

EVERTON SMITH

HERITAGE

Born at St Woolos Hospital in Newport in 1962, Everton is Welsh with both parents from Jamaica.

Named after cricketer Everton Weeks and sharing Bob Marley's birthday, he grew up surrounded by Jamaican resilience, ambition and belief in your worth.

Living in Birmingham for nearly a decade broadened his outlook before returning to Wales.

WALES MEANS...

HAPPY HOME OPPORTUNITY

Representing Wales in karate at the European Championships in Austria made Everton proud to be "Welsh-Jamaican."

Travelling through martial arts from Europe to Argentina, strengthened that pride.

He says Wales has opened more doors than it closed.



MARTIAL ARTS

CONTRIBUTION

Everton represented Wales internationally in karate, winning European individual and team gold medals and a world team medal.

Today his focus is young people, bringing martial arts into schools to teach character education, life skills and leadership, "not kicking and punching, the other side."

STRENGTHS & JOY

Everton says his greatest strength is caring about people, and his dream superpower would be reading minds to understand them better.

“THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS LOSING – YOU EITHER WIN OR YOU LEARN.

I AM GRATEFUL BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WALES HAS ALLOWED ME. ”