



Sports Events and Community Conflict

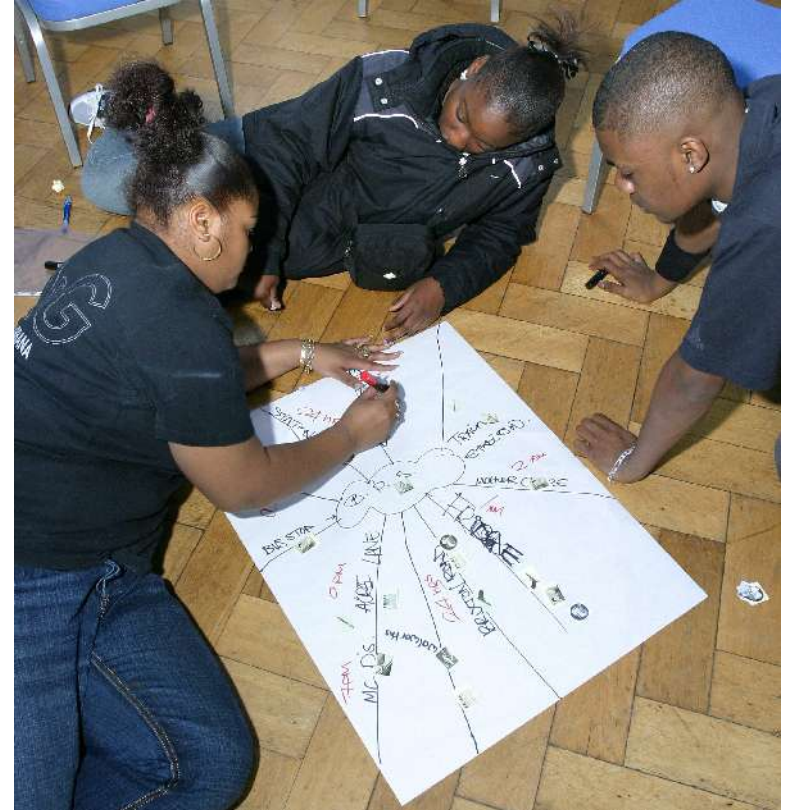
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Aims

- To share Leap's learning relating to using sporting events to bring communities in conflict together.
- To offer practical tools for planning these events



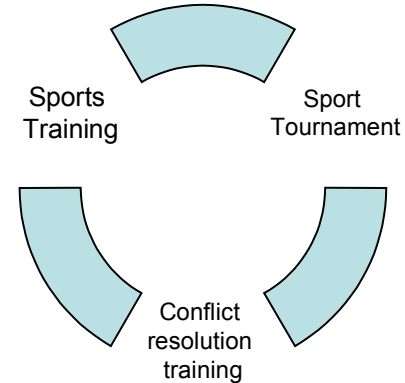


What Do We Do?

- Sports Relief funding projects that bring young people together who are in conflict with each other or who live in communities where they rarely come into contact with each other.
- Projects funded to deliver a mixture of sports and conflict resolution training
- Leap's role is to capacity build

Methods of Integrating Sport and CR Training

- Rotation model
- Combined sports and CR training, e.g. educational time-outs, red flags in football
- Tournaments and events
- Training sports coaches and leaders



Reasons for Staging Sporting Events

	Participants in Conflict?	Key Characteristics	Outcomes
Diversionsary	No	Takes place when high incidences of anti-social behaviour (asb)	Potential reduction in asb during particular time
Engagement	No	Popular sport Open to everyone	Relationship building between participants and staff
Bringing Rival Groups Together	Yes	Highly staffed Relationships already built Neutral space	Relationship building between participants

Contact Theory

Contact between groups in conflict is only beneficial when:

- Members of different groups consider each other to be of equal status
- The activity undertaken is successful
- The work is continued for long enough for self generating contact to be sustained

CR Training with Young People

- Single identity work first (build relationship and create common language)
- Safety and Danger, Space and Territory, Status and Power, Enemies and Revenge



Keeping the Event Safe

- Staff training
- Strategy agreed for managing conflict
- Mixed teams
- Warm up exercises
- Rewards for fair play



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