#Morethanfootball
Action Weeks 2019

19.03.2019 – 09.04.2019

Pass it On!

Information Pack and Toolkit
Introduction

Football and its clubs, leagues, associations and governing bodies have always been about much more than just a game, professional football club or organisation of governance.

The first two years of the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks have shown there is an appetite amongst the football family to use the game as a tool for social development. The #Morethanfootball Action Weeks have allowed us to follow many great initiatives showcasing how football addresses key societal issues on an increasing scale. Yet, CSR often seems to be done in the background with little or no attention given to it by the mainstream football media.

You will find thousands of articles, blogs, social media posts, news, television talk shows about the teams performance, team selection, transfers and the build up to fixtures however very rarely do you see stories of the excellent daily work being done through football organisations community and social development initiatives.

All European clubs are much more than just the 11 players on the pitch.

In order to showcase and further broaden the reach of Community and Social Responsibility in European football the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks were established in 2017. Following the success from the campaign in its first 2 years, the 2019 #Morethanfootball Action Weeks again brings together the European football community to not only celebrate the work done in the CSR field over a 2 week period but to create a #Morethanfootball ongoing movement.
What are the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks

The #Morethanfootball Action Weeks are a global campaign for the European football community to showcase the impact of their community and social responsibility activities and programmes. Supported by the UEFA Foundation for Children, the ECA and the European Football for Development Network, the campaign provides the wider European football family with a platform to inform and engage with fans and stakeholders on their Community and Social Responsibility activities and raise awareness of the transformative role European club football can play in changing peoples’ lives for the better.

During the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks, the participating organisations celebrate the work they do on and off the pitch on a local, national and international level.

This can be done through many different ways and new and creative initiatives are always encouraged. The previous years have included activities such as special match-day activities, digital campaigns and the use of more traditional media methods such as banners, billboards, posters and brochures.

Organisations are encouraged to participate in a video challenge emphasising the power of football and what #Morethanfootball means to them. Social media is also a vital communications channel with the hashtag #Morethanfootball to be used by the participating organisations to spread and share the message. 2019 is the third year of the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks and looks to grow the engagement and reach even further.
Who can participate

The #Morethanfootball Action Weeks are for all stakeholders in European football who would like to showcase the social and community work they are doing. This includes European clubs and their respective foundations or community trusts, player associations, football leagues and governing bodies. All organisations with a commitment to using the power of football as a tool for social development are invited to participate.

It doesn’t cost anything to take part in the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks. The campaign resources including the watermark, label and landscape text are available for download via https://www.morethanfootball.eu/resources. Any questions or queries regarding any of the resources, how to use them or the campaign in general can be directed to the e-mail actionweek@morethanfootball.eu. Suggestions and innovative ideas are always appreciated and we encourage organisations to get in touch if they have any questions or proposals for the Action Weeks.

Why #Morethanfootball

Football has always held a special place in society, from the inception of the modern game in 19th Century Great Britain all the way through to the present day, where there is a growing recognition of the role football can play in social development, not just in Europe but worldwide. Clubs, leagues, associations, governing bodies and many other stakeholders have, in recent years, understood that the exponential growth in popularity and commercialisation of the game, brings with it an increased responsibility towards society as a whole. Further, there is an increasing body of research becoming available looking into and recognising the positive impact sporting organisations have in tackling critical social issues such as racism, health and wellbeing, youth unemployment, social inclusion and school attainment, while promoting important values such as team spirit, solidarity, tolerance, social responsibility and fair play. This is not solely an ethical or moral issue either, with CSR providing an opportunity for all organisations involved in football to demonstrate their accountability and commitment to society but at the same time engage with their supporters and local communities, enhance their reputation, develop brand loyalty and foster competitive advantage.

That said, as already mentioned, the huge amount of excellent community and social development work being carried out across the world of football on a daily basis, rarely gets the coverage and attention it deserves in the media. It’s for this reason that the UEFA Foundation for Children, European Club Association and European Football for Development Network have teamed up to support the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks. The objective is to not only inform fans, sponsors and the wider football family of the various current CSR projects and initiatives but to also provide inspiration and ideas for other clubs, leagues and associations to become active in their communities. Building on the success of the previous 2 years of #Morethanfootball Action Weeks, the aim now is to use the momentum generated from the Action Weeks in 2019 to create an ongoing movement, providing the platform for professional football organisations to promote the power of football throughout the year.
When are the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks

The 2019 #Morethanfootball Action Weeks will be launched on the 19th of March 2019 and will continue through until the 9th of April 2019.

EFDN #Morethanfootball Awards

This year will see the first #Morethanfootball Awards ceremony at the 13th EFDN Conference in Barcelona in November. There will be specific awards for the best campaigns and initiatives run during the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks, which will be assessed not only on creativity and ingenuity but also on the quality of the content and the level of promotion and engagement. In order to be eligible for the awards, organisations should register details of their events and activities by email to actionweek@morethanfootball.eu and they will then receive a rewards application form.

