years. This exposed me to the way the organisation operates and more importantly allowed me to gain a clear understanding of the school sport landscape in our sport. In the role, I worked closely with the Referee and Coaching Commissions as well as the international bodies of CEV and FIVB.

I am now at [Youth Sport Trust](#), a leading charity working in the development of sport within the educational system focusing on those under the age of 18. My role as Programme Officer – Leadership, Coaching and Volunteering has given me a clear understanding of the wider DCMS, Sport England, Public Health, Obesity, Education and other strategies that are going to be influencing the market of the coming years, which I consider an asset of knowledge I would be bringing into the role of Schools and Youth Development Commission President.

The strategies highlight a huge opportunity for volleyball and in the role I will look to explore mutually beneficial strategic partnerships to get volleyball prevalent in schools.

Day to day working in youth sport provides me great knowledge, understanding and awareness of school sport participation and keeps my ideas fresh on the ways to engage younger players, coaches and volunteers. I'm passionate about driving school participation and exposing young people to a high quality volleyball experience. This is what will make the sport grow and develop.

My wider volleyball knowledge gained from playing, coaching, volunteering and working within the sport, coupled together with the awareness and access to the school network, allows me to feel confident in stepping in to the role of Schools and Youth Development Commission President. I'm excited for the opportunity to work together with the office and the commission to drive development in schools and youth through promotion of innovation, influencing and growth of strategic partnerships to bring Volleyball into the spotlight.

I bring energy, passion and drive to develop volleyball and have proven that in the past through my role at Volleyball England. However, I feel that development of the sport through this route has been neglected over the past few years and want to bring my expertise to lead the commission to action in driving school & youth development at pace.