



## Black Prince Trust – Community Update January 2019

### The NBA Comes to London

The biggest event in the basketball calendar took place at The O2 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January when the Washington Wizards faced the New York Knicks as part of Global Game Week.

Here at the Black Prince Trust & Regal Basketball we celebrated in style with a week full of exciting opportunities for our community and partners to play their part in celebrating basketball within London.

### Caron Butler chats community basketball



The week started off at The Regal with NBA legend and two-time NBA All Star and NBA Champion Caron Butler taking part in a podcast with Regal Basketball partner On Court Off Court. During the podcast together, they discussed the power of basketball to provide young people with opportunities to change and develop alongside Caron's NBA career. Highlighting the similarities in the opportunities Regal Basketball offers the basketball community here in London.

On Court Off Court – Episode 70 link below

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B015PMGAPQ/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B015PMGAPQ/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1)

After the podcast recording Caron dropped in to the Regal court to watch London based community basketball and to say