



Statement in support of nomination

I attended my first NUFC game with my dad aged 13 – we beat Leyton Orient in the then-Worthington Cup...Carl Cort even scored. I waved Roy Keane off the pitch as he was red carded in my second game as we beat Man U 4-3 and I was hooked...

My name is Felicity and I live and work in the west end of Newcastle and I'm currently a member at NUFC, attending all but two of the home fixtures this season. I've been a season ticket holder twice – originally back in the Sir Bobby Robson days with my dad. What a journey we've been on since then.

My time as a Toon fan has been varied and has widened my understanding of a range of supporter experiences:

- I've seen the highs of international nights under SBR (I was prone on the living room floor delirious as Craig Bellamy scored that goal v Feyenoord) and the lows of international nights (I wish he hadn't punched that Inter fella the night before my birthday, 2002).
- I've been a Midlands-based fan when I studied in Nottingham and then worked for three years in Birmingham, attending away games as the mainstay of my support and enduring the claret and abuse of Villa locals.
- I've been an internationally-based fan when I moved to New Zealand for three years in 2013 (that's what Birmingham will do to you) – imagine my disbelief when the lads followed me out there for that preseason tournament. It almost made up for the amount of sleep I sacrificed to watch increasingly awful games.
- I moved back to the UK in 2016 just in time to snap up a Championship season ticket which I held until Rafa left and I'm delighted to be back at games now with my dad who grew so disillusioned under the old regime.

I'm a physiotherapist and a business owner which makes me both empathetic and pragmatic. I'd love the opportunity to work with NUST and the club to improve supporter experience having sat in multiple plastic seats over the years with varying levels of satisfaction. I'd like to provide a voice for non-season ticket holders and women supporters whilst also taking time to understand everyone's nuanced perspective. My work is entirely based around listening to people talk about their pain and finding ways of moving forward so I'd like to think I'm pretty good at that by now!

I'm the person in the group chat who everyone mocks for unnaturally high levels of organisation and I'd be thrilled to bring this sort of trait to NUST if elected. I balance this out

with my absolute favourite thing about being an NUFC supporter: the daftness. If you're looking to elect someone who ropes their neighbours into stringing up 100ft of black and white bunting pre-cup final or who decorates their dog so he is the best dressed Labrador at the takeover, I'm your gal to vote onto the Board.