European Football = Morethanfootball

Pass it On!
#Morethanfootball embraces Europe

- **30** Countries participating
- **143,000** Interactions
- **550** Total social media posts
- **638** Total items online
- **89** Organisations involved
- **18m** Estimated social media reach
The 2018 #Morethanfootball Action Weeks built on the foundations set by the inaugural year in 2017 with a significant increase in participants, activities and engagement throughout the football community. The 2019 Action Weeks are expected to continue this trend but to give an idea, some of the key data can be seen below from last year.

**Participating Countries**

Austria  
Andorra  
Belgium  
Bosnia  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
England  
Finland  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Macedonia  
Monaco  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Scotland  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
The Netherlands  
Ukraine  
Wales
Participants

ABERDEEN FC
ANDORRAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION
ANORTHOSIS PAMAGUSTA
APOEL FC
APOLLON LIMASSOL
ARIS THESSALONIKI FC
AS MONACO FC
AS ROMA
ASTON VILLA FOUNDATION
ATHLETIC CLUB BILBAO
BAYER 04 LEVERKUSEN
BELGIAN RED DEVILS
BENFICA FOUNDATION
BIG HEARTS COMMUNITY TRUST
BLACKPOOL FC COMMUNITY TRUST
BOHEMIAN FC
BRENTFORD FC COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST
CARDIFF CITY FC FOUNDATION
CELTIC FC FOUNDATION
CHELSEA FOUNDATION
CLUB BRUGGE
CLYDE FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ECA
EFDN
ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
EUROPEAN HEALTHY STADIA
EVERTON IN THE COMMUNITY
FC BARCELONA FOUNDATION
FC DINAMO TBILISI
FC RED BULL SALZBURG
FC SCHALKE 04
FC SHAKHTAR DONETSK
FC VIKTORIA PLZEŇ
FC ZÜRICH
FERENCVAROSI TC
FEYENOORD ROTTERDAM
FK SARAJEVO
FK VARDAR SKOPJE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
FOOTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION OF FINLAND
GNK DINAMO
HIBERNIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
HJÄRTA UNITED
HJK NAISET
HNK RIJEKA
IF ELFSBORG
INTER CAMPUS
JUVENTUS
#Morethanfootball resources

The www.morethanfootball.eu website is the primary platform for showcasing the football-based community efforts of all participants in the campaign. The website engages with fans and stakeholders, providing them with stories on how football has changed thousands of lives.

To ensure coverage on the #Morethanfootball website, organisations can send activities and supporting material to actionweek@morethanfootball.eu.

#Passiton Video

#Passiton is the theme for this year’s video campaign which will be available to all participating organisations to share through their social media channels and at their home matches.

The promotional video calls on everyone who loves football to record a video sharing what ‘#Morethanfootball’ means to them and then ‘#Passiton’ nominating a colleague or friend to do the same. Organisations are encouraged to cooperate with their players and coaches to share with their followers and increase engagement and awareness.

The challenge videos are being shared during the Action Weeks using the hashtag #Passiton and #Morethanfootball.

The initial promotional video for the launch of the Action Weeks will also be made available for all participants through the website. Any organisation who would like to take part in the initial promotional #Passiton video can send high quality videos of their #Passiton challenges to actionweek@morethanfootball.eu before the 1st March 2019.

Mediakit

A Media Kit can be downloaded for free from the #Morethanfootball website. The Media Kit includes the wordmark, label and website banner graphics in various formats such as PNG for use with Adobe Photoshop or EPS for use with Adobe Illustrator. Participants are encouraged to incorporate the #Morethanfootball visuals according to their brand guidelines and detailed instructions on how to do this are also available in the resources section of the #Morethanfootball website.
During the Action Weeks, organisations are encouraged to include a set of visuals in their content and posts to demonstrate their participation in the Action Weeks and to showcase the wider impact of CSR in European football.

In order to communicate and promote the Action Week activities, the following visuals are available:

1. #Morethanfootball Wordmark
2. =Morethanfootball Label

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The wordmark, specifications and implementation information are found in the media kit or the image of the wordmark can also be downloaded direct from the Resources section of the [www.morethanfootball.eu](http://www.morethanfootball.eu) website.

• example of using the #Morethanfootball Wordmark:
2. **Morethanfootball Label**

The label, specifications and implementation information can also be found in the media kit or the image of the label can be downloaded direct from [www.morethanfootball.eu](http://www.morethanfootball.eu).

Please note: The organisation’s logo should be placed in front of the =Morethanfootball label, in order to convey the message that an organisation is more than football as per the examples below.

