

OUR PLAN

- The aim of the programme is to increase participation in sport outside of school hours by developing new community sports clubs for primary school children within the Borough.
- The programme aims to develop young leaders whilst at college, to make them more employable.
- The programme links in to the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Games

IN ACTION

- 32 multi-sport mini clubs were set up at community venues in each neighbourhood in the Borough.
- Sports Leaders receive training in a variety of sports, including GO/FENCE.
- Some of the leaders are also working towards their level 1 qualification in coaching metal fencing.
- The leaders assist delivery of metal fencing in the club and are mentored by the coach.
- Overall 5 Sports Leaders / Physical Education Teaching Assistants (PETAs) are employed full time using the Future Jobs Fund.
- The PETAs deliver during curriculum time and hand out details of the mini-clubs to attract interest.
- Sport specific clubs are also set up, to direct children from the mini-clubs into. This includes Tower Hamlets fencing club at Sir John Cass Redcoat School.
- British Fencing offer support to the programme in a variety of ways.
- Leaders have assisted at various British Fencing events, giving them invaluable experience.
- Some members of the fencing club participated in the National Schools' Team Championships.

IMPACT

- Over the autumn and spring terms the fencing club had 18 regular members, with slightly less during the summer
- Leaders have developed their confidence and maturity and have taken on increasing amounts of responsibility
- Fencing is included in the summer Neighbourhood Games
- The club would like to take part in more competitive opportunities
- The aim is to develop fencing in the secondary sector and possibly to have an adult section in the fencing club

TOP TIPS

- Trust Sports Leaders to deliver fencing activities following training and also to manage clubs
- Use leaders that have completed their CSLA (Community Sport Leaders' Award)
- Sports Leaders have good local knowledge and interact well with the children
- Attend a GO/FENCE course as it provides good practical experience.

