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OHG keeps young people active through Summer Youth Cup 2009

Following the success of last year's One Youth Cup, One Housing Group's Youth Service Team will be encouraging young people to keep active this summer through an 8-a-side football tournament.

Aimed at boys aged between 8 and 15, the One Youth Cup will be held at Camden's Haverstock School from 24th to 28th August from 3-6pm, with the finals for all age groups taking place on Friday 28th. As well as helping them keep fit, the tournament will bring together young people from a variety of youth clubs and community centres across London such as One KX, Vallance Youth and Pro Touch Community, play schemes and estates across the Camden, Islington, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Westminster boroughs.

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

One Youth Cup's last tournament, held in August 2008, proved a huge success, with over 200 people taking part. This year's event is expected to attract even more young people, with 10 teams already signed up. David Bangurah, aged 13, from last year's winning under 12s team said: "I enjoyed the tournament and had a lot of fun, winning was a bonus but meeting others from different boroughs is always good.

"I was able to express myself without the pressure of always having to prove something, like I have to when playing for Reading FC Youth Academy. "

Ash Rahman, the Youth Development Officer who will be running the event said: "One Youth Cup is just one of a wide range of activities for young people organised as part of our annual summer programme, which aims to engage with young people, keep them fit and active and teach them new skills.

"The tournament attracts young people through their common love of football. By bringing together young people from a range of diverse backgrounds and cultures we hope it will go some way towards promoting social cohesion and acceptance."

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Notes to Editors

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.

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