## Georgia's Story

Active Fusion's Community Leaders project helped Georgia find her feet in self-improvement



The Community Leaders project has had such a positive change in Georgia's mindset, weather that is school or coaching.

**Coach Kingsley** 

Georgia is a student who is a good student academically, but she sometimes struggled to focus in lessons and didn't engage with any extra-curricular support sessions. Her lack of focus in lessons was negatively affecting her lesson output, her grades. One lesson she loved was PE but she didn't engage with any sports team within her community. Georgia's enjoyment of sport was a key reason in her deciding to engage in the Active Fusion Community Leaders project.

During the first few sessions, Georgia could be easily distracted by her peers and struggled to focus when it came to completing her work booklet to gain her sports qualification. One thing that stood out about Georgia was how she enjoyed taking the lead in small group activities and she was always happy to contribute her answer in full group discussions. The tutor of the group was able to take this on board and use it when planning each week's session to incorporate learning activities which would help keep Georgia interested and use her strength of leading and influencing others to develop other young people in the group whilst allowing for self-improvement for Georgia herself.

For a young person who didn't engage with extracurricular activities offered by her school, since her starting in April she has only missed 1 session and is up to date with all work tasks associated with her work booklet. She is learning to be a more mature, confident coach and teach her knowledge to her peers.



During her time on Fusion Community Leaders, Georgia has volunteered several times to demonstrate her improved leadership skills by hosting activity on other Active Fusion community projects, such as assisting delivery on Fusion Youth sessions in her community. She also volunteered a whole day of her time to assist with her school sports day in which she completed various tasks and gained more experience in a coaching atmosphere amongst an education environment.

Since Georgia returned back to school after the summer break, she has worked with one of her PE teachers to launch a girls football team and has assisted in both the recruitment of players from her school but also in the setting up of sessions as well as assisting in the delivery of the sessions. Which again, is showcasing Georgia's strengths of being a more confident leader.

Providing a place to learn after-school hours, throughout Doncaster.

Over a period of 5-6 months Georgia has grown to be a successful leader and a better role model through our Community Leaders sessions. We, Active Fusion, want to push to help more people like Georgia, turn something they love into a stable career path – providing a qualification to work with.



The impact our Community Leaders project had on Georgia, is similar to almost all children and young people who join us - to find their voice. There is a huge increase in confidence, the development of new/old skills, building relationships, and of course the physical benefits.

Active Fusion's Community Leaders programme provides disadvantaged young people with new skills and opportunities. Our Community Leaders programme helps to create a positive cycle of involvement, attainment and youth leadership at the heart of children's communities. We strive to provide more sessions in different areas across South Yorkshire. It will be our mission to provide these children and young people with a qualification, which will help further employability

Our Fusion Fund supported by Well Doncaster, offers the opportunity for locally based groups to apply for up to £1,000 to help nurture positive change and sustain provisions, which will be youth lead.



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