Communities United



After the huge success of the last two years Osmani Trust in partnership with Brick Lane Youth Development Association (BLYDA) welcomed the third annual Tower Hamlets Community Cup last weekend. Once again the tournament attracted over fifty teams from across the UK, from under 11 to under 16 years old.

The event saw more than five hundred and fifty young people enjoy a day of football and great social fun. The event was aimed at building better community relations and understanding between the various ethnic groups living in the borough and to develop partnerships and raise awareness of local organisations and businesses. The tournament this year was kindly sponsored by Canary Wharf, Tobacco Control and Options Team.

Abdal Ahmed, who organised the event said:

"It was so pleasing to see that the tournament every year attracts so many teams from many different backgrounds across the UK. This is credit to the staff and volunteers at Osmani Trust who work around the clock to ensure the smooth running of the event. The Tower Hamlets Community Cup is now a brand name and I hope we can continue to progress and develop in years to come".

Joe Ahmed, manager of All Stars S.L from South London said:

"I would like to thank the team for working so hard on the day. It was the best run and managed tournament any of our youth teams have played in. It was very impressive"

The mayor of Tower Hamlets Cill Mohammed Abdus Salique was present to hand out the trophies to the winners and runner-up. He said

"It is such a pleasure to see so many young people in one place enjoying themselves, you should be proud of your achievements and that each and every participant is a winner here today"

The overall winners and runners up of the Tower Hamlets Community Cup 2008 were as follows:

Winners Runners - Up

Under 11: Victoria Park United, London Shadwell YO, London

Under 13: Globe Town, London MUL, London

Under 14: Clichy, London Shoreditch FC, London

Under 16: Future Legends, Coventry Fitzrovia, London

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 Abdal.Ahmed@osmanitrust.org