- **examples of using the =Morethanfootball Label:**

![Example 1](image1)

![Example 2](image2)

![Example 3](image3)

![Example 4](image4)
#Morethanfootball Activities

During the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks, organisations can showcase their CSR work in any way they wish and there are numerous ways to do this. Community programmes can be promoted during home games, in matchday programmes or on LED walls. The European football family is encouraged to publish dedicated content on their websites and through their social media channels, stadium billboards and website banners.

In addition, video content on existing programmes can be created or re-published and fundraising for community activities can be organised. Everything is possible, the only thing that is asked is that the #Morethanfootball label, wordmark and / or hashtag is included in the content and posts.

Some inspiration from previous year’s campaign
- Hosting walking football tournaments
- Organising fundraising at match days
- Creating specially made t-shirts for players to wear when entering the pitch for a game and then offering them signed as prize in a competition
- Publishing CSR reports
- Giving blind-stadium tours and audio descriptive commentary of games
- Participating in and organising charity runs
- Hosting gala dinners
- Staging HandiFoot festivals
- Welcoming refugees at match days
- Collecting electronic devices to be recycled for a good cause

International Days

Organisations are invited to link their Action Weeks activities to the official #Morethanfootball agenda. For each day of the Action Weeks, the #Morethanfootball agenda assigns a relevant topic where possible. The agenda embraces several International Days which occur during the Action Weeks such as the International Day of Sport and Peace on 6th of April 2019. The other days are dedicated to important social topics with a focus on working towards the UN Sustainability Goals. Clubs, foundations, leagues and FA’s are encouraged to dedicate their respective CSR activities to the different themes, this is however not a requirement.
Match Days
Match days provide a powerful opportunity for clubs to demonstrate how they are much #Morethanfootball. Designated fixtures with special matchday activities for fans are a great way to engage with large audiences. Additionally, #Morethanfootball LED-boards and the ‘#PassItOn’ video can be shown in the stadium at home games to encourage the audience to participate and share why they believe that football is #Morethanfootball. Further examples, to name just a few, include fundraising at match days, inviting disadvantaged population groups to the stadium, organising a unique player escort experience for children or including community engagement related activities in match day fan zones and hubs.

LED-boards
The website banner graphics can be used to create LED displays using the Club Logo = Morethanfootball on pitchside advertising boards and scoreboards during matches as shown below.

Champions League and Europa League
Last year, the UEFA Foundation for Children made it possible for the #Morethanfootball campaign to be displayed on LED-boards during European Champions and Europa League Quarterfinals, providing huge worldwide exposure for the message that football is much more than just a game. To give an indication of the reach this had, even without counting the millions of viewers watching live and highlight clips on TV, online, through social media or OTT platforms, the total attendance for these matches in the stadiums was 419,442.
Banner and Promotional Material

Along with the club logo, the #Morethanfootball landscape logo can also be used for banners as per the examples from previous years below:

S.B.V. Excelsior & Feyenoord Rotterdam
The Netherlands, Rotterdam

Apollon Limassol v Omonoia Nicosia
Cyprus, Limassol

Customised equipment & campaign
Custom equipment and kit can be made up using the #Morethanfootball wordmark or label as Legia Warsaw did last year.

Legia Foundation
Poland, Warsaw

In a home game v Pogon Szczecin, Legia Warsaw players wore specially made #Morethanfootball t-shirts for their warm up. They followed this up by creating a campaign on Twitter asking fans to explain why football is more than just a sport using the #Morethanfootball with the most creative answers receiving a signed version of the shirt.
Community Events
Specific community event can be held over the course of the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks like some of the examples from 2018 below.

**FC Shakhtar Donetsk**
Ukraine, Donetsk

The first team of Shakhtar Donetsk welcomed internally displaced children to one of their training sessions giving them an opportunity of a lifetime.

**GNK Dinamo Zagreb**
Croatia, Zagreb

GNK Dinamo organised a special audio descriptive stadium tour for blind and partially sighted fans, the first of its kind in Croatia, and also audio descriptive commentary during match days.

**Maccabi Tel Aviv FC Foundation**
Israel, Tel Aviv

The Maccabi Tel Aviv FC Foundation organised a football festival for more than 150 children to emphasise that football has the power to teach important life skills and the ability to provide perspectives to children. The young participants met their role models and idols from the Maccabi Tel Aviv FC first team.
Online Campaigns and events
Specific #Morethanfootball online campaigns promoting their various CSR initiatives and projects can also be created. As well as the Legia Warsaw signed shirt campaign mentioned above, some other examples include from previous years include:

**Juventus FC**
Italy, Turin

Juventus and UNESCO joining forces to promote inclusion and fight against discrimination. In the framework of the #Morethanfootball campaign, both parties launched a photo contest which encouraged football fans to use the #Morethanfootball hashtag while promoting inclusion, overcome stereotypes and tackle discrimination.

