

UEFA Women's Champions League Final set to inspire women & girls

Holder Lyon will face Paris Saint-Germain in Cardiff City Stadium at 19:45. The event is taking place in the same city as the men's final, making Cardiff the hub of a real celebration of sport. First Minister, Carwyn Jones, and Public Health Minister, Rebecca Evans, will join the huge numbers of fans expected to attend the match.

First Minister, Carwyn Jones, said:

"Cardiff and the whole of Wales is brimming with excitement as the UEFA Champions League festivities get underway. Fans from across the globe can already be seen throughout the city, with Spanish, Italian and French to be heard spoken in the streets.

"Today's UEFA Women's Champions League Final will put women's football in the global spotlight. This wonderful event has the power to inspire women and girls in Wales and across the world to take up sport, especially football."

Public Health Minister, Rebecca Evans, who has responsibility for grassroots sport, said:

"There are around 40,000 women and girls playing football regularly across Wales. Increasing the number of women and girls taking part in sport remains one of our key priorities, and the FAW Trust's aim is to increase the numbers playing football to 100,000 by 2024. The UEFA Women's Champions League Final is a fantastic showcase for women's football which will help us achieve this ambition."

Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport Vaughan Gething will also cheer on the 1,500 women and girls from across Wales taking part in today's FAW Women's and Girls' National Football Festival at Cardiff University Sports Fields Llanrumney, which forms part of the FAW's UEFA Champions League Community Engagement Programme.

This annual event will see teams from across Wales participate at under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and senior age groups. All participants will be provided with a pair of free tickets to watch the UEFA Women's Champions League Final.