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OHG engage and unite young people through football tournament

Following the success of the One Youth Cup earlier this year, One Housing Group's Youth Service Team will be uniting diverse groups of young people this summer through an 8-a-side football tournament.

Aimed at boys aged between 9 and 15, the One Euro Youth Cup will be held at Camden's Haverstock School between 18 and 22 August from 3-6pm, with the finals for all age groups taking place on Friday 22nd. A total of 20 teams will take part in the tournament, with participants from a variety of youth project, community centres such as Fitzrovia Youth in Action, play schemes and estates across the Camden, Islington, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Westminster boroughs. Whilst some have entered as existing teams, others have come forward individually through their common interest in the game.

One Youth Cup's last tournament, held in April, proved a huge success. One of the participants who played for the winning team was 12 year old David Bangrah, has recently been signed for Reading Football Club's Youth Academy on a 2 year professional schoolboy contract.

The tournament has been organised with the support of Community Action, Puma UK, Camden Street Wardens, Pro Touch Soccer Academy and Haverstock School.

Ash Rahman, the Youth Development Officer who will be running the event said:
“The 8-a-side tournament is just one of a wide range of initiatives for young people organised as part of our annual summer programme, which features daily activities, outings and events. We are delighted to have received such a high level of response for the event, whose key objectives are to bring together diverse groups of young people who share a love of football and to promote social cohesion and acceptance.”

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Notes to Editors

One Housing Group currently manages over 12,000 homes in 25 local authorities across London and the Home Counties, with over 2,700 homes in the development pipeline. These include shared ownership schemes; intermediate rent homes for key workers, affordable rented homes and homes for outright sale.

Community Action is part of One Housing Group and is a registered charity that undertakes a range of fundraising activities to enable the delivery of a range of activities and programmes promoting social inclusion and cohesion.

Visit www.onehousinggroup.co.uk for further information.