

## *BFA News*

### 1. BFA News and Updates

#### A) Summer League

##### Sonali Bank Cup

Another year and another exciting cup competition. There were some mouth watering ties: Mohammedan and Stepney, which Stepney won on penalties. There were up to 200 people watching the game and some playful chanting were exchanged between the two sets of fans.

It was a sad end for London Tigers, who won the cup last year but could not go past a stubborn Beaumont side in the first round. Stepney came unstuck against a resolute Shadwell side who are now gunning for the double.

Well done to Bromley By Bow FC and Shadwell A for reaching the final. Both teams are in a battle to win the premier division and now the cup, it's a double opportunity so good luck. Also well done to Ponders End a Third Division side for reaching the Semi finals who beat Newark on route.

#### B) Project FootVol Launch

We are launching Project FootVol so that all young people in Tower Hamlets and service providers in the borough are aware of it.

If you are working with young people we want to you to invite them to the launch and if possible bring them down on the day. At the launch, they will be able to find out about the project, how they can get involved and the benefits of volunteering.

By volunteering young people will be able to learn new skills, make friends, go on FA Level 1 course and go on residential in the UK for free. Please don't deny them the access to this great opportunity. There will be light refreshment for all. Pass the message onto young people in your team.

**Project FootVol Launch**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**5.30pm**

**London Muslim Centre**  
**46-92 Whitechapel Road**  
**London E1 1JX**



Shazzad Bhai coaching at Vicky Park

#### C) Pan London Coaches and Referees Forum Launch

This is a new and exciting forum BFA is launching with the help of the FA and Kick It Out. The forum aims to support all coaches and referees, especially BME ones to progress and make a career as professional coaches and referees.

The forum will support newly qualified referees and coaches and create a database of all qualified referees and coaches in the locality.

If you are coach and referee and care about the game, coaching and refereeing and want to see improvement, want to advance your career and want to help others then why not come to the launch on:

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**7.00pm**  
**London Muslim Centre**  
**46-92 Whitechapel Road**  
**London E1 1JX**

Please confirm your attendance by calling **020 7481 1222** or email [bfauk@btconnect.com](mailto:bfauk@btconnect.com)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

## D) Shahjalal & Shahporan Village (SSV) Charity Cup

The SSV Cup tournament will now take place on the **27th July 2008 @ Victoria Park**. The final will now be played at **Leyton Orient stadium**. A live draw will be done on Channel S on 12th July 2008, 9-10pm. There are still few places left if you are interested.

## E) Met Police Tournament

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Met Police 5-a-side football tournament was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at Mile End Leisure Centre. The event saw more than 200 Year 7 boys and girls from 14 secondary schools in the borough congregate to battle it out to be the best football team in the borough.

The schools participating were **Morpeth, Raines Foundation, Oaklands, Stepney Green, London Islamic, Bow Boys, Swanlea, St Paul's Way, Langdon Park, George Green, Bishop Challoner, Mulberry, Sir John Cass and Central Foundation**. There were 17 boy's teams and 8 girl's teams.

The overall winners from the boy's were **Bow Boys** and from the girl's it was **Raines Foundation**. Both the finals were hotly contested and Bishop Challoner boy's team was narrowly beaten by Bow Boys. In the girl's final, Raines won comfortably beating Swanlea.

## F) BFA Junior championships

We have secured a mini-pitch for 1 day tournaments for youth teams. There will be a separate tournament each week for different age groups. The entry fee is £20 per team and all games will be played at Victoria Park

<b>U14's</b>	<b>June 29th</b>
<b>U13s</b>	<b>July 6th</b>
<b>U12s</b>	<b>July 13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>U11s</b>	<b>July 20th</b>
<b>U10s</b>	<b>July 27th</b>

Trophies will be presented on the day to winners and runners-up. Winners will also be invited to the prestigious BFA Awards Ceremony

The first tournament took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2008 which was the U15s. There were some really good teams that entered, and the tournament was very hotly contested. The first match kicked off at 11.30am between Newark and Enfield which ended up in a 1-1 draw. Enfield looked to be heading for a win until Newark came fighting back to grab a deserved draw.

The pick of the games was most definitely the tie between Soul FC and MUL FC which ended up to be a 3-2 win for Soul. MUL early in the game took the lead but Soul fought hard to get a goal back, once again MUL responded to take the lead again to be 2-1 in front. But in the last ten minutes pressurising the opponents Soul hit two goals to turn the game on its head to win the match 3-2.

