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Nearly 500 children & young people per week!
That's how many young people Kick London Croydon is working with every week and the number is still growing!

- Our new Senior Coach joins us this month (see over)
- Rotarians sponsor coaches' track suits
- A second High School in Croydon, Archbishop Tenison's, has now partnered with KLC
- A second after-school club is due to start at New Addington this term
- Talks are ongoing with Bromley schools
- Kick London has been working with Spring Harvest this Easter
- A great Football Fun Day was held during the Easter school holidays.



Kick London has been invited to help supply coaches and volunteers to join the sports staff at Spring Harvest this year at both Minehead and Skegness for the three periods over the Easter holidays. We have been pleased to supply both our Development Officers and a number of YFC volunteers with the help of Barry Mason, YFC National Sports Manager.

We hope that all our staff enjoyed their time at Spring Harvest and that with the experience gained this year we will be able to partner Spring Harvest in future years.

Currently we are discussing with Spring Harvest Holidays the possibility of supplying a team to assist with their sports activities, particularly football, at their summer holiday camp in the Vendee, Western France



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News:

Mike Wakeham, a member of West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church and Magistrate in Bromley, has joined the Croydon Management Team. Mike's experience will be a great asset to KLC team and in particular Mike is to take responsibility for all administrative matters within KLC. As the work of Kick London grows and expands the administrative work will certainly grow, therefore keeping our house in order in preparation for a more formal arrangement in the future is of great importance.

Kick London has established a 'Teaching Resources Sub-Committee' to advise the Board on all matters relating to schools and teaching materials that Kick London may use both within and outside the school environment. The committee is comprised of the two Kick London Development Officers, two primary school Head Teachers and one retired secondary school teacher who is currently a member of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education.

Transforming Young People's lives with God's love through football



Welcome to Lewis!

This month we welcome Lewis Farquharson to the Croydon team as he joins us as our Senior Football Coach. Lewis joins us from Archbishop Lanfranc High School in Croydon where he has been working as a behavioural mentor to young people with learning difficulties as well as working with the sports department in various activities including, of course, - football!

Lewis is a member of Streatham Baptist Church, Lewin Road, where he manages the church football team.

Lewis has a wide and varied experience in working with children and young people with difficulties and the disadvantaged, particularly working with the Croydon Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the Waddon disability project. We look forward to Lewis joining us and for Kick London to develop its work amongst the disadvantaged children and young people of Croydon and beyond.

Rotary Club Sponsor Coaches' Kit

Following a talk to the Croydon East Rotary Club in January by Cliff Underhay, Director Trustee, the Club members kindly agreed to make a donation of £250 sponsorship of new track suits for the Kick London Croydon coaches. Kick London would like to thank Croydon East Rotary Club for their very kind gift.



Rotary Club President, Chris Rutter, hands the cheque to Hans, Kick London Croydon Development Officer at the Spring Park Academy.



L-R: Sam Otley (coach), Hans Sims, Chris Rutter, Thomas Parkes (YFC volunteer), Mark Jenkins (coach) & Alan Duffin (YFC)

Schools: With our new Senior Football Coach starting this term we now have some spare capacity for working with more schools. Do you have any school connection which could help introduce **Kick London** to a school you know? Maybe you are a Teacher or Teaching Assistant or Support Assistant, a member of the Governing Body or PTA committee - If you have a connection with a school and you think that a partnership with **Kick London** may be possible then give Hans a ring and we will explore your contact further.

Churches: Are you in a church that does not have a **Kick London** active involvement and would like to know more? Maybe your church could become a Partner Church or have a prayer coordinator; maybe your church could consider a local Football Academy. If you want to know how to involve your church with Kick London then please give Hans a ring.

How You can help:

- Join our database of supporters and receive our regular updates.
- Become a prayer partner. We will supply prayer letters for you to pray about KLC
- Become a volunteer coach.
- Finance - Become a member of the 100 Club or make a one-off contribution
- Promote Kick London in your workplace or community
- Can you help in any other way? e.g. equipment maintenance, etc.

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