



# The TEAM

## STAFF PROFILES

**Name:** David Lewis

**Job Title:** 5 x 60 Officer

**What does your job involve?**

To offer a broad range of sport and physical activity in extra-curricular time to all children, regardless of their ability. I work closely with the school to create whole school development and ownership, and to forge community links through partnership work with other agencies such as local clubs to help promote continued lifelong participation.

Other duties include recruiting, supporting and retaining teachers, parents, senior pupils and other volunteers assisting in the delivery of activities, as well as appropriately marketing and promoting the 5 x 60 scheme and activities available.

**How did you become involved with the Active Young People Department?**

I firstly became aware of the AYPD when I was a student at the Pencoed College campus, studying for my HND in sports development and coaching, while also representing the college football academy under Jason Perry. I then left Pencoed college for UWIC where I obtained my degree in sports coaching and developed a further understanding of what the AYPD exactly does, and from this I decided to pursue a career in this field. A job opening then arose, so I applied and attended the interview and luckily enough I was successful. Here I am today.

**Do you enjoy your job and why?**

I have currently been here for just 3 weeks and am coming to the end of my induction period. Everyday it's getting more hands on and more exciting as I have now met all my contacts in my secondary school and am the middle of finalising my activity timetable. I love the idea that from the work I am going to be carrying out I am having the chance to make an impact and improve people lives. I also see it as an added bonus that the school I am working in was my actual secondary school which I went to, and its great being able to see all the staff again and actually give something back to the school that got me where I am today.

**Are you interested or do you take part in any sports outside of work?**

I am an extremely keen football player and have been since the age of about 8. I also love to keep fit, by running 4 times a week and also swimming twice a week. When I am not training for my football club, I also visit the gym twice a week.

**What are your hobbies or interests outside of sport?**

Outside of sport, I would say that my hobbies are mostly socialising with my mates on the weekends where I like to rest up from training and just enjoy myself. I also like going shopping and spending time with my nephews and nieces.

**Who is your favourite sports person past or present and why?**

My favourite sports person would have to be Paolo Di Canio, the former West Ham centre forward. My reason for this would be because he is so passionate about giving 100% for everything, as well as being a very honest professional, for example when he caught the ball in a premier league match instead of scoring, when a player from the opposite team was down injured.

**What are you aspirations for the future?**

One day, I would like to possibly manage a leisure centre and roll out programmes to possibly get the children active from a very young age, as well as focusing on the elder people, who can sometimes be forgotten about.

**An interesting fact about me is:**

I have 6 Welsh football caps for the boys and girls clubs of Wales as well as a Welsh colleges cap. I have also been a trialist at Leicester City, Ipswich Town and Nottingham Forest before settling down at Cheltenham Town for a little while before returning home and continuing my education.