

## "Little Lives UK Funds Feltham Boxing Classes for Local Kids"

## 29<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2019, Feltham Police and Community Boxing, Feltham Community College Sports Hall, TW13 7EF

Little Lives UK will fund boxing classes for at least one year after the sessions were threatened with closure. After being established in 2015 by Chris Martin and his coaches, the subsidised boxing sessions have led to a reduction in incidents in Feltham town centre. They give local children and young adults, an opportunity to learn a new sport and keep them out of trouble.

At the evening we had Barry Jones present, a former WBO Super Featherweight World Champion. He was there to talk to the children, give some boxing tips and let the kids wear his title winning belt. He gave an insight into the ups and downs of his career, comparing winning the title to playing for Manchester United.

He also talked about the valuable lessons he learnt from being knocked down in the last fight of his career: "Whatever you do in life, you might get knocked down. But if you can get up and dust yourself off and carry on. That will be what defines you as a human being."

Barry "Thank you Little Lives! It's a massive encouragement you're giving to these kids! It gives them somewhere to go, not only to learn the beautiful sport of boxing, but to keep them off the streets! Thank you!"

Zac, a youngster who attend the sessions, had a lot to say about the positive effect the sessions have had for him. "During primary school, I used to get into a lot of incidents with other people. But now I've started boxing, it's helped me control my anger." He said that know how to control himself inside the ring, which is vital to boxing and many sports, has allowed him to control himself outside the ring.

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## Notes

- Callum Cuddeford available for interview and further comment
- Photos: <u>https://www.littlelives.org.uk/campaigns/</u>
- Video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5htDl2hLZm8&t=4s</u>
- Boxing Club: <u>https://www.felthamcabc.co.uk/</u>
- We are a small charity operating in West London. Our directors began the project by selling donations on eBay and now we have shops in Fulham, Tooting and Raynes Park. The money raised in our shops allows us to fund local projects, provide equipment to centres and give disadvantaged children more opportunities.
- Our Xmas campaigns are distributing gifts to three homes/hospitals across London in bags full
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