

COACHMATE STORY

Name : Mario

Area : Brixton - Lambeth

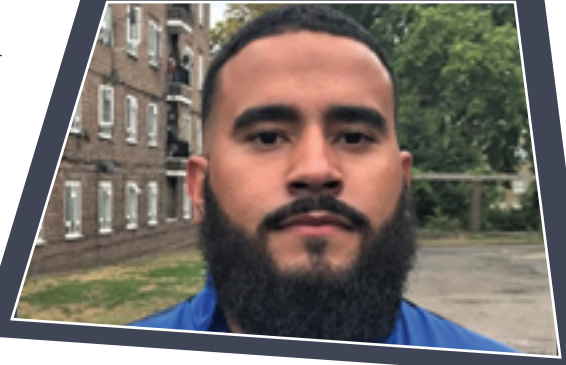


StreetGames Coach/Mate programme was developed to improve access to coach development opportunities and provide personalised support for young people from lower socio-economic groups that were looking to become coaches and leaders.

PURPOSE

Mario was a participant with long-standing LTO partner, the St Matthews Project (SMP). He progressed to become one of their youth volunteer coaches; this is when StreetGames first started to support his development. Mario attended a variety of StreetGames Training Academy activators and classroom-based workshops - he was motivated and dedicated to the young people he works with. Also, he took his role as Doorstep Sport Coach very seriously, as he knew that he was in an important role for young people. As a result of his commitment, Mario was invited to be part of our Coach Mate programme.

SMP received investment from StreetGames to put Mario through accredited qualifications so he could become an employed coach - this helped Mario to develop new skills and to build the confidence and competence to become a Doorstep Sport coach to young people in his community. Following this progress, St Matthews Project signed Mario up to the StreetGames Apprenticeship Programme in March 2019.



SUPPORT

Since March, Mario has received mentoring support from StreetGames Staff member, James Gregory, and St Matthews project staff members Lee & Dwight. This extra wrap-around support from StreetGames & St Matthews Project has led to Mario feeling confident enough to take on the lead coach role in not just the SMP Community sessions, but also the SMP under 14s & also the Elders Sunday League team.

The Coachmate and peer support that StreetGames has offered alongside the apprenticeship scheme and formal qualifications have helped to build an increase in confidence, knowledge and skills that have empowered Mario to take the lead in becoming a real positive role model, not just in football and in coaching, but also in life.

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

Over the year, Mario has gained additional accredited coaching qualifications as well as soft skill accreditation for things like Youth Mental Health First Aid, Emergency First Aid, Managing Challenging Behaviour & Engaging Women and Girls. Mario gained both a level 2 coaching qualification in football and multi-skills, meaning that his employability has increased. If Mario wanted to go and work in schools now he could due to the training and qualifications provided. Mario is now getting at least 20 lads a week to his Doorstep Sport session in Brixton.

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QUOTE

I stopped looking into the future too much, because of the pressure it put on me before. Right now, I'm just happy living in the moment, I'm happy that St. Matthew's & StreetGames has given me this opportunity.

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