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Refugee Council Alternative World Cup



SMILE, in partnership with Crossworld FC, Refugee Council, Refugee Week, Kick it Out, Anti-Slavery, Sport Action Zone and KPMG, organised an alternative football world cup in Liverpool Street on Sunday 20 June.

The 5 a side tournament, made up of randomly picked 32 UN countries, brought together adult and young people's teams who battled it out all day for our alternative world cup. This was a great day of fun for everyone involved and a great opportunity for some of the people participating to raise awareness of their own causes and projects.

Unlike the official World Cup, the team representing Italy won this particular tournament.

Young refugees' cricket success at Eton



On Tue 22 June the **Refugee Cricket Project** (a partnership project between **Cricket for Change** and

SMILE/Refugee Council) went to Eton College to play against their cricket team and had an amazing day, culminating in a RCP victory. The young people thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we hope Eton did too.

Everyone at Eton has been very supportive of our work throughout and we hope to go and deliver awareness raising school talks there soon. This is great news for the Refugee Cricket Project and a credit to the very committed volunteers and staff of the project, not least Antonia Cohen and Danny Baker.

SMILE Conference – Birmingham 2011

SMILE will be organising a conference in Birmingham on Thursday 11 February 2011 from 11am to 5pm. We will bring young people, volunteers, project staff and practitioners from across the UK to celebrate our achievement, discuss our service model and share the findings of the SMILE research.

More information will be on the **SMILE website** soon.

Youth Activities - Summer 2010

We have put together a great list of summer activities for our young people, including youth clubs, arts projects, football and cricket clubs, bike project and residential weekends.

For activities in your region please contact the **SMILE regional coordinators**.

SMILE young people "bling up" their bikes



This summer SMILE and Bling Ya Bike, teamed up to deliver a programme of bicycle repair

workshops for young refugees. The sessions were run by Bling Ya Bike's Director Lamonte Johnson with assistance from Refugee Council staff.

Each young person was given his own second hand "Project Bike" to work on. Over 5 sunny weeks they were taught how to repair and recondition their bike; learning skills such as rearing a puncture, fixing the brakes and changing pedals. Their patience and hard work paid off as once their bike was road worthy they had fun decorating it with their own designs using spray paints and markers. The results were great!

After been given a helmet and a bike lock, and been awarded a certificate of achievement, they were ready to take their bike home with them.

Yorkshire and Humber SMILE Roundhay Park Trip



The grey and drizzly weather didn't matter as the homework club and various mentors and mentees decided to go

on a trip to Tropical World in Roundhay Park - which is a toasty place on the chilliest of days. As we arrived after school time we had the normally-packed place to ourselves.

The spiders and snakes were too much for one of the volunteers and so she waited with the picnic and piles of coats in the shop.

Much delight was brought about with a parrot sat high above us watching us all. We stood for a while calling up to it, in the hope that it would say

Young Women's Social Evening

SMILE London has now launched the young women's social evening held in Brixton every Tuesday from 6 to 8pm. The group, funded by the Royal Society of Arts, is a safe space for young women (16 to 21 years old) and activities run by women volunteers include film making, design, jewellery making and poster making.

For more information please contact [Arnaud](#).

SMILE Films at the Tricycle

On Sunday 20 June, and as part of Refugee Week, we organised a screening of our [documentary films](#) at the Tricycle Theatre, in Kilburn. Although attendance was modest, it was a great occasion for people to see on the big screen the films made by young people about their lives and a great opportunity for young people to appreciate their work.

hello back. When one person decided to wave that was its signal: it lifted a dignified claw and waved back, several times!

We shivered through the picnic – miraculously kept warm with towels and a cool bag and beat a hasty retreat to the minibus. All the ball games we decided to leave for a warmer day.

SMILE West Midlands has a busy Refugee Week

Refugee Week was a busy but enjoyable time for West Midlands SMILE.

We delivered six school talks across primary schools in Sandwell who were all pleased to be able to supplement the work they had already been doing for Refugee Week.

SMILE ran a young people's party in collaboration with [Celebrating Sanctuary](#) and [The Children's Society](#), which was great fun. The [SMILE documentary films](#) were shown, delicious food was served, a DJ got people up and dancing and an appearance from [Refugee Youth](#) really got the party going with live drumming, dancing and face painting.

Also in Refugee Week but in perfect time for the World Cup, the SMILE football project kicked off. Three volunteer coaches will be leading weekly sessions of skills development and fun games for SMILE teenagers until the end of July.

SMILE helps child refugees to enjoy and achieve in education through mentoring, befriending and school talks.

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