**Royal Belgian Football Association**
Belgium

During the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks the Royal Belgium Football Association (RBFA) showcased their social projects through several online platforms. Using the #Morethanfootball hashtag, the RBFA spread the word about their football based development programmes including Heroes of Football, Nobody Offside, Everybody on the Pitch and Belgian Red Flames & Plan Belgique.

**Cardiff City FC Foundation**
Wales, Cardiff

Cardiff City FC Foundation highlighted their 'Back 4' Project which aims at engaging with those who are furthest away from the job market. Through making website content available, the foundation showcased how the programme helps participants to get qualifications in self-assessment and decision making, alongside further positive outcomes such as increasing self-confidence, carrying additional job search skills, composing a CV, improving interview techniques and providing health and wellbeing workshops.
#Morethanfootball on Social Media

With 550 out of 638 online posts on social media, an estimated reach of 18 million people and 143,000 social media interactions in the 2018 #Morethanfootball Action Weeks, it’s clear that Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Google+ are cornerstones of the movement. Therefore, participating organisations are encouraged to showcase their events and content on social media, using the hashtags #Morethanfootball and #Passiton to call attention to the magnitude of work the football community delivers across Europe.

It’s not only participating football organisations who have embraced the #Morethanfootball hashtag in previous years, with it being used by fan-accounts, amateur clubs, CSR project initiatives, general football fans and many other organisations active in the field of football.
teamplaynac. Vandaag zijn er 13 leerlingen die samen met @hallokatoen hun handtekeningen onder een certificaat zetten. In een volei-persimantisaties laden ze hun @blijsfeestel geëist op! Goed gedacht en gekriticiërd! #playingsuccess #meerdaansvoetbal #morethantfootball

clubbrugge Wist je dat... Het Jan Breydelstadion 75 plaatsen heeft voor rolstoelvoetbal. Dat is de grootste capaciteit van de KU Leuven. #heelleuvenen #volontaire #deportesinactivitat. Wanneer deze foto genomen was.ijn papa vond het super dat hij vanuit zijn rolstoel kon mengen met vleugel van zijn favoriete ploeg! #keuringencolymbst.

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manuela_ruffolo @femminile #iris #rugby #napoli

#morethantfootball
# Morethanfootball Action Weeks on Facebook

- **5FK 2000 Sarajevo**
  - March 20 at 10:46pm
  - If you love it, play it!
  - We support the #morethanfootball Action Weeks 'cause football is our game too! 😍
  - 213 Likes, 1 Comment, 10 Shares, 2.7K Views

- **Bayern 04 Leverkusen**
  - March 29 at 9:50pm
  - We’ve joined other clubs in a week of social action for #MoreThanFootball.
  - Full story 👉
  - #MorethanFootball-Week of action 2018

- **UEFA**
  - April 2 at 10:47am
  - Every child is unique 💖
  - Every child has the right to play 😎
  - Follow UEFA Foundation for Children 🙏
  - #EqualGame
  - #MatchForSolidarity
  - #Morethanfootball

- **Morethanfootball**
  - March 28 at 11:00
  - Shared Athletic Club’s video.
  - Published by Susan Garthwaite (©) - 28 March at 14:28
  - Like over 80 other football clubs around Europe, Athletic Club is celebrating the 2018 #Morethanfootball Action Weeks by putting the spotlight on the club’s foundation and its community projects.
  - Today, Athletic Club takes a look at Athletic Genuine, the special team that represents Athletic Club in LeLiga Genuine, an 18-team league for people with intellectual disabilities. Great video! 🎥
  - 5,610 Views

- **Athletic Club**
  - 28 March at 11:00
  - Athletic Genuine #morethanfootball
# Morethanfootball Action Weeks on Twitter
Traditional Media

Magazines, flyers and Poster

Publishing magazines, flyers and posters and distributing at home matches of the first team can be an effective way to raise awareness the club’s community activities.
Newspapers / News Websites

Newspapers, news websites and blogs have the potential to reach a huge audience. The Acton Weeks give a strong justification to create specific content such as articles and interviews about activities and initiatives being conducted by organisations in the campaign and throughout the year.

Evaluation & Dissemination

At the end of the #Morethanfootball Action Weeks an Impact Report will be released presenting information on the reach of the campaign and thus the participating organisations which will be measured through a range of analysis tools. The report will be published on the #Morethanfootball website as well as through the respective social media channels. All participating organisations will also be provided with a copy of the report directly.
CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

#Morethanfootball Agenda 2019

The campaign activities can be organised on any relevant or suitable time for the participants, e.g. Match day events can be organised on any match day participating clubs have from the 19th March 2019 to 9th April 2019. Specific themes have been chosen for certain days throughout the period as below. These are not mandatory but participants are encouraged to contribute to each day wherever they can.

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