

Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation

Project Name: Stepping Stones Programme

Grant Amount: £30,000.00

Project Theme:

Theme 1 - Children,
Young People and
Families

Type of Organisation:

Registered Charity

Area Based:

Poplar

No. of paid Staff:

No. of Volunteers:

Area of Benefit:

Boroughwide

Organisation's Aims & Objectives

To provide assistance, support, services, coaching and facilities for recreation, sport or other leisure occupations primarily but not exclusively for the benefit of the community of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, the city of London and any other surrounding areas or such areas as from time to time may replace or partially replace the area currently contained within such in the interests of social welfare and to provide special facilities and services to persons who have a need of such by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances with the object of improving the conditions of life.

Advancing education, health, social cohesion and community safety through the promotion of physical development, primarily (but not exclusively) of children, young people and students.

Project Details

The Stepping Stones programme is a borough-wide scheme where young people can take their first steps into community sports participation as both participants and leaders.

Outcomes

- 1) To Increase in the levels of physical activity being undertaken by young people in Tower Hamlets as participation levels increase
- 2) Aim to boost user's employability prospects and their ability to progress to Higher and Further Education.
- 3) Increase participation numbers of primary school-aged children in community sport activities. This will translate into a higher level of progression from school sport to community sport, which will also be developed into transitions to club sport via established club links. Participants will be exposed to a wider range of sports and opportunities.
- 4) Engagement with young people will deter marginalisation/radicalisation, anti-social behaviour and will increase social cohesion and encourage diversity as young people develop support networks beyond family and school social groups.

Quarter Performance – July – September 2017

Progress

A minimum of 8 sessions were delivered at each club over the course of the term with some Mini Clubs delivering up to 10 sessions. With sessions taking place all across the borough at Burdett Estate Ball Court , Marner Primary School, Hague Primary School ,St Luke's Primary School, Archibald Park Ball Court, Poplar Baths, Blue Gate Fields Primary School and St Saviours Primary School.

15 young people were identified as talented Ruby Players and as such were referred to Millwall Rugby Club. 10 Children were also referred to Tower Hamlets Judo Club. All 20 of the new participants attended more than 80% of sessions during the period showing how popular the programme is with pupils and parents. 17 new PETAs completed CSLA level 2 course during the school holidays with over half of them being female.

The programme has continued to get positive feedback from both parents and schools. It gives children opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports no matter their ability. Bringing young people together from different schools, estates or localities whether they are participants or PETAs increases social cohesion and enables those young people to develop friendships with others that they would not otherwise have met or mixed with.

Outputs

Output	Forecast	Actual
Number of users accessing services	20	200
Number of users accessing services for the first time	0	20
Number of residents referred to other organisations	25	25
Number of sessions to be delivered	7	7
Users to achieve over 80% of attendance (target/total)	14	

Grant Officer's Comment

This project continues to demonstrate satisfactory performance ratings against outputs and outcomes in the offer letter. Due to the level of award this project requires bi-annual monitoring visits. The last monitoring visit, 28 September 2017, evidenced achievements and confirmed ongoing conditions continue to be met.

Premises agreements do not have all the required information so the Oct-Dec 17 advance payment withheld in line with the Corporate Director Resources delegated decision.

Recommendation

That in acknowledgment that booking forms have been submitted for the Hub Club Programme and Stepping Stones Programme, payment be released subject to satisfactory performance. That payment continues to be suspended for the Active Families project until premises and performance related issues are resolved.