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Welcome

Welcome to the 6th issue of the BFA Impact newsletter. This newsletter is our way of telling everyone involved with BFA about the different projects we are delivering and the progress we are making.

We have been getting some positive feedback about the newsletter from different readers and would like to hear from others as to what you think. You can give your feedback by emailing us to bfauk@btconnect.com

Bloomberg Summer Internship Programme 2008

BFA is yet again supporting young people to get on the Bloomberg Summer Internship Programme 2008. Bloomberg is the leading global provider of financial data, news and analytics.

As with every year, BFA is encouraging local young people to take advantage of this great opportunity and apply for an internship place with this great multinational company.

So far 40 people have shown interest in the internship programme and 30 CV's have been forwarded to Bloomberg.

The next step is for Bloomberg to select people for interviews. If they pass the interview then young people will be given 10 weeks full-time work place-

Muslim Aid

At the gala annual awards ceremony, Bangladesh Football Association invited Muslim Aid to do an auction to raise money for the Cyclone Sidr victims in Bangladesh.

Together both organisations helped to raise an enormous £4,253, through auctions of football memorabilia, Islamic paintings, and also contributions from BFA and its member teams.

Volunteers Project

BFA will be delivering a very large volunteering project for young people aged 16-25 in Tower Hamlets starting in April 2008. The involved project will offer volunteering opportunities to young people in a variety of roles, i.e. football coach, web designer, event organiser, youth worker, admin worker and many other positions.

The project will be open to all young people in Tower Hamlets. It is a great opportunity for young people to pick up a variety of skills that will help them in their life and at work. There will be free training provided to young people and all costs related to volunteering will be reimbursed.

involved - the national youth volunteering programme is funding this project for 3 years and BFA aims to increase volunteering amongst young people in Tower Hamlets, especially within sports and youth organisations.

If you know any young person that might be interested in volunteering please get them to contact me on **020 7481 1222** or email me at bfauk@btconnect.com



(r-l) - BFA Project Director Kamrul Islam handing cheque for £4,253 to Rezaul Karim from Muslim Aid

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Sonali Otith's Record Breaking Bangladesh Tour

Sonali Otith (Golden Past) Club UK on their third tour of Bangladesh have made new footballing records. They played six games and won them all!

The team travelled the breadth and length of Bangladesh, playing as far as Cox Bazaar, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshai and the capital Dhaka. This time the tour took on an added significance as the matches arranged all raised money for the victims of cyclone " Sidr" which had left parts of Bangladesh devastated making millions of people homeless.

The team managed to raise one and half lakh taka (£1,500) and entertained the huge crowds attending all the matches in the process. The game at Chapai Nawab Gonj (area famous for mangoes) attracted almost 14,000 spectators- not bad for a friendly veteran's game!

All the players enjoyed the trip thoroughly, particularly the warmth and hospitality received from the hosts. Although the travelling was arduous (18 hours non-stop on occasions) it was definitely worthwhile and for a noble cause. The team also donated money in order to help young local footballers who had incurred career threatening injuries.

In terms of football, the toughest game was against Chittagong and Sonali Otith Dhaka. These two teams had fielded recent and current Bangladeshi national team players.

Team leader and Secretary Daulot Khan (Babul Bhai) thanked his managers Jamal Uddin and Aroz Miah for working hard in making the tour a resounding success. He particularly praised all the players for their patience, hard work and professionalism. Jamalur Rahman was the star player scoring 10 goals - some spectacular ones which decided the fate of many of the games.

Sonali Otith is hoping to build on their success in Bangladesh by helping and encouraging all ex footballers in England and Bangladesh. The tour has proven that through football relationships can be built and social causes can be addressed. The main point is that people can still live a healthy lifestyle after hanging up their boots on a serious basis!

Sonali Otith has recently become part of the Bangladesh Football Association UK (BFA) and if anybody is interested in joining in their activities please contact Daulot Khan on 07939-404101 or Aroz Miah on 07949-204103. Indoor training is held at Mullberry School off Commercial road every Tuesday 8-10 pm. The team is getting ready to participate in the eagerly waited Summer League run by the BFA in May!



The Tour Results:

Cox's Bazaar 4-1	Rajshai 3-1
Chittagong 3-0	Khulna 3-0
Dhaka Sonali Otith 1-0	Chapai Nawab Gomj 3-0



Sonali Otith members receiving an award

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Bow Young Peoples Training and Work Project

Bow Young Peoples Training and Work Project has now got 6 people going into work placement in a variety of locations. The project motivates and supports young people aged 15-25 who are out of work or training to find work within football, youth work and leisure industry. One person who is on a placement talks to us about their experience below.

Shahida's Experience

My name is Shahida, I am 15 years old. I live in Bow. I got involved in the Bow Young People's Training and Work Project when I attended safeguarding children workshop. This course enabled me to understand many issues around child protection and keeping young people safe from harm and abuse.

I then wanted to further my understanding, gain some knowledge and also get some experience of youth work. After the course I was introduced to Kamrul who works for BFA and was the one who organised it on behalf of the organisation. He asked if I was interested in youth work, I could not say no. He told me if I wanted I could get a work placement. In a matter of days I had been offered volunteering placement.

Currently, I am doing admin work in BFA office. I have also undertaken a placement in youth work based in Shadwell. It is really enjoyable to take part in the youth work, you get to meet new people everyday. By doing this placement it has enabled me to prepare for what lies after, in terms of leading me onto other courses and getting more training which will be a great help. I have Kamrul and my elder brother to thank for getting me involved in BFA. BFA is the place to get you somewhere.

I Ronnie Programme

On the 25th February 2008 BFA was on the I Ronnie a programme on Channel S. This was to let the Bengali community know what BFA is all about and to make them have an understanding of what the aims and achievements so far have been.

Ronnie interviewed Ikte about the Bollywood experiences he had come across. Ikte starred along with other Sporting Bengal players in a Bollywood movie shot in the UK and India. Moreover, members of Sporting Bengal youth team were present as well to encourage more youngsters to take part in sport and football.

Since the show, there were numerous enquiries from parents about how to get their children into football.

Sporting Bengal

Sana Miah Kent Football League Manager of the Month Award. During the month Sana has given guidance to his team to three consecutive victories against opposing teams who were above them on the leagues table. It has been their best ever run since 2003 and 2004. Sana has deserved the award for the amount of commitment he has put into his work.



Denise Richmond (Kent League Chairperson) presents the award to Sana Miah at Mile End stadium

Work Placement at BFA office

BFA has taken on two Year 10 pupils from London Islamic School based in Tower Hamlets, who are doing 2 weeks work placement at the BFA office. They will be undertaking a variety of admin tasks and be able to develop their skills.

They have started working on a small project producing a volunteer pack for the volunteering project which BFA will start in April.

Shahida Bhanu contributed to some of the articles in this newsletter.

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