

C.A.F.E NEWSLETTER

2007

DAMILOLA TAYLOR TRUST

In November at the invitation of the Damilola Taylor Trust. Staff, Volunteers and Young People along with one of the projects Street Games For All pitches travelled south and right into the heart of London for a special event commemorating Damilola's life attended by young people from Peckham, the estate where he was knifed. The event featured presentations by convicted armed robbers and drug dealers warning young people against carrying knives and guns.

As part of the event the C.A.F.E. Project set up its pitch in a small square in Southwark. Over 100 young people – some of them from very troubled

backgrounds and members of local gangs – set about having some fun. They readily agreed the Fair Play Rules which include no violence, no bad language, agreeing if there's a penalty or not, shaking hands at the end of each game and deciding together which side gets an extra point for sticking to the rules they have agreed and another one for Fair Play.

Damilola Taylor's father Richard joined the session with real enthusiasm. He explained that Damilola had loved football. He added that he thought the idea of Street Games For All should be spread across all the burghs of London to help keep young people out of trouble.

The Damilola Taylor Trust has just launched an anti-knives campaign under the banner "Respect Your Life Not A Knife" in England and Wales. The C.A.F.E. Project has taken on the responsibility of spreading it throughout Scotland. Posters, brochures and a letter from Richard Taylor will be sent to every primary and secondary school in Scotland.



Keith Rennie and Sheriff Norrie Stein meet Richard Taylor, father of Damilola Taylor



Opening Times

- Monday 6.00-9.45
- Tuesday 6.00-9.45
- Wednesday 6.00-9.45
- Thursday 6.00-9.45
- Friday 6.00-9.45
- Sunday 6.00-9.45

C.A.F.E VISITS DUNDEE ICE ARENA

Ten youngsters and two leaders from the project had a great evening at the Dundee ice arena. Trips are organised once a month to places chosen by the young people. The C.A.F.E feels that it is important to give the youngsters who use the project the

opportunity to take part and help organise trips. The next trip chosen by the young people is an evening at Megabowl in Dundee where they will enjoy a game of bowling and an hour in Zap Zone.



- Tea Time Club every Monday and Friday 3.30-5.30

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above evenings then please call the C.A.F.E on 01241 875200

STREET GAMES FOR ALL

YOUTH EXCHANGE

In January four local youngsters (Jamie Sievwright, Rikki Barnes, Robert Clarke, Paul Radunski) and five members of staff travelled to Germany to take part in a Street Football Tournament. The trip was the return leg of a Youth Exchange between The C.A.F.E Project and Brandenburg Sportsjugend. During December former C.A.F.E Project EVS student Andrei Schmidt lead a party of 6 girls from Poland and Germany to visit Scotland. The exchange lasted four days with the group visiting Arbroath, Dundee, Edinburgh as well as attending our Street Games sessions. While in Germany the group visit

visited The Olympic Stadium, The Brandenburg Gate, Potsdam and two local Youth Clubs in the area.

The tournament was held indoors on the last night of the exchange. 24 teams competed with the C.A.F.E Project eventually finishing a very well deserved 2nd place. The youngsters did very well against older opposition and were a credit to themselves and their families.

Well Done



Back Row, Ulrika Fasbender, Hamish Fairweather, Gavin Beith, Angus Copeland, Fouez Seffoud, Front Row, Rikki Barnes, Paul Radunski, Jamie Sievwright,, Robert Clarke.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY
MAYFIELD SHOPS, ARBROATH
6PM-8PM
BLOOMFIELD, ARBROATH
6PM-8PM

TUESDAY
LOCHSIDE PS, MONTROSE
6PM-8PM

WEDNESDAY
GALLOWSHADE, FORFAR
6PM-8PM

THURSDAY
ANDOVER PS, BRECHIN
6PM-8PM
EMISLAW DRIVE, ARBROATH
7PM-9PM

FRIDAY
CARNOUSTIE SPORTS CENTRE
7.30PM-9.30PM
SEAVIEW PS, MONIFIETH
7.30PM-9.30PM

SCHOOL VISITS

A week long pilot was held four local Primary Schools. Street Games visited Timmergreens PS, Inverbrothock PS, Ladyloan PS and Muirfield PS. Kids from P5-P7 were given the chance to take part in Football, Basketball and SAQ (Speed, Agility, Quickness) sessions. Due to the popularity Street Games For All hope to target other areas of Angus in the near future. A special thanks goes out to Sean Christie (Active School Co-ordinator) who assisted in the organisation of the events.

Opposite some of the youngsters in action at Timmergreens Primary School

FLOODLIGHTS

Street Games For All recently purchased a set of Floodlights and a Generator. This has enabled us to continue to operate in poorly lit areas throughout the dark nights.

NEW VENUES

Street Games For All are happy to announce four new venues to the weekly timetable.

Bloomfield, Emislaw Drive, Andover Primary School and Carnoustie Sports Centre will now be taking place every week. Details of event times are detailed below

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Plans are underway to hold a Street Games Tournament in the Summer. We hope to invite teams from around Britain and Germany to take part in the event. Regional tournaments will be held in Angus before the main event takes place.

The C.A.F.E Project hosted a similar event in 2004 at Arbroath Academy. In which teams from Poland, Germany and Scotland competed.

Details of the forthcoming Tournament will be released in the next newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS

Street Games For All rely heavily on volunteers. There are many different aspects to volunteering. For more information contact Lee or Gavin 01241 875200.