Newark and Soul FC were the favourite's for the tournament but unfortunately Soul crashed out of the tournament losing 2-1 to Enfield. Newark went straight to the finals after beating Soul Youth 1-0. The final will be played between Newark v Enfield. This will be very entertaining game due to both team's excellent footballing display and teamwork

For further info or to enter any of the 1 day tournaments contact **Tarik Khan** on **07950414218 / 0207 040 5341** or **Tarikkhan@hotmail.com**



Winners Raines Foundation (front row) and Runners up Swanlea (back row).



Bow Boys with Mayor Md Abdus Salique



Inspector Paul Sloan awarding medals to participants

## 2) Community News

### A) Vallance FC U10

On Sunday 1st June 2008 Vallance FC U10 played the semi final and final of the East London and Essex Junior Football League cup at the stadium of AFC Hornchurch. The semi final kicked off at 3pm against Aldersbrook Green U10.

The game was very close and Vallance won 2-1 after extra time. Striker Nabeel Ahmed scored 2 goals. The final was played at 5pm against Interwood U10 and Vallance lost 3-0. Vallance FC U10 manager said "I am very proud of the boys because they played very well in both games and to get a chance to play at the stadium of AFC Hornchurch is something they will remember. It was a long season and to get medals at the end is something they deserve".



Vallance U10's Team

### B) Volunteering for the Community

*Do you love sport?*

*Do you want to increase your fitness?*

*Are you interested in a career in sports coaching, teaching or youth work?*

The Volunteering for Communities project is run by Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, in partnership with Sporting Equals. The project is funded by V, the national youth volunteering within the sports sector.

You can volunteer in a variety of sports volunteering roles, including helping to coach sports activities, doing admin within a sports organisation, mentoring young people or helping at sponsored sports events.

You will have to access to sports coaching qualifications and gain valuable experience for a career in youth work, teaching or the fitness industry. Volunteers will also receive a nationally recognised V certificate.

If you would like to get involved in the project, or have any questions, please contact [Cynthia on 020 7377 0956](tel:02073770956) or email [her at Cynthia@towerhamlets.org.uk](mailto:Cynthia@towerhamlets.org.uk)

### 3) Funding

#### A) Help Yourselves Awards - [www.helpyourselves.org.uk](http://www.helpyourselves.org.uk)

Save the Children and British Gas are pleased to announce the next funding round of the Help Yourselves Awards. You tell us what would change the lives of children and young people in your community and apply for a Help Yourselves Award of £1,000.

The **Help Yourselves Awards**, is a small grant funding scheme for projects that:

are strongly young person led and that improve the life chances of children and young people in vulnerable and disadvantaged groups and those living in communities experiencing severe poverty.

In a nutshell, we want to fund small, innovative projects, led by young people - or projects that work with children and young people and their ideas. So, if you have a great idea and you want to give it a go at making it a reality read on.

**The next deadline for completed applications is FRIDAY 11 JULY 2008 - with £1,000 funded projects expected to take place between SEPTEMBER and the end of DECEMBER 2008.** Our website has full details of the Help Yourselves Awards - where you can find a set of guidance notes, an online application process, or the option to download a hard-copy of the application form.

We hope you will be interested in this source of funding and help by circulating this information to your other networks and contacts, or by including details in newsletters or bulletins.

All enquiries about the Help Yourselves Awards can be e-mailed to : [helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk)

#### B) Vcashpoint Grants

Vcashpoint offers grants of 2500 to 16-25 year olds to set up a volunteering project in their community, up to date there has been 3 rounds of Vcashpoint and 226 grants have been awarded, which is a really good start.

A Grant winner doesn't have to be old school crowd-pleasers either. Previous projects have included fun street parties to raise awareness of environmental issues and running a summer school which included teaching samba dancing!

Our aim is double the number of grants we give out, and give more young people the chance to develop valuable transferable skills that will serve them and their communities

Vcashpoint will close down on **18<sup>th</sup> of July 2008** and we want to make sure as many 16-25 year olds as possible are aware of this great once in a life time opportunity and to benefit from it.

For more information about Vcashpoint, please click here: [www.vinspired.com/vcashpoint](http://www.vinspired.com/vcashpoint)