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**DONCASTER UKRAINIAN
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TO
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CHELSEA CHARITY MATCH**



INITIATIVE OF
ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO AND
OLEKSANDR ZINCHENKO
GATHER FOOTBALL STARS TO
PLAY A CHARITY MATCH IN
SUPPORT OF UKRAINE.



The Game4Ukraine game took place on August 5, 2023, at Stamford Bridge the legendary stadium of FC Chelsea in London.

The Charity football match provided an opportunity for athletes to use their fame and talent to support the people of the Ukraine and raise much needed funds.



“The money raised was to pay to build a school in Ukraine. About 20 of us went to the game which was funded by DMBC. We took the bus and everyone enjoyed the trip singing songs on the way to London. At the stadium we all sat together and sang the Ukrainian National anthem. We also met up with some Ukrainian friends from Sheffield. It was a wonderful experience and enjoyed by all.”

Steve Lelew - Refugee Volunteer Organiser at Doncaster Ukrainian Centre



.....the volunteer football team were in for a big surprise!



The ECO football team had a secret card up their sleeve when the opposing team arrived to find their footy kits were fancy dress costumes!
In the whimsical world of fancy dress football, chaos and cheating, the match evolved into a hilarious spectacle of community fun!
Lynn the REF cooled the players down with sly underhanded tackles involving WATER PISTOLS -WATER BOMBS
Needless to say - everything went haywire in this hilarious community fun day match
Well done ECO for all your hard work to deliver such a super day.



SPOT THE ~~BALL~~ GOAL POST

Newcastle supporter Madge was elected as the ECO Goal Keeper but even Madge couldn't stop the oncoming attack from Rupert the Bear

Well done ECO and everyone involved!



**THE VAD MICRO GRANT HELPED
ROSSINGTON MAIN FC LADIES TEAM**

Rossington Main FC Ladies has been making remarkable strides in women's football, and the support we've received from the VAD microgrant has played a pivotal role in our journey of growth and achievement. With a shared passion for the game and a commitment to empowering female athletes, our team has utilised the grant to its fullest potential, enabling us to achieve significant milestones.

The VAD microgrant has allowed us to invest in essential equipment purchases, ensuring that our players have access to the resources they need to train and perform at their best. The support also supported extending our training sessions and we have also been able to organise more open trials, offering individuals the opportunity to showcase their abilities and join our roster.



Rossington Main FC Ladies is incredibly grateful for the support of the VAD microgrant, which has enabled us to realise our goals and propel our team to new heights and enable us to bring women's football to the local community to watch in addition to the men's teams.



“One of the most impactful outcomes of the VAD microgrant has been our ability to cover league, insurance, and affiliation fees. This financial assistance has relieved a substantial burden, enabling us to focus on what truly matters. The grant's positive impact has been so profound that we have successfully now also launched a U18s team, establishing a seamless pathway from youth to adult football within the women's side of our club. This development signifies not only the growth of our team but also the creation of opportunities for young players to progress and excel in the sport they love.”

THANK YOU - Daniel Linstrum Club Chairman for the Micro Grant update, information and photographs



The Foundation Club Doncaster

Improving lives in our community



A non-profit, self funding registered charity that has achieved more than 30 years of inspiring positive change, participation in sport, physical activity and education within the Doncaster



Club Doncaster Foundation works alongside Doncaster Rovers FC, Doncaster Rovers Belles and Doncaster Rugby League to bring professional sport into the local community

We run two sessions a week here at the Eco Power Stadium called Football Welcomes which is open to anybody seeking refuge or asylum within the Doncaster area. These run on a Wednesday from 5pm-6pm and Friday from 4:30pm-6pm. Both sessions are well attended with between 20 to 50 participants at every session, every week and are always played in a friendly, happy environment with big smiles on faces. As well as offering these sessions we have also attended various football tournaments with our Football Welcomes participants. The most recent one was in June at Burnley Football Club where we finished 3rd. We also take part in Football Welcomes month every year where we arrange friendly matches for the participants to play in, as well as free tickets to Doncaster Rovers home matches throughout the year. We also have player visits from Doncaster Rovers first team players at various sessions throughout the year as well as regular football kit and football boot donations to the participants.

Information and pictures supplied by Greg Carroll Health and Wellbeing Officer



“When you hear the stories of what some our participants have been through and how they ended up here, it's truly heartbreaking. So to see them regularly attend our sessions, whether its raining, snowing or sunny, and have a huge smile whilst playing football really is amazing to see and is very humbling.”

Greg Carroll Health and Wellbeing Officer

Football Welcomes is an Amnesty UK project being ran by Club Doncaster Foundation's health and wellbeing team, aimed at integrating refugees and people seeking asylum into the local community.

Doncaster is also currently home to the Afghanistan women's national development football team and we provide two training sessions a week for them here at the Eco Power Stadium. As well as the training sessions we have arranged friendly matches for them against other local ladies teams, taken them to watch Doncaster Rovers first team matches, attended the Girl Power Leadership Workshop with them and taken them to a UK Parliament meeting for refugee week.

GOOD NEWS

Rossington FC

Have accepted accepted 4/5 Afghan refugees into the training sessions, and they plan to sign at least 3 of them on to play !!

WELL DONE!



Volunteers are the lifeblood of organizations, charities, and community groups, infusing them with dedication, enthusiasm, and a wealth of skills. Volunteers foster a sense of unity and purpose, creating a stronger sense of community and solidarity within these organizations. Moreover, their selfless contributions can help reduce operational costs.

Ultimately, volunteers not only extend a helping hand but also a lifeline to the success and sustainability of these vital organisations.

Volunteering not only empowers communities but also nourishes the hearts and minds of volunteers, nurturing their own health and well-being through the immeasurable joy of giving back. Voluntary Action Doncaster offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities click the link for details <https://www.voluntaryactiondoncaster.org.uk>

MADGE TAYLOR



It was a great pleasure to interview Madge Taylor

Her infectious laughter, love of people and love of her volunteering roles was lovely to see.

WELL DONE MADGE

You are making a huge positive impact in your community!



Currently Volunteering at:

Edlington Community Organisation
Edlington Hill Top Community Centre

“I’ve been volunteering for ECO for about 7 years now. I lost my husband and I thought, right, I can’t just sit here and rot away, I wanted to keep going and ECO was the first community organisation that came to my mind”

“I love every bit of it”

“I advise all people, if they can do it, to go volunteering, make some friends and you will enjoy your life, the same as I have done”

“All the children the people and all the ECO staff are fabulous and I think if it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be here”

“I got, ‘Volunteer of the Year a few months back through the Town Council, I’d accept it but I accept it for all the volunteers, it’s all for them”

“I also run a centre for old people at Hill Top Crescent where we have BBQs and bingo and everyone loves it and if they are happy then I am happier”

“I’m also in the church choir and the ECO choir”, so I keep going, I have got to 83 years old now and I think I am doing alright.”