

Jack Petchey Table Donation Impact – Central Foundation Girls School

Theme: Children and young people, partnerships, Social & Community Development

Defining the Issue

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential. The Jack Petchey Table Tennis Programme seeks to grow the opportunities for young people to participate, lead and compete in table tennis.

Background Information

One of the key objectives of the Jack Petchey Table Tennis Programme is for every school and college in London and Essex to offer table tennis as an in-school activity and an intra-school competition.

The Table Donation scheme enables Schools and Colleges to apply to receive new equipment to improve their table tennis offer. Central Foundation Girls School in Tower Hamlets received 2 outdoor tables following a successful application to the Table Donation Scheme. Tower Hamlets is one of the most deprived boroughs in England, and the School had previously been unable to offer table tennis to all 1500 pupils due to a lack of equipment and space.



The Impact

Approximately 80 girls playing on the donated tables everyday.

Leadership opportunities in table tennis created for the School's Sixth Form students.

Table tennis has been utilised as part of the Duke of Edinburgh programme and the Level 2 Community Sports Leaders Award.

Community Manager Matt Walsh has seen the success of the tables and outlined the schools' plans to build on this in the future.

"The social benefits of playing table tennis are really rewarding, and the girls don't have to change to play. We also want to take part in the programme's team and individual competitions as soon as we can. We plan to apply for some indoor tables too, so we can get more students involved in playing table tennis"

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