

## The Tom ap Rhys Pryce Memorial Trust

Tom ap Rhys Pryce was robbed and killed as he walked home from Kensal Green tube station on 12 January 2006.

In an effort to ensure that something positive comes out of this terrible tragedy, Tom's family, fiancée and Linklaters, the law firm at which Tom worked, established a registered charity as a lasting memorial to Tom. The charity is known as The Tom ap Rhys Pryce Memorial Trust. Its four Trustees are Tom's parents, fiancée and a Linklaters partner who worked closely with Tom.

The response to Tom's Trust has been amazing. There have been a whole range of fantastic fundraising events - a concert, a swimathon, a cricket match, an auction, a cycle ride from London to Cannes, a sponsored picnic, sponsored "dress down" days and a number of dinners - to list just some. In its first year Tom's Trust raised funds of over £815,000 and has now passed the significant £1 million milestone. Thank you very much to all of our supporters and donors.

We are delighted to confirm that none of the funds raised have been used to cover any form of administrative costs, with the result that every single penny of the funds will be spent on promoting the twin goals of:

- assisting disadvantaged children and young people to achieve their potential and to lead rewarding lives by providing them with educational and vocational training opportunities which they would otherwise be unlikely to receive; and
- helping to tackle and prevent the root causes of violent gang culture and violent street crime through educational programmes and other charitable means.

During the year the Trustees have explored many options for promoting these goals. We have met with and been greatly assisted by many experienced individuals and organisations who are focussed on achieving goals that overlap with those of Tom's Trust. These have generously given us help and advice.

Tom's Trust has so far committed funding and support to the following projects:

- In partnership with **The Frank Buttle Trust** ([www.buttletrust.org](http://www.buttletrust.org)), Tom's Trust is funding a number of disadvantaged London children to receive secondary education in an independent day or boarding school for up to 7 years. These are children with acute social, emotional or health needs that have not been, and in practice are unlikely to be, met within the state education system or whose home life is so precarious that such an education is vital if they are to be given the support they need to raise their self esteem and become capable and confident adults.
- In partnership with **SHINE** (Support and Help In Education - [www.shinetrust.org.uk](http://www.shinetrust.org.uk)), Tom's Trust is funding a refugee project at a primary school in Southall, one of the most deprived areas of the London Borough of Ealing. The funding will be used for an after-school learning club that will focus in particular on strengthening literacy and numeracy skills.

- In partnership with **LIVE Futures**, Tom's Trust will fund a year's wages for a new member of staff within LIVE to deliver accredited training courses to young people engaged in the *LIVE Magazine* project, aimed at helping them back to college or into employment. LIVE Futures runs innovative, media-related youth engagement initiatives targeting disadvantaged south London communities. *LIVE Magazine*, its main project, is a publication produced entirely by young people under professional mentorship from media professionals. ([www.live-magazine.co.uk](http://www.live-magazine.co.uk))
- In partnership with **Marlborough College** ([www.marlboroughcollege.org](http://www.marlboroughcollege.org)), Tom's Trust and Marlborough College are jointly establishing and funding the Tom ap Rhys Pryce Memorial Bursary, a means-tested bursary to be awarded once every five years to enable a child to attend Marlborough College.
- In partnership with Civitas ([www.civitas.org.uk](http://www.civitas.org.uk)), Tom's Trust is providing funding for the **London Boxing Academy Community Project**. This project is based in the London Borough of Haringey and provides an alternative education programme, combining academic studies with sport, that aims to re-integrate excluded youths into mainstream society.
- In partnership with **Skilltrain** ([www.skilltrain.co.uk](http://www.skilltrain.co.uk)) we are helping to set up a project aimed at changing gang culture through Rap. The participants will be taught to send out positive messages through their Rap lyrics, which will give them both confidence and self-esteem, and make them aware of the down-side of gang culture.
- In partnership with **The Midi Music Company** in Lewisham ([www.themidimusiccompany.co.uk](http://www.themidimusiccompany.co.uk)) which was established in 1995 to teach music, music technology and media programmes to children and young people who face economic and social disadvantage, we are supporting the 'Budding Musicians Club'. We are also paying for 6 bursaries a year for talented children to attend the Blackheath Conservatoire of Music & Arts.
- In partnership with **Toynbee Hall** ([www.toynbeehall.org.uk](http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk)) we have agreed to fund one of the modules in Toynbee Hall's 'Aspire' project over a 3-year period. This aims to divert young people from crime by providing an opportunity to excel and build self-worth through achieving individual challenges and team work.
- In partnership with **The OK Club** ([www.okclub.org.uk](http://www.okclub.org.uk)) we are funding a programme designed to meet the twin objectives of the Tom ap Rhys Pryce Trust, to enable disadvantaged young people to lead rewarding lives by providing educational or vocational training opportunities they would otherwise be unlikely to receive, and to help tackle and prevent the root causes of violent gang culture and violent street crime through educational programmes and other charitable means. The programme will meet these objectives by recruiting disadvantaged young people known to be at high risk of group involvement in violent street crime, and engaging them in enjoyably challenging learning experiences as 'triggers' of improved social attitudes, relationships and vocational skills

- In partnership with **WAVE** (Worldwide Alternatives to Violence) we are funding the position of an Education Co-ordinator whose role is to communicate WAVE's prevention of violence message to adolescents and young adults (ages 15-23). This educational project is intended to make a significant and enduring long-term difference to levels of violence in Britain. This target group is identified both because of their role as current or future parents and also as people entering professions where an understanding of the root causes of violent behaviour, and the most effective ways of addressing these, will help us develop a less violent society. ([www.wavetrust.org.uk](http://www.wavetrust.org.uk))

The Trustees are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated to Tom's Trust, organised and participated in the numerous fundraising events, and given us invaluable advice during the course of the past year. A big Thank You to you all for your very kind and generous support, which will make a positive and significant difference to the lives of many children and young people.

Work is currently underway to develop the website of Tom's Trust ([www.tomaprhystryce.com](http://www.tomaprhystryce.com)) so that it will in the future provide all of our supporters with information as to planned fundraising events and an update on the work of Tom's Trust. Please do visit the site!

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