

Football United and FIFA



Football United's connections with FIFA have steadily increased over the course of 2008 and 2009, and include its links with Streetfootballworld and Football For Hope.

Football United is the only Australian member of Streetfootballworld, a social non-profit organisation that links relevant actors in the field of Development through Football. Established in 2002, the organisation encourages global partnerships for development in order to contribute to positive social change. streetfootballworld and FIFA have a strategic alliance, and together initiated the Football For Hope movement. In addition to an invitation to attend the 2009 Football For Hope Forum, Football United is featured in streetfootballworld's upcoming book on world case studies in football for social justice, and is an advising member to African and South American development programs.



The Football for Hope Movement was established in 2005 by FIFA and Streetfootballworld. Its mission is to increase the impact of football as a tool for social development, peace and social change. The Football for Hope Movement aims to fully utilise the power of football in society to contribute to the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Football for Hope Forum, June 2009

Football United's Director, Anne Bunde-Birouste, has been invited to participate in the inaugural Football for Hope Forum. For three days, practitioners and stakeholders from around the world will come together to explore the commitment of football to social development and to help determine the way forward for the Football for Hope movement. This is an official event of the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009 and will take place in the Vaal, Gauteng, South Africa from 23 to 25 June 2009.

Football for Hope Festival, 2010

Football United is one of only thirty-two teams invited to participate in the 2010 Football for Hope Festival, an official event of the FIFA World Cup™. This event is a highlight of the Football for Hope Movement and a celebration of the power of football and the positive impact it has on community development. Streetfootballworld noted that this invitation is a recognition of the tireless efforts of Football United to improve the lives of young people in Sydney through football.

In addition, Streetfootballworld commended Football United's innovative plan to involve its young participants in the preparation and selection process for the team to attend the Football For Hope Festival, as well as its ideas for fundraising.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBdS7GEOwBM>