

PRESS RELEASE

## **Practice Starts in NDC Area for Prestigious StreetGames**

The heat is on to find 100 youngsters from Hathershaw and Fitton Hill to represent their area at the 5<sup>th</sup> prestigious StreetGames Festival at Sportcity at the end of August.

The search to recruit the successful team will start this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at the StreetGames Launch at the Honeywell Centre 12.00 Noon – 5.30 pm.

Youngsters between 8 and 19 years will be invited to come along, take part in a range of free half hour practice taster sessions between 12.30 and 5.00. The sports will include: -handball, futsal, tri-golf and tag rugby, as these are the ones, which are part of the StreetGames challenge.

The youngsters will be asked to sign up for the winning Team, Fitton Hill and Hathershaw. This will be followed by 4 weeks of intensive practice with the Oldham Athletics Community Trust who are managing the event and getting the young people fighting fit for the competition.

There's loads of other stuff going on at the launch throughout the day including: - graffiti workshops, the "Latics Blue Crew" Cheerleaders, freestyle football demonstrations and sessions on the Nintendo Wiis

Rob Roberts the Captain of Oldham Roughyeds will be kicking the proceedings off at 12.00 Noon and Latics mascot "Chaddy the Owl" and Roughyeds "Roary the Lion" mascot will also be there to lend their support to the start of this important competition.

The annual StreetGames event involves over 1,000 young people from fifteen other regeneration initiatives across the North West. This is the fifth year that youngsters from Oldham NDC have taken part and the number of trophies won so far is impressive

Angela Matthews NDC's Physical Activities Coordinator said "We'd love the young people to do well and come back with even more trophies than last year, but it's about more than winning. It's about trying new sports, giving young people confidence and new skills and encouraging them to enjoy sport for its own sake. This event is also important because it brings the community together, mums and dads, aunties and uncles help out and join in the fun, it's a great feel good event for all the family."

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**You are invited to attend the event this Friday and take photographs of the young people. If you would like further information contact Cath Carter on 785 3771 or email [catherine.carter@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.carter@oldham.gov.uk)**

## **Notes to Editors**

The itinerary for the practice sports sessions is

12.30-1.00 Handball

1.15 – 1.45 Futsall

2.00 – 2.30 Tag Rugby

2.45 – 3.15 Tri Golf+

3.30 – 4.00 Handball

4.15 – 4.45 Futsall

5.00 – 5.30 Tri Golf