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Showcase to highlight young talent and community spirit in Nottingham

A special event celebrating the success of a community mentoring project is being held at Djanogly City Academy Nottingham at the Gregory Boulevard site on 14th December from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

The community mentoring project was launched in September 2009 as part of the Academy's Early Intervention Programme and has included behaviour management and football coaching sessions for Year 8 & 9 students at Djanogly City Academy Nottingham.

The project has also given pupils the chance to produce their own songs and find out more about DJ-ing from well-known DJ Spider.

The project has been successful in encouraging positive behaviour in young people whilst boosting their self-confidence, which in turn lowers the risk of them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, crime, drugs or gang culture in the future. The project has also been successful in promoting and encouraging community cohesion in the area.

The guest speakers on the evening will include Trish Bergan, a prominent campaigner against knife crime since her son Eugene was stabbed to death in Nottingham in December 2002, Michael Johnson from Notts County Football Club and Pam Weston, Vice Principal of Djanogly City Academy Nottingham.

Djanogly has worked in partnership with Real United Football Club and The Football Coaching Company to provide this mentoring project for the students at the Academy.

The Real United Football Club and the Football Coaching Company have also run a Saturday morning soccer school at the Academy, open to all young people in the area, including primary school children.

All the students involved in the project will be presented with a certificate of achievement whilst many will also receive a certificate for successfully completing the Football Association's Soccer Star Challenge, a national coaching, learning and assessment programme for boys and girls aged 6 to 16 years.

The event will also include music performed by a choir made up of local singers, students from Djanogly and pupils from Radford Primary School, many of who have taken part in the project's Saturday morning soccer school.

Pam Weston, Vice Principal at Djanogly City Academy Nottingham says:

“The project has helped students to think about the consequences of their behaviour and is a very important part of our Early Intervention Programme here at the Academy. Students have been able to learn new skills and grow in confidence. More than anything it has allowed them to be inspired by their peers.”

The project has been supported by Radford based charity the Partnership Council, Nottingham’s Crime and Drugs Partnership, DrugAware (Nottingham City’s initiative for schools and communities to address drug and alcohol issues through Early Intervention), European Social Fund, Talk to Frank and Kick It Out (UK football’s anti-racism campaign).

Ruth Greenberg, Chief Officer of the Partnership Council says:

“The project is a fantastic example of how a shared activity and passion such as football can be used to bring communities together. As a charity that’s worked in the area for over 11 years and believes so strongly in community cohesion we’re very pleased to be supporting a project that has made such a difference to young people’s lives.”

Roger Henry, Real United Football Club agrees:

“It’s great to see the project having such a positive effect on children’s lives on a day-to-day basis and hopefully we’ll be able to expand the project to run in other schools and areas of the city in the near future.”

To find out more about the project or showcase event please contact Roger Henry on 077908 69324 or Pam Weston on 0115 942 4422.

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