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Healthy Futures Badminton Tournament makes a smashing launch!

The Healthy Futures Project, a project of Osmani Trust, launched their Annual Badminton Competition (doubles) on 4th & 5th July in Bethnal Green Technology College. The U13's and U19's took place on Saturday, with the Open Age Tournament taking place on Sunday. Over 180 young and old people alike were engaged in a sport that is ever increasing in its popularity, especially amongst young people.

The Healthy Futures project runs the Osmani Trust Badminton Club, and the tournament was arranged by the club for non-league players only to encourage the community to participate in and get more involved in the game. The U13's tournament had over 25 entries, the U19's over 10, with the Open Age Tournament attracting 24 teams! This is fantastic achievement for a doubles tournament launched in its first year, and the Project aims to improve on it next year with bigger and better awards, as well as encouraging more participants through greater Partnership work, especially with schools.

Muhammad Didar, Healthy Futures Project Manager, said: 'it was a great family atmosphere in the tournament, with parents and siblings and other family members coming to watch the young people compete in a tournament that was competitive and enjoyable at the same time. The Open Age tournament has the potential to be one the best in Tower Hamlets, and we can't wait to do it again next year!'

Healthy Futures currently runs children's badminton sessions on Saturdays, 12 – 2, in the Osmani Youth Centre. The girls only badminton session runs in Central Foundation Sports Centre on Mondays, 12 – 2. For further information on other badminton sessions or events, contact Muhammad Didar on 020 7247 8080.

We would like to say a massive thank-you to all the schools that encouraged children to participate, Ronald Ridge, Tower Hamlets Badminton Development Officer, and all the volunteers, especially Aminur Rahman and Shoib Ahmed, for working tirelessly to make the tournament a success.

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