

Welsh Judo Association Elected Directors

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Janelle Carter-Jones

Janelle has recently joined the Board as one of our elected Directors. She is a representative of Imperial Judo, currently has two children actively involved in Judo. Her eldest is a Cadet whom is emerged in the Performance Pathway, and youngest is only just beginning to complete as a Minor. Janelle is also an ex-Welsh competitor, but due to injury and work commitments, had to retire from the sport 20 years ago.

Janelle hopes to bring to the Board her professional knowledge and skill as a practising Solicitor, and encourage a very

dynamic, transparent and effective way forward in connecting with Judoka, Club/Coach, and Parent. Janelle is someone who is very approachable and if you see her around, please feel free to go and have a chat.



Kerry Pulvirenti

Kerry Pulvirenti has been doing Judo, in one way or another, for the past 63 years. He is currently a 3rd Dan as well as running and coaching his own club, Maesteg Judo Kwai, and is currently the Welsh National Squad Minors Coach.

During his 63 years of Judo, Kerry ha fought at junior, senior and master level, representing his country on numerous occasions. He has spent the past 45 years coaching his own club, which has produced Welsh, British, European and Commonwealth competitors and

medallists at both junior and senior level. Kerry has built an extensive knowledge base of Judo and has used his expertise not only coaching but also being a manager of the Welsh National Squad in previous years. Kerry lives and breathes Judo, it's not just a hobby but his passion and livelihood.



Shaun Davies

Shaun Davies is a coach at Judo Swansea, based at Swansea University and Dunvant Social Centre. He started his judo journey at Sanshirokwai where he won multiple Welsh Titles and British medals. While training at the National Dojo with the Welsh Squad, Shaun also trained at Samurai Olympic Judo Club, where his father, Daniel Davies was Head Coach under the Watchful eye of Sensei Alan Petherbridge MBE.



Following a long period away from Judo to focus on academic studies Shaun returned to Judo, qualified as a Coach and set up Judo Swansea. Away from Judo, Shaun holds a PhD in Biology/Nutrition and has professional qualifications in accounting.

Shaun is still active on the competitive masters scene recently winning another British title and taking a bronze at the 2019 Commonwealth Championship.

Shaun hopes to bring his passion for Judo together with his experience and knowledge to the WJA board to enable Welsh Judo to succeed long term across Wales by supporting clubs, coaches and judoka.

Georgina Bevan

As a retired Olympian and a successful international Judoka, Georgina is keen to give back to the sport that gave her so much. Georgina represented Great Britain for 15 years and during this time she became a European and Commonwealth Champion. She also gained various European Championship medals, placed 5th in the Osaka World Championships and 7th in the Athens Olympic Games. Georgina currently a volunteer at Irfon Judo Club and have introduced her only children to judo as she believe it is an incredible sport for young children to do and key for child development. She



relishes in seeing young children learn and grow both as a teacher and coach. As a coach, Georgina consistently see the huge benefits judo can bring to the lives of young people. She believe whole heartedly that judo is an incredible sport and believe all children should have the opportunity to develop the skills that judo can offer them. She knows it can have significant impact on both their physical

and emotional development and can help them with overcoming life challenges such as anxiety or behaviour needs. As a member of the board, Georgina brings strategic guidance and support from her professional leadership experience as an established educational leader. She is extremely passionate about grass roots development, and as a Head of Education for a Welsh County Council is keen to integrate judo opportunities into school curricula to support the role out of Curriculum for Wales and support schools to overcome the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic we are seeing in our young people.