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Over 3500 young people a week!

Yes, that's how many children and young people are being served by Kick London every week during term time through our work in schools, our breakfast, lunchtime and after school clubs, and our weekend academies.

In our newsletter in September last year we reported that we were about to break through the 1000 mark — now 12 months on with the great work of our coaches we have more than trebled this number.

Kick London is now working in partnership with over 25 schools across 5 London Boroughs. Additionally in Croydon we have now been engaged by 3 pupil referral units (PRUs) following the successful contract we had at Coningsby last year. It is fantastic that we are being recommended by heads of schools and special units directly to their colleagues. Furthermore, newly appointed head teachers coming from schools where we have previously worked are engaging us in their new school. A great testimony to the work done by all our coaches.



As part of Kick London's growth and strategy for developing our work across London we are pleased to welcome Mark Anderson to our team as the Kick London Operations & Development Manager. Mark joined us on the 18th August and is quickly getting to know the Kick London team and how to commute between Richmond and Croydon! Mark joins us having previously been a teacher of business studies in a secondary school in Frimley and before that he worked in finance at Prudential. He is married to Millie and is enjoying married life in Isleworth.

In his spare time, Mark loves skiing, travelling and eating out. He has an interest in supporting the church in developing countries and has been on several Tearfund teams to Africa and Asia. In fact he met his wife when they were both on a team in Malawi.

Mark is looking forward to being part of Kick at an exciting time in its life and playing a role in fulfilling the vision to reach 30,000 young people across the whole of London. He has a passion to see young people's lives transformed by the love of God and becoming part of a community in the local church.

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Our finances - With the rapid growth of Kick London and our increase in full and part time staff our salary costs are now in the region of £150,000 a year. This money comes from a combination of three sources - schools for our professional services, grants from trust funds and gifts. The gifts we receive come from churches and individuals and it is the gifts from individuals that gives us tremendous encouragement knowing that we have the support of so many people. However, we are now entering a stage where some of our trust income is coming to the end of its term and we are now seeking new and extra funding from major funding organisations and trusts to continue our expanding programme of work. However, we would also ask you to carefully consider if you are able to help in this way by making a gift to Kick London or increasing your giving by getting in touch with the Kick London treasurer, James Lowther at jameslowther@kicklondon.org.uk, tel. no. 020 8332 9023 or putting us in touch with any funders or trusts you think may be able to help.

Kick London seeks to serve the young people of London in their schools, churches and community and, through the work of qualified trained coaches, seeks to transform Young People's lives with God's love through football

Holiday Clubs and Academies



Over the summer holidays Kick London has been active in running holiday clubs in Croydon, Richmond, Ealing and in conjunction with Holy Trinity Church, Swiss Cottage.

Our Development Officer, Hans, has been in the Vendee, Western France running a football academy for 4 weeks as part of Spring Harvest Holidays. Many of the lads who came last year were pleased to see Hans return and Kick London lead the football soccer school.



During August we held a fun day tournament at the Spring Park Academy when 8 teams of under 12's enjoyed a great afternoon of football, the overall winners were our own Spring Park Academy boys which only goes to show how good our Kick London coaches are!

During this term the responsibility for running the Spring Park Academy will transfer from being organised and run directly by Kick London to West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church in order that WW&SBC can build links between the young people and their families with the church community and to enable Kick London's coaches to establish new academies.

Discussions are now taking place with the leadership and a team of volunteers at Streatham Baptist Church in order that a new Kick London Academy can be launched in Streatham in the near future. This will be our first foothold into the Borough of Lambeth, our 6th London Borough, and we hope and pray that this work will be the stepping stone into a much greater involvement in Lambeth.



The St. Mildred's Academy continues to flourish and held a successful BBQ during the summer for the coaches and volunteers.

We are pleased that Kick London is now working in 3 schools close to St. Mildred's and that with some advertising in these schools St. Mildred's Academy will significantly grow during this term.

Our oldest academy based in Richmond at Holy Trinity school has now restarted after a summer break and the Academy, in partnership with Holy Trinity Church and the school, will be looking to take in more young

people as this term gets underway.

Some of the feedback we have received this year:

"James was a very angry and insecure young man at the Pupil Referral Unit, struggling to communicate other than through fighting and other forms of aggression. Initially quiet and unresponsive in the sessions, he now leads by example, controls his emotions when confronted by others, concentrates on his game and listens to instruction. This has been really encouraging for us coaches as we feel that the Christian witness of KL is playing a large part in this change. James has now asked if he can help at the summer camps because he wants to learn more about coaching and to do something positive during the summer break." **Andrew, full time coach**

"She had a great time, really boosted her confidence" **Parent**

"The level of support, affirmation and positive encouragement is excellent" **Inspector**

"The programme that you carried out was excellent – thank you" **Teacher**



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