

COACHMATE STORY

Name : Hatham Redman

Area : Birmingham - Calthorpe



StreetGames Coach/Mate programme was developed to improve access to coach development opportunities and provide personalised support for young people from lower socio-economic groups that were looking to become coaches and leaders.

PURPOSE

Hatham joined the Coach/Mate programme because he wanted to work in the area he lived - which was in the Calthorpe area of Birmingham.

Hatham initially got involved through a partnership project that was taking place by Birmingham City Council and StreetGames which provided sport in urban spaces. Hatham was a resident and someone who wanted to be part of something bigger for his community. Whilst building a connection with Hatham, we discovered his bigger ambition was to become employable as a coach, and StreetGames provided the right route for him, to be able to achieve his ambition as well as giving back to his community.



SUPPORT

Over 9 months Hatham engaged with a mix of informal and formal learning with a CoachMate. A total of 32 hours were spent training and supporting Hatham. Various approaches were used including:

- A 'little and often' approach -
- Formal learning touchpoints -
- One to one peer support -

These were all provided in various venues near to Hatham. Sport Birmingham also provided support, providing tools to help him achieve his goal of becoming a coach, they continued their support once this goal was reached. Sport Birmingham also gave a broader point of view of the community. As he got more engaged with the programme, the varying support built Hatham's confidence as a person as well.



OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

Over the nine months, Hatham gained formal awards such as First Aid, Safeguarding, Project Management and an Activator coaching award. Alongside Sport Birmingham, he created an evening programme that engaged around 20 young people on Friday evenings with a theme of sport for good and diversion. The project was successful, so extra funding was given to expand the activities.

Hatham has subsequently had two jobs offers of mentor and youth worker, he decided to take both alongside his role as an activator. Hatham also stated that with the programme he felt connected and competent to take what he had learned and achieved further through coaching and engaging with projects.

QUOTE

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Having the support of Rus to call, meet and speak to helped to connect my passions and see it turn into reality has been amazing. My aim is to make a difference in the community where I live and enable more young people to take the lead in the future.

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