



# Tom's Trust Newsletter 2012



**Dear Friends & Supporters,**

Tom's family, friends and work colleagues are determined to make sure that the legacy of his murder in a dark London street in January 2006 is a positive one. The aim is to help some of the most deprived young people in London.

The mindless violence which occurred in last year's riots was a wake-up call. Tom's Trust aims to prevent young people expressing their anger and frustration so destructively, by providing them with expert educational assistance as well as positive opportunities for their development in various fields, e.g. sport, media, music, photography, fashion, cookery and other occupations.

Tom's Trust continues to support a wide range of projects that help give young people educational and vocational opportunities which would otherwise be denied them. Our proposed funding this year is for at least 14 different projects covering every aspect of our work. We would like to do more, but the dramatic drop in earned interest means that we very much depend on individual donations. We have some fund-raising activities planned for this year, but if anyone would like to organise an event or raise sponsorship to support the Trust please contact us via our website, [www.tomstrust.com](http://www.tomstrust.com).

## **YOUR IMPACT**

As we hope you will see from this newsletter, the work already done in Tom's memory, enabled by your donations, has had a huge impact.

But never has the need for quality youth care, education and support been so acute, nor the funding so precarious. Your continued support is hugely appreciated.

Please visit [Justgiving.com/tomaprhy](http://Justgiving.com/tomaprhy) or send cheques payable to "Tom's Trust" to Andrew Hughes, Tom's Trust, c/o Linklaters, One Silk Street, London EC2Y 8HQ. Thank you



# Tales from the Trust...

The latest addition to the growing family of brilliant London youth organisations that benefit from funding, support and knowledge from Tom's Trust is Waterloo-based youth forum, **SE1 United**.



Set up in 2003, SE1 United helps over 1,000 10 - 21 year-olds design their own educational rehabilitation programs, events, cultural experiences, life-changing trips, work experience and mentoring from their drop-in centre in the basement of the Royal Festival Hall. Your donations are helping SE1 give more young people the chance to achieve their full potential.



## Emmanuel's Testimony

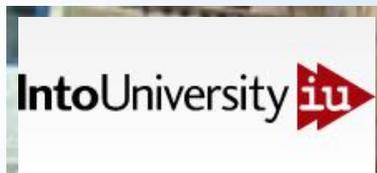
*'I discovered SE1 UNITED in 2010 whilst I was at a downfall in my life. I was involved in so many incidents due to where I lived. I had been stabbed and chased by gangs. A good friend of mine I met from years ago advised me so many times, but it is only after I had been stabbed that I realised this was not a way to live. Since I met SE1 UNITED, they provided me with so many opportunities involved with jobs, and independence. I now earn legit money and I am back on track with college thanks to SE1 UNITED'.*

## Sheiva Shines!



Tom's Trust continues to provide bursaries for talented children through Deptford's excellent Midi Music Company. Sheiva Palizban joined the 11-15 Budding Musician's Club band workshop eighteen months ago, and thanks to Tom's Trust now studies electric guitar at The Blackheath Conservatoire. An enthusiastic and talented musician, she still attends BMC drum classes with her teacher Daniel Howard.

*"I'm really honoured to have these lessons. It's a fantastic opportunity. My guitar tutor Ben is really helpful, and drums with Daniel is a blast! I also compose my own music on the piano at home; sometimes loud, sometimes quiet, it depends what mood I'm in!"*



## University Challenges

**Despite the cuts, IntoUniversity's Brent centre, near where Tom used to live, is helping young people keep their academic aspirations alive.**

*"These are challenging times in higher education. Students applying this year are the first affected by the rise in tuition fees, but we've been busily working with our partner primary and secondary schools, as well as our in-centre mentoring and academic support programmes, to encourage and help lots of young people from less advantaged backgrounds to go to university and study the subjects they are passionate about. As well as our usual university visits we've also taken students to BBC Television Centre, Foundling Museum, Barbican, Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament and rock climbing (left). Thanks Tom's Trust and its supporters for helping to make this happen."*

# A Night To Remember

To mark the Trust's 5<sup>th</sup> year a Gala Concert was held at the Purcell Room in the South Bank Centre. The wonderful celebration of music, kindly organised by Hannah Taylor, reflected Tom's life-long interest and participation in classical music. The superb soprano Simona Mihai was expertly accompanied by Susanna Stranders, while the Hepplewhite Trio (graduates of the Birmingham Conservatoire) brilliantly played a variety of classical piano trios. We were delighted that so many of Tom's friends and colleagues were able to come, making it a very special evening of remembrance.



The Hepplewhite Trio

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## Take a Bow

A celebratory concert by young Suzuki string players from Belgium and Surrey was held at the Yehudi Menuhin School on 14<sup>th</sup> April, the proceeds of which are very generously being given to the Tom's Trust.



## Doing it for Tom, Doing it for the Kids.

Huge congratulations to Tom's good friend Sophie McGeoch who completed the London Marathon in an impressive 4 and a half hours, raising a tremendous £3,000 for Tom's Trust and another £2,000 for Arthritis Care. Sophie, an Assistant Head Teacher, got her whole school joining in her fundraising efforts, so moved were they by Sophie's telling of the tragic loss of Tom and the work of the Trust. So thanks to Sophie and everyone at Granard Primary School and everyone who sponsored her.

<http://www.justgiving.com/Sophie-McGeoch>

**INSPIRED TO TAKE ON A SPORTING CHALLENGE OF YOUR OWN?  
GET IN TOUCH AND WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPORT YOU.**

# Downing Street Reception

We are most grateful to Samantha Cameron for hosting a Reception at No.10 in support of Tom's Trust. On a lovely June evening last year, many of the Trust's fundraisers and supporters, as well as representatives of the many charities supported by the Trust gathered to meet in the garden of No.10 to enjoy the special ambience of this famous venue. It was a privilege to be there.

Mrs Cameron graciously gave a brief description of the Trust's work, which was followed by inspiring speeches from Dr Jonty Clark and Rodney Adadevoh, a young man whose life has been turned around with help from Livity, via his work on *Live Magazine*.

It was a truly uplifting, moving and inspiring event.



L-R: Tom's Trust supporters Mr & Mrs Lionel Moon, Hannah Taylor, Mr & Mrs John Jackson with Samantha Cameron.



## A wheely good example of what Cannes be done to help!

Once again, the **Cycle2Cannes** riders raised a huge amount of money for the 5 charities they support. Some 80 cyclists started from London on 1<sup>st</sup> March to cycle the 1500km to Cannes in 6 days, arriving in time for the annual MIPIM property industry convention. The weather was kind this year, with a generally following wind, which was some solace to those with aching legs and weary limbs at the end of each day! Tom's Trust is extremely grateful for being included in a share of the proceeds from this amazing event.

[www.cycle2cannes.org](http://www.cycle2cannes.org)

## Boxing helps Erkan beat his demons



**Tom's Trust network member The Boxing Academy pledges never to exclude the excluded...**

*A short while ago Erkan's future was looking bleak. He got excluded for taking a knife into school and was staying out all night leaving his parents worried sick.*

*"I took a Swiss Army knife into school because I didn't feel safe," says Erkan who was constantly getting into trouble. Erkan was also causing problems at home. "Some nights I didn't go home. I'd be out all night drinking in local parks, or round friends' houses. My parents were really worried. I used to think being bad was cool. I got carried away with it and couldn't stop."*



*The disciplined regime and family atmosphere at the Academy has worked. "Since I first came here in May 2010, I have not been in trouble. My punctuality is 98% and my attendance is 100%. The teachers here make lessons fun and you learn something. They talk to us like a friend." There are just six pupils per class, taught by one teacher and a boxing mentor. "You get a lot of help if you get stuck," says Erkan. "I feel a lot better now I'm here. My life has really changed."*

## Good Sports

Tom's Trust's annual charity picnic at Claremont Fan Court School in Surrey was a great success this year, despite rain forcing us indoors!

The Sports Hall proved to be a great place for children's games and treasure hunt, whilst the 'Home Produce' stall proved as popular as ever. Everyone there enjoyed meeting their friends and relatives while the silent auction also raised a significant sum.

**If you'd like help organising a similar event for Tom's Trust please get in touch!**



## Animal Magic

Tom's Trust supports Toynbee Hall's Aspire programme helping very vulnerable young people re-engage with education. A recent highlight was a 4-night visit to Jamie's Farm in Wiltshire, which exists to transform the lives of children in challenging urban schools by providing a unique combination of farming, family and therapy.

The 44 children from Toynbee Hall who took part, many of whom had never been away from home before, certainly had an amazing, transformative experience. Activities such as preparing and cooking the meals, art work and especially learning how to look after the various farm animals have been shown to have a hugely beneficial effect for children who have not previously had this opportunity.



Toynbee Hall



## Hope Springs



One of the Hope UK voluntary drug educators who was trained with funding from the Tom ap Rhys Pryce Memorial Trust is the Manager of a drug rehabilitation centre in Newham. She and other Hope UK volunteers have taken several sessions with the residents, exploring the effects of drug use on the users' lives and proposing alternative options.

A Congolese educator delivered an alcohol awareness session in French in the heart of his community: a barber's shop. These sessions have a positive effect on reducing drug and alcohol abuse in the local community.



# A recipe for saving lives

**SWITCHBACK**

Switchback, one of Tom's Trust's longest running partnerships, helps ex-offenders start new lives in the catering industry. Here is PD's story:

*"When PD first met Switchback he knew he wanted to change his life. He was making too many people that mattered to him unhappy and he feared he'd "end up dead if not back inside".*

*Although he chose to train unpaid at the Crisis Skylight Café, making quick money was still a temptation. But he decided to fully commit to Switchback and the opportunities that came with it. He got on very well with the café team, his timekeeping improved and gradually his conversations with his mentor focussed on making big changes and managing the consequences.*

*After two months, he got himself three job interviews and was offered two of them. He took the role of Food and Beverage Assistant at a hotel as there were more career possibilities. He now works five shifts a week, often starting at 6.30am and has never been late! He still comes to visit Switchback regularly and the conversations are now about budgeting and holiday plans."*



## **New Patron: Prof Sir Christopher Edwards, FRSE**

We are delighted that Professor Sir Christopher Edwards MD, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRSE, FMedSci, HonDSc, has agreed to be a Patron of the Trust. Sir Christopher has had a distinguished career in both the medical and academic worlds. Formerly a Professor of Medicine at Edinburgh University and later 6 years as Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, he has also been a Governor of the Wellcome Trust. He is currently Chairman of the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and a Governor of Westminster School. His expertise in many fields will be a great asset to the Trust.

# Amy lands on her feet at Livity



Youth engagement social enterprise Livity's Landing Pad is an intensive 6-month program run in tandem with its journalism training scheme Live Magazine. It's specifically designed to support young people who are in difficult circumstances, to turn their lives around. This is Amy's story: *Amy joined the Landing Pad project in August 2011 aged 16. She was on a referral order for robbery after breaching a previous referral order. At that time she had not been in education for several months. She had been put in care in 2009 and had moved placements several times, so had a very unstable life. Since joining the project, she has shown great commitment, contributing to the magazine and also being a huge part of our street promotion team. Through Live's mentoring partnership with the Guardian, she has established a regular work experience and mentoring relationship with Guardian fashion editor Priscilla Kwateng and in November last year she had a an article published in the Guardian about young jobseekers.*



the guardian

## A FORUM FOR LIVELY DEBATE

Livity also played host to the most recent Tom's Trust Network Forum in their lively Brixton offices. The Forum is a chance for all those involved with funded projects, past and present, to learn from each other and from guest speakers. The March event included a very insightful talk from Tom's fiancée Adele Eastman, now a senior policy advisor at the Centre for Social Justice, about the effects of exclusion in schools, plus presentations about liberating space by Louisa from *somewhere to* and social impact measurement by Leonie from Deloitte.

## More Tom's Trust Beneficiaries

**The Buttle Trust** provides funding for children with acute social emotional and/or health needs to receive secondary education. Tom's Trust provides bursaries for six children to attend independent or state boarding schools.

**Greenhouse Charity** runs sports and performing arts programmes in deprived communities of London. Tom's Trust helps fund the **Bethwin Football Club** in Peckham.

**The O.K.Club** in Kilburn is a place where young people can gather, play games and learn new skills, including IT, art, cooking and music production. It provides a vital service in this socially deprived area.

**The Southside Young Leaders Academy** provides a disciplined environment for boys who have the potential to lead but are at the risk of exclusion. They meet on Saturday mornings to learn leadership and life skills, as well as playing games and going on organised trips.

**Real Action** is a community-led charity set up to provide effective solutions to literacy problems in the disadvantaged area of North Paddington. Tom's Trust provides funding for the highly successful **Butterfly Saturday Reading Club**, which helps children overcome literacy and language issues that would otherwise prevent them from realising their potential.

Tom's Trust also supplies funding for bursaries at **Marlborough College** and **Trinity College**, Cambridge, to reflect the education from which Tom himself benefited.

## Words of Thanks...

The Trustees are hugely grateful to all who have raised funds or made donations and consistently supported the Trust. We really give you our heartfelt thanks, and please, if you can help make this a special year in memory of Tom, that would be wonderful.

If you have your own ideas for fundraising, please contact us at [tomstrust@linklaters.com](mailto:tomstrust@linklaters.com). We'd be delighted to post your plans on the website and to encourage sponsorship.

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