

FC ST. PAULI: The Neighbourhood Kickers



1) Discussion

- a) Who are your favourite German clubs?
 - b) What clubs have a strong connection with the community in your country?
 - c) How can football clubs help people?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To Stand up against (phrasal verb) | a) To make someone or something feel less important or not included in a group. |
| 2) To Cheer on (phrasal verb) | b) Giving a lot of time and effort to something because you really care about it. |
| 3) Dedication (noun) | c) To speak up for or support a particular cause or idea. |
| 4) To Marginalise (verb) | d) To say no to things that are not fair. |
| 5) Sustainability (noun) | e) To support and encourage someone or something. |
| 6) To Advocate (verb) | f) Taking care of the environment and making sure we don't use up all our resources. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Stand up against

Cheer on

Dedication

To Marginalise

Sustainability

To Advocate

- 1) Ada Hegerberg continues to _____ for equal pay and recognition for women's football.
- 2) Fans of Liverpool FC often _____ their team, singing and chanting loudly during matches.
- 3) Players from smaller clubs sometimes feel _____ by the media, who focus more on big-name teams.
- 4) Sam Kerr is known for her _____ to gender equality in football.
- 5) Marcus Rashford has been praised for his efforts to _____ against child hunger in the UK.
- 6) The Brazilian national team aims to promote _____ by using eco-friendly practices in their training facilities.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) What is special about FC St. Pauli?

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FC St. Pauli is a special football club in Germany. It's in a lively place called St. Pauli in Hamburg. The club is not just about playing football; it's also about its rich history and caring for its community.

The club started in 1910 and has always stood up against what most people think is normal. It's like a rebel! They believe in fairness for everyone, no matter who you are. Their fans, called the "Brown-Whites," are famous for being loud and for wanting positive social changes. They all come together in the Millerntor-Stadion to cheer on their team and share their love for football and their community.

One of the most remarkable things about FC St. Pauli is their dedication to helping others. They don't just play football; they also work hard to make a difference in their community. From organising events to raise money for local charities to partnering with organisations that support marginalised groups, St. Pauli is always looking for ways to give back. They're also leaders in promoting social causes like environmental sustainability and LGBTQ+ rights, advocating for positive change. Through their social work, St. Pauli shows that football can be a powerful tool for making the world a better place.

Even though St. Pauli haven't won as many trophies as some big teams, they still feel successful. They're proud of how they bring people together and make the world a better place. They've also had some great moments in football history, like when they got promoted to the top league in 2009 - 2010.

As they look to the future, St. Pauli wants to keep being a team that cares. They'll keep playing football and supporting their community, showing that football can be about more than just winning games.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think of Hamburg St Pauli?
- b) Would you like to visit the Millerntor-Stadion and watch a game?
- c) Can you think of any teams that have strong social causes?

