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Unite & Uplift Together CIC Brings Young People Together Through National Lottery-Funded Community Project

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Unite & Uplift Together CIC, under the supervision of UK Global Youth & Community Ambassador Mohammed Zafran BEM, has successfully delivered a community project titled “Bringing Young People Together”, funded by National Lottery funding.



The initiative was developed to support young people aged 16-18 who were at risk of becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. Working in strategic partnership with the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and local schools, including Waverley and Small Heath, the project supported 50 local referrals through mentoring, employability training and positive recreational activities.

Young people were provided with access to a safe, welcoming environment where they could participate in activities including boxercise, yoga, snooker, pool and darts, while also developing important life and employment skills.

A key element of the project was its mentoring and employability programme. Young people were supported to develop their CVs, improve job interview skills, build confidence and explore positive pathways towards employment and further opportunities.

The project also provided an important opportunity to break down barriers between young people and different communities, encouraging positive relationships, mutual understanding and constructive use of their time.

One of the most encouraging outcomes was that more young people attended the sessions than had originally been referred, demonstrating the strong demand for positive youth provision within the local community.

The organisation also welcomed young people who were considered to be on the borderline of becoming involved in criminal activity, while parents attended in significant numbers to express their appreciation for the work being delivered at the centre.

The project was delivered at a time when concerns around youth crime and anti-social behaviour remain significant within communities such as Bordesley Green and Small Heath.

Speaking about the project, Unite & Uplift Together CIC highlighted the importance of sustained investment in preventative youth work.

“Projects like Bringing Young People Together demonstrate what can be achieved when young people are given the right environment, positive role models and opportunities to succeed. We are extremely grateful to the National Lottery for supporting this project. Funding streams like this make vital community outreach possible, and we hope to continue building a long-term relationship so that our work can go from strength to strength.”

The organisation believes that continued investment in community-led youth initiatives is essential to preventing young people from becoming involved in crime, improving employment prospects and creating safer, stronger communities.

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