



## BURSARY REPORT PREPARED FOR PAUL NEWLAND

Dear Paul,

Thank you for supporting Snow-Camp's bursary programme.

We believe that there is huge potential in using the power and appeal of snowsports, as well as the mountain environment, to challenge and support the young people we work with. We know that having access to these sports, delivered within a youth work focused environment can change young people's mindsets, broaden their horizons and open their eyes to the opportunities that exist for them. We are only able to make such a positive difference to the young people we help through our valuable supporters, like you.

Over the last 15 years, our programmes have been refined and improved based on experience, and we have been proud to see our work spread to support young people across the country – but we maintain our core belief in the Snow-Camp model. We want to inspire and equip as many young people as possible to excel in their lives through a combination skiing, snowboarding, life-skills training, qualifications, work experience and apprenticeships.

This year, we have worked with over 800 young people nationally. Many of these young people were involved with gangs, were not in education, employment or training (NEET), or had other emotional and behavioural needs. Some were settling in the UK or a new community, failing in school or struggling to find employment. Many just needed someone to believe in them or give them the opportunity to change.

We are pleased that over 100 young people are now moving on to our instructor programme, Excel, in February including Jack McNulty from St Andrew's Youth Club.

We are delighted to share with you your first bursary report highlighting the incredible journey Jack is now on thanks to your support. Thank you and we hope you enjoy reading the report below.

## JACK MCNULTY

AGE: 17

FROM: WESTMINSTER, LONDON

SPORT: SNOWBOARDING

YOUTH CLUB: ST ANDREW'S



Jack lives with his mum on an estate in Westminster. He also has a little brother and sister who do not live with him. On the surface the area Jack lives in seems upbeat and exciting, there are many tourist attractions in close proximity. However, what most people don't see are the pockets of deprivation in Westminster, the vast gaps in wealth between the communities that live there.

“ THERE IS A LOT OF GANG RELATED VIOLENCE IN OUR AREA AND I WAS ROBBED NOT SO LONG AGO. IT WAS SCARY. ”

Jack is currently in college but before Snow-Camp he was struggling with attendance and was at-risk of dropping out. Jack's youth worker thought that Snow-Camp would be able to help motivate Jack to keep him on a positive path, away from gangs and negativity on his estate.

Attending Snow-Camp in his spare time has given Jack the direction and confidence in his own abilities he needed. He now works hard in college just to be able to get on the slopes with Snow-Camp on the weekend.

Since joining Snow-Camp in the summer of 2018, Jack has completed our First Tracks and Graduate Programmes gaining a Snowsport England Snow Life award and an ASDAN in Sports and Fitness.

“ I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCE SNOWSPORTS BEFORE SNOW-CAMP. BY LEARNING HOW TO SNOWBOARD I FEEL LIKE I HAVE ACHIEVED SOMETHING POSITIVE. SNOW-CAMP HAVE HELPED TO GIVE ME DIRECTION AND I REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE SNOWBOARDING. ”



Next up for Jack is Snow-Camp's Excel programme beginning in February. Excel includes 10 days advanced snowsports training with assessment by Snowsport England which includes 20 hours shadowing their instructors during a 9-day residential to Montgenevre, Italy with Equity Ski. The programme includes life-skills sessions throughout which will focus on career opportunities, working with young people and the theory of teaching snowsports. Students receive a Snowsport England Instructor Level 1 qualification and a First Aid and Safeguarding Certificate on completion of the course in April.

It is at this point in the Snow-Camp programme journey that the young people become an integral part of the development, delivery and monitoring of Snow-Camp programmes becoming young leaders and ambassadors for the charity. When a young person completes Excel and gains a Snowsport England Instructor qualification, they then volunteer by teaching the next cohort of young people on First Tracks the following summer. Not only is this empowering for them, it's inspirational for the new young people who they may already know from their youth club or estate, showing them exactly what can be achieved in one year at Snow-Camp.

Snow-Camp's London Programme Manager, Lucy Chadburn said:

“ JACK HAS LEARNT SO MANY NEW SKILLS ON AND OFF THE SLOPE WITH US. I HAVE SEEN A SPARK IN JACK WHICH SEEMS TO BE GROWING EVERYTIME HE COMES BACK TO SNOW-CAMP. HE IS NOW ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN LIFE-SKILLS, PUSHING HIMSELF OUT ON THE SLOPES AND BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL TO HIS PEERS. THROUGH YOUR SPONSORSHIP PAUL WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INVEST IN JACK AND JACK IS NOW INVESTING IN HIMSELF, WHICH IS FANTASTIC TO SEE. HE HAS UPPED HIS LEVEL OF MATURITY AND IS ACTIVELY TRYING TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF HIMSELF. HE HAS STARTED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT DOORS COULD OPEN FOR HIM AT THE END OF SNOW-CAMP AND FROM TALKING TO HIM IT IS CLEAR THAT HE IS STARTING TO BELIEVE HE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS! THANK YOU PAUL FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

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Over the last 5 months we have seen Jack grow into a confident young man and we were delighted to offer him the life changing opportunity to continue on Snow-Camp's programmes with your support. Thank you Paul. We look forward to updating you on Jack's progress over the next few months.