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Sport England and To Whom It May Concern

I write on behalf of the Carney's Community Charity (CCC), who has worked for over the last decade in promoting our sport and engaging with hard to reach young people who are marginalised, outside of mainstream sport and education, with the majority of these being at risk or indeed involved in anti-social behaviour.

The CCC have created and developed two outstanding mutual links and exit routes to our sport particularly through Fitzroy Lodge and Earlsfield Amateur Boxing clubs, in a unique system of intervention and exit route provision in to the sport, offering sustainable and constructive support and on-going coaching in boxing, mentoring and social skills.

CCC been supporting and delivering activities and particularly focussed boxing sessions, working with individuals and groups, who are or have been involved in adverse activities either at risk or are known to the police. Therefore the CCC ethos of mutuality and partnership working is epitomised by their relations with many agencies who are committed to supporting those on the margins and ensuring their engagement in positive activities and directional support such as:

Met Police

London Borough of Wandsworth Youth Offending Team

London Borough of Lambeth Youth Offending Team

London Borough of Wandsworth Probation Service

London Borough of Lambeth Probation Service

Cross London Borough Anti Gang Strategies

Offenders Re-Integration Projects

Safer Communities Projects

The majority of their work enables and attracts the engagement of the most socio-economically challenged and hard to reach groups and individuals who have been welcomed and supported in their development both in the sport, social cohesion and breaking down cross estate based rivalries, of young men and young women.

Throughout this long period of community delivery and voluntary provision CCC has 'Changed the Lives and Opportunities' of thousands of young people and adults in the local and wider London community, at no cost on an unpaid voluntary basis. Indeed in the last 12 months the CCC have engaged over 150 young people all of whom have enjoyed the sport and continue their participation with 30 of those participants becoming active competitive boxers in London ABA clubs, which indicates a strong and robust structure of growth, sustained participation as they are supported towards excellence.

After all of this unbroken and voluntary support given by current and past volunteers, we as the region contact you to seek your support and help to assist the CCC in their 'Hour of Need', in seeking much needed equipment to meet the obvious and latent demand being shown through this unique intervention model and help equip their new facilities, thereby assisting them to continue their profound success in the margins of society and positively effecting estate based rivalries, through a groundbreaking model of delivery and partnerships.

The CCC 'No Barrier to Sporting Opportunities for All Sectors of the Community' focussing on Women, BME and Young Peoples groups and individuals, in socio-economically deprived areas of the Capital, is to be applauded. The unique process of identification, engagement and intervention using boxing as the 'Tool' to attract and retain their participation and gain access to a socially inclusive groups of young people, without barriers or estate/ street affiliations is an excellent model of delivery, with clear exit routes into competition already created and working.

The London ABA endorsement and support can only be enhanced by individuals and sporting bodies and any other community based young people's agency, viewing the 'Lodge Boys' programme, which is currently being broadcast on the SKY Sports platforms, which

gives the individuals view of what CCC means and has achieved for them as individuals and as a Sporting Family.

It gives us great please to support this application on behalf of CCC as this potential award for much needed equipment, which is needed to meet the demand and continue their indefatigable work and success, whilst helping them fulfil their long term aspirations and voluntary interventions, assisting the most vulnerable and at risk young people across London Boroughs.

Yours Sincerely

Keith Walters OBE

London ABA Secretary

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