



TRANSFORMING LIVES

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"Hi there.

I can't believe it is summer! This is an exciting time as we prepare for new Kick Academy training days with new churches, a ton of sports days with our schools and our biggest event of the year - our Annual Tournament. We are really looking forward to this year with a dance performance scheduled, a Gospel presentation and a full realm of teams in play. Please pray for this event and the young people in attendance.

By God's grace our schools provision continues to expand with a number of new schools added, taking our engagement with young people to 8,001 young people each week. None of this would be possible without our fantastic staff team and Kick Academy volunteers who work so hard for the benefit of these children. We celebrate their effort today."

Joe Lowther - CEO for Kick London



Kick London Fundraiser Quiz

We had a great time last month at the Kick London Fundraiser Quiz as we gathered to celebrate and support the work of Kick London. Over 120 people took part in the Fundraiser Quiz, whilst the evening also consisted of Kick Awards, a showcase Street Dance performance and a silent Charity Auction.

We were delighted to present three Kick Awards which included the 'Kick London Partner Award', the Kick London Leadership Award, and the 'Kick London Young Person Award. It was a privilege to

celebrate our partnership with Sports Chaplaincy UK, to commend one of our long-standing Kick Academies; Merland Rise and to celebrate one of our young people who regularly attends the St Paul's Crofton Kick Academy. We should also give a special mention to our winning quiz team; Merland Rise Kick Academy.

The evening raised a total of £2,242 through ticket sales and auction items. These funds will play a role in enabling us to further our mission of transforming young people's lives with God's love through sport and support.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fundraiser event, we are so grateful.



Spring Harvest

We had another great year at Spring Harvest 2018. Our coaches had a wonderful time leading sports activities for the young people including tag rugby for the first time. We were able to run tournaments in football, netball, basketball and snooker for both the young people and adults attending the event. Each day our coaches shared a "thought for the day" which was our way of sharing the gospel through sport in a relevant and engaging way with the young people.

We were privileged to send three of our dancers this year who played a huge part in the creative team. They were on stage each morning for "The Big Start" bringing energy and engaging with the young people with the aim to bring the church to life and get the young people moving.

One of our coaches Alastair Park, had this to say about his experience of Spring Harvest this year;

"I loved every minute of Spring Harvest. It was a fantastic time to bond with other coaches, learn from each other, and have a great time of fellowship. We were able to meet hundreds of young people and share the gospel with them through a way they can connect with. I was glad to be part of such a God driven team".



Schools for Kick London

We are pleased that over the last half term our schools provision has increased by 4 new schools.

We are now delivering in the following schools:

- St Mary's Primary School, Islington
- Hope Community School, Sidcup
- Christ Church Primary, Camden
- St Mary and St Pancras Primary School, Camden
- Monken Hadley Primary School, Barnet

We view every new child we engage with as a privilege and are so pleased we are able to share our values-based provision with these young people within these new schools each week. As a result of our work in the schools above we are pleased to now have a presence in the London boroughs of Barnet and Camden.



We are now engaging with 55 schools each week. Praise God.

Kick Academy Training Day

We had a great day in March at our Kick Academy Training Day which took place in East London. We gathered four churches from across London to train them in sports ministry with the potential of setting up a Kick Academy in their local area.

We also had the opportunity to see the local Kick Academy in Forest Gate deliver their sessions and biblical message to their young people. The Kick Academy here has been running for many years with a team of committed volunteers and is making a difference within the community every Saturday morning. Whilst at the Kick Academy we had the chance to speak with a parent of one of the young people who regularly attends which had this to say, *"the Kick Academy is inclusive of all of those from different backgrounds and abilities. My son has been attending for years and we travel from the other side of town as he enjoys it so much"*

A huge well done and thank you to all of those involved in the Forest Gate Kick Academy.

Please do keep the four churches in your prayers as they consider the feasibility and practicalities of launching.

If you are interested in the prospect of launching a Kick Academy in your local area the upcoming training days are as follows:

- 23rd June - Christ Central Church, Penge
- 24th November - Location TBC



Kick London Tournament 2018



On the 7th July 2018 we will be hosting our annual football tournament. The tournament is always a great day for our Kick Academies across London to gather together for a time of competitive football centred around fun, encouragement and unity. We will also have a speaker who will share the gospel with the young people which we are most looking forward to. If you are interested in entering a team in the tournament, please do contact footballtournament@kicklondon.org.uk

Podcast with Youthscape

Earlier this month Joe Lowther, our CEO met with Youthscape to look at the significant growth of Kick London over the past three years through strategic approaches. Joe and Rachel, our senior dance coach share a great insight into how Kick London look to engage young people through dance and sport through our Kick Academies and schools work.

Please do have a listen using the following link: <https://youthscape.co.uk/podcast>



New Staff

We are delighted to once again welcome 6 new staff into the Kick London family who have joined over the last couple of months. The staff below range from delivering full time in schools to delivering just after school clubs but all will play an important role in the lives of the young people they work with. Welcome to the following staff:

- Akram Waren - Dance Coach
- Jonathan Tyrell - Sports Coach
- Matthias Louis - Sports Coach
- Claudia Aimer - Mentor and Sports Coach
- Louise Corless - Dance Coach
- Stephen Brown - Excellence and Innovation Manager

General Data Protection Regulation

New Data Protection Legislation will take effect on 25th May 2018 and will impact how Kick London process your data. The new law requires all supporters to express consent as to how they would like to be contacted and what they would like to be contacted about.

Earlier this month Kick London sent an email to all supporters requesting consent. **Want to stay in touch?** We would love to continue updating you of our latest events and progress and therefore if you would like to continue receiving the Kick London E-News and have not yet responded to the email previously sent, please do take a moment to complete the Data Protection Form using the link below. This form will take no longer than 60 seconds to complete.

<https://goo.gl/forms/yM07CIX2J8E009xd2>

Thank you for your patience and your cooperation. We are committed to show compliance under the new data protection law and therefore if we do not hear from you by 25th May we will have to take you off of our list of subscribers.

If you require any further information, support on completing the form or would like to read our Privacy Notice then please do contact office@kicklondon.org.uk

Join our Team

Internships

With our schools and church-based work expanding we are excited to be able to recruit an intern(s) for September 2018. During the one-year programme we will encourage, develop and challenge our interns and provide opportunities for progression. If you are passionate about God, young people and sport/dance and you would like to serve Kick London, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

To find out more about our internship please contact office@kicklondon.org.uk.



Sports and Dance Coaches

We are recruiting both Sports and Dance coaches for the new academic year. If you would be interested in joining the team in this capacity please do get in touch as soon as possible.

For more information and for a copy of the job descriptions for these roles, please contact office@kicklondon.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your support

Our work with young people would not be possible without the support of people like you who share our vision. Thank you.



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