



London Safer Together Through Sport II 'Sport 4 Good Mentoring' Programme for Employability

THE PROGRAMME

This programme was part of the GLA funded 'London Safer Together Through Sport' initiative. StreetGames partnered up with Performance Plus Sport to give 4 young people the opportunity to receive professional 'performance mentoring' for a year so they're able to build their employability and career ready skills in order to realise their potential in their chosen field.

As part of this initial pilot; StreetGames partners recommend young people that they believe deserve the additional mentoring and guidance along their chosen pathways towards personal development and employment and towards a healthier, safer, and more successful future. For example, our LTOs (Locally Trusted Organisations) will refer 2 young people 'on their books' who first engaged in Doorstep Sport sessions as participants, but have now started to 'give back' to these sessions as informal leaders or volunteers. These young people hope to emulate the coaches and youth workers (positive role models) who lead these sessions – but there may be many barriers that prevent this from being possible.

We want this 'Sport 4 Good Mentoring' programme to remove these barriers that would normally prevent these individuals from career progression, such as a lack of qualifications, a lack of a positive mind-set and aspirational thinking that needs to be nurtured to develop.

THE PARTICIPANTS & SUPPORT RECEIVED

We supported 4 young people from 3 different StreetGames LTOs. Each of these young people received a PPS 'Individual Support Programme' which consisted of mentoring and funding to be used on agreed areas to help them progress their career path.

Programmes started: October 2020

Programmes ended: August 2021

LTO 1: ARCA Generation

Based in: Tottenham (N17 9UN)

Deprivation data: 37th most deprived local authority in England (bottom 12%)

a) Participant 1.a

Age: 24, ethnicity: Black, lives: E13 0LS (bottom 32% most deprived area in Eng)

Support provided:

- Individual mentorship and 1 x group mentorship workshop
- Interview skills training
- Funding for L2 AAT foundation certificate in bookkeeping

LTO 2: Wapping Youth FC

Based in: Tower Hamlets (E1W 2QD)

Deprivation data: 27th most deprived local authority in England (bottom 9%)

a) Participant 2.a

Age: 19, ethnicity: Asian, lives: E1 0QB (bottom 19% most deprived area in England)

Support provided:

- Individual mentorship and 1 x group mentorship workshop





- FA level 1 qualification
- b) Participant 2.b
Age: 20, ethnicity: Asian, lives: SE6 3DX (bottom 22% most deprived area in Eng)
Support provided:
 - Individual mentorship and 1 x group mentorship workshop
 - FA level 1 qualification

LTO 3: Trapped in Zone One

Based in: Tower Hamlets (E1 5LJ)

Deprivation data: 27th most deprived local authority in England (bottom 9%)

- a) Participant 3.a
Age: 20, ethnicity: Asian, lives: E1 4SS (bottom 17% most deprived area in England)
Support provided:
 - Individual mentorship and 1 x group mentorship workshop
 - First aid course
 - Safeguarding training
 - FA Playmaker course, FA level 1 qualification

OUTCOMES

1. Enhanced feeling of support throughout the course of the programme
2. Increase in important career readiness skills
3. Courses and qualifications achieved: 6
4. Touch points:
Mentor meetings: 26, group mentor workshops: 1
5. **The participants are all in a better position to gain employment**

FINANCES

Courses:	£1,164
Mentor fees:	£1,475
Volunteer expenses:	£576
Paid work experience:	£410
TOTAL:	£3,625

“Throughout this project we have been able to provide targeted and focused support for 4 deserving young people. The support they received through the mentorship, the skills they gained and courses/qualifications achieved wouldn’t have happened without this funding”

- James Feaver, PPS Director

(Participant feedback):

“The funding is helping me to add a qualification and experience to my CV which will put me in a better position to get a graduate job”.

“My main success this year is the improvement of my mental strength and personal growth. This will help and prepare me for the challenges that will arrive when pursuing my future goals”.

