



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW PREMIER LEAGUE 4 SPORT PROJECT

Judo badminton, table tennis and volleyball to be offered to thousands of young people across North London

Enfield Judo Club Coach George Hyslop and members of the club helped at the Official launch by offering short tasters sessions to local youngsters. The Clubs Siobhan O'Neil gave a spectacular demonstration of her judo skills with Joe Wathan - which raised the awareness of the sport with the youngsters and showed that girls take part on a level playing field. Enfield JC is the Hub club for the judo activity – they are coaching in 4 schools as part of the project – who will then feed into the main club.

The club were also awarded Clubmark at the closing of the day by Karen French British judo development Manager. They have been working to achieve the award since the beginning of the year and have been driving up participation and support from the clubs members as part of the process. Karen mentioned the award was for the whole club, as they had been pulling together to achieve a development plan for the club to make it a friendly safe environment at beginner to National Champion level and to take it forward as a model of good practice. She thanked Angela Hill for her work in creating the portfolio and being the driving force along with the Clubs Coaches and volunteers.

Tottenham Hotspur Foundation has become the latest Premier League football club to offer young people the chance to get involved in Olympic sports.

The initiative will support the Government's ambition to offer young people five hours of sport a week, as part of its 2012 legacy plans. It will also address the drop-off in sports participation when young people leave secondary school.

Premier League 4 Sport will build on the success of the Premier League's current community programme and aims to get children from all backgrounds involved in non-traditional, club-based sport.

Tottenham Hotspur Foundation delivered the local Premier League 4Sport Launch at Turin Grove School, Enfield on Wednesday 21st October 2009. Over fifty young people from a variety of schools, including a number of young people already involved in the new satellite clubs came down to take part in the launch. The opening involved a speech by Grant Cornwell, Chief Executive of the Foundation as well as a demonstration and talk by Billy Wingrove; the UK's number one Freestyle Footballer. The young people then had the opportunity to take part in taster sessions and demonstrations from elite players in the different sports. Tottenham Hotspur First Team player, Geovanni Dos Santos attended the launch and provided a great opportunity for the young people to participate in the taster

sessions with him. Local, regional and national partners attended the launch and it was a huge success.

Barnfield school head teacher said:

“The children were positively beaming with happiness and couldn't wait to tell the other children about their fantastic afternoon. One girl said it was the sort of thing she thought 'only happened on television' and another boy could barely talk to me, resorting instead to excited squeals, he was so out of breath with it all! It was a brilliant opportunity for them and something they will be sure to remember for a long time. I'm sure it will encourage them all to get more involved in our community clubs”.

Premier League 4Sport co-ordinator; Cathy Carr said:

“ This new programme is a really exciting opportunity to get young people involved in a range of sports and to use the brand of Tottenham Hotspur to help achieve this. The launch is just the beginning of lots of new opportunities and I look forward to developing the project and holding a celebration event next year to demonstrate the impact the project has had on young people's lives, as well as the coaches, clubs, volunteers and everyone involved in the Premier League 4Sport project”.

For more information on the Premier League 4Sport project and details of the Satellite Clubs, visit: www.tottenhamhotspur.com/foundation

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