

We Stand Together FA Training Day

Since the beginning of our project we have received fantastic support from Surrey FA. They provided us with some start up kits and our first batch of second hand boots, which are essential for many of the refugees and especially the newly arrived asylum seekers.

On Monday 12th August, Peter Augustine from Surrey FA invited a small group of participants who are interested in taking the first step to becoming coaches or volunteers to their prestigious training ground in Dorking.

The trip through the Surrey countryside was a new experience for some of our group and despite the rain, they all looked forward to a day of coaching tips from Peter and Tamsyn. Peter said

‘it was a great learning experience for me in how to teach using non verbal skills’

The participants did some classroom learning (with interpretation by fellow participants and with the help of google translator!) and then got out onto the new 3G pitch to put their learning into practice.

Shahin from Lingua House

‘The coach emphasised having a positive learning approach, never being negative, creating a good environment and letting participants have an input into the situation’

Jakob from Migrant Help

‘We started from the basics (of passing) and created a positive environment. You have to create a good foundation to get started.’

Despite the torrential downpours and accompanying thunder that occurred off and on all day, the participants thoroughly enjoyed the whole day, which was rounded off by a presentation of more boots from Surrey FA’s Boot Drive. So thank you to everyone who donated. We really do need any spare kit or equipment you have – especially socks, size 10 boots and cricket bats.





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Activator Training

Our next Activator Training Day is coming up in October, so if you are a refugee, are passionate about sport and making a positive difference to your new community please get in touch with Cat catrina.lynch@cvalive.org.uk.

Calling all Croydon sports clubs.

If you would like to be part of the We Stand Together, welcoming refugees as part of our diverse community and gaining recognition as a 'Croydon Welcomes' Club we want to hear from you.