



Talent Match and Dame Kelly Holmes Trust Theme – Worklessness

In December 2016 Active Black Country worked with Talent Match to broker a relationship with the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust (DKHT). This resulted in Talent Match service users from across the Black Country taking part in the Get on Track Programme.

A 'Sport for Confidence' session was organised raising awareness of the value of sport & using sport for personal development. A Sportivate project was also developed by the Talent Match service users, which allowed them to take part in football sessions finishing with a football tournament at Dudley College.

The DKHT mentors led specific sessions in anticipation of the football tournament including managing events [Street Games], marketing your event [DKHT] & refereeing awareness [FA].

The tournament was organised and project managed by the participants from the DKHT programme allowing them to utilise the skills that they had developed through the programme. The tournament resulted in 4 teams competing in a round robin format with Talent Match service users refereeing, score keeping and facilitating the event.

When attending their exit interviews for the programme, the Get on Track participants said that the football tournament was a positive experience which helped foster desirable skills, including project management.

Positive Participant Outcomes:

- Alex gained the self-confidence to come away from the 'Dark Souls' universe in which he was immersed. He was previously reluctant to leave the house now has the confidence to walk his dog.
- Tim has gained a volunteer role with The Way Youth Zone, Wolverhampton
- Ash now has the enthusiasm for refereeing and is identifying a potential career path
- O'shea wrote a poem - turning negativity into positivity and his change in mind-set

