

COACHMATE STORY

Name : Shumul

Area : Black Country - Smethwick



StreetGames CoachMate 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

Shumul - a young male based in the Black Country initially became aware of the CoachMate programme through helping out and coaching at Benson Community sessions.

Although, Shumul already held sports coaching qualifications and has subsequently gone on to gain a University degree, he decided to engage with the CoachMate programme because he wanted to gain additional experience and help in finding coaching employment.

Being a powerchair user means that Shumul sometimes faces additional challenges - with travel and transports costs being an issue.



SUPPORT

Through the CoachMate programme, Shumul has received face to face support over a seven month period, as well as additional support via phone and text messages.

The support provided has included: helping Shumul with session planning, interview coaching preparations, support with his university dissertation and general confidence-boosting. Shumul has also taken advantage of local networks and a team-teach (also with Benson Community programme) which has equated to over 20 hours direct contact.

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

During this period, Shumul has had two interviews with professional football clubs and although these did not result in the offer of a job, they provided valuable experience. Shumul has successfully completed his University degree and was given an apprentice and placement opportunity. There has also been continued support from Benson Community and StreetGames via the Coachmate programme.

When measuring his own progression, Shumul says that he now feels more prepared for the next opportunity that may come his way and although the programme may not have given Shumul the job he wants yet, Shumul is now in a better position for interviews, which we hope will enable him to turn his passion into a reality.

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QUOTE

“Having someone to call upon and help with my career is important and will always value the support.”

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