

Sarah Kirk

#### Candidate's Statement

I have been a member of CF10 for a number of years and I believe that the Trust has a pivotal role to play to voice the views of supporters and to be a "critical friend" both to Cardiff Rugby and also more widely to the Welsh Rugby Union as part of the Joint Supporters Group.

This position came into focus most acutely during the #SaveOurGame campaign when CF10 ensured that the views of supporters were represented. The Trust also worked collaboratively with supporters groups from the other professional clubs to ensure our views were represented in the fight for fairer funding and to protect the professional game.

It was during this time that I became more actively engaged with the Trust and last year I was delighted to be co-opted onto the Board after having attended several meetings as an observer.

I have enjoyed the experience of contributing to CF10 Board meetings. I have also had the privilege of taking part in meetings with Richard Holland and others and have taken the minutes for various meetings on behalf of the Trust. I also used my HR experience to help with the administration process regarding the recent appointment of the Supporter Board Advisor.

As a child, I have fond memories of attending matches at Cardiff Arms Park with my father and watching some of the great heroes of the past. I believe preserving the club's rich heritage for future generations is really important. The Trust has played a significant part in this objective, notably through the online Cardiff Rugby Museum.

For the last 25 years, I have been a regular season ticket holder attending matches with my husband. We have followed the team at home and when possible travelling to away matches both in cup competitions and in the league.

We have shared the highs and lows of our performance during this time, but throughout all of these moments it has been a pleasure to make new friends with fellow season ticket holders and supporters through our shared passion for Cardiff Rugby and exchange views and experiences in the stand.

When not supporting Cardiff Rugby and Cardiff RFC, I can often be found supporting Wales Rugby, Rugby Club Vannes and Glamorgan & England Cricket. My other interests include going to music concerts, cycling, walking and the environment.

If I am successful, I look forward to continuing to play an active role in the Trust, sharing the views of supporters with CF10 and Cardiff Rugby during this time of significant change for Welsh rugby.