## **UNITED** Communities

Football in the Community (a project of Osmani Trust) kicked off the summer holiday with the fourth Annual Tower Hamlets Community Cup 2009 (THCC) at the Mile End Leisure Centre. Over 60 teams from across London and beyond took part in the tournament this year, which was kindly sponsored by Canary Wharf PLC, who are also supporting other summer projects of the Osmani Trust.

The Tower Hamlets Community Cup runs alongside the Tower Hamlets Community Fair every year and aims to build better community relations and understanding between the various ethnic groups living in the borough and beyond as well as to develop partnerships and raise awareness of local organisations and businesses. The THCC has built itself a huge reputation over the four years attracting teams from right across the UK.. Over six hundred young people enjoyed a day of fine football and family entertainment in the lovely sunshine.

Abdal Ahmed, Footbal Development Manager at Osmani Trust, said:

"The THCC started off as being a small tournament for the residents of the borough back in 2005, it is now a household name for many teams across the UK. I feel it is a great opportunity for us to show that Tower Hamlets is a multi-cultural borough and a great place to live and work. Osmani Trust is at the forefront in delivering community cohesion projects in Tower Hamlets"

Ashik Maih, manager of Shadwell BBK said that

"The Tournaments was extremely well organised compared to others we have played in the past, there was also a great friendly atmosphere throughout the whole day which was good to see with so many young people from all over London"

Lead Councillor for Culture and Leisure Rofique Ahmed was at hand to present the awards to the winners and runners up.

The overall winners and runners up of the Tower Hamlets Community Cup 2009 were as follows:

Winners Under 11: Senrab FC Under 13: Soul FC Under 14: Shadwell BBK Under 16: Streatham

Runners - Up Under 11: Vallance FC Under 13: Ealing Under 14: OSCA FC Under 16: London Athletics

If you would like more information on the Tower Hamlets Community Cup or any other services offered by Osmani Trust, please call Abdal Ahmed on 020 7247 8080 or via <u>Abdal.Ahmed@osmanitrust.org</u>

