

COUNCILLOR SEAN WHARTON

HERITAGE

Born in Newport, Sean's family roots trace to St Christopher (St Kitts) in the Caribbean.

Music, faith, pride and community shaped life at home, while Wales shaped the boy outside it.

From early on he understood identity could hold both Welsh and Caribbean. As he puts it: "It's in my DNA."

WALES MEANS...

PRIDE PASSION FEROCITY

Sean proudly calls himself a Newport boy and carries deep pride in Wales.

That pride became real at fourteen, when he represented Wales Schoolboys, becoming the first Black player to do so.

“BEING DIFFERENT COULD
ACTUALLY
BE A SUPERPOWER. ”



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Sean went on to play professional football with Sunderland, experiences that shaped his resilience and leadership.

Today he works to influence change as a councillor and as Chair of the Football Association of Wales Equality, Diversity and Integrity Board.

Through education and anti-racism work with police, schools and communities, he continues to challenge inequality across Wales.

STRENGTHS & JOY

Family is Sean's greatest joy; children, grandchildren and the legacy they build together.

“EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IS KEY.
YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO
FIGHT PHYSICALLY;
YOU CAN FIGHT VERBALLY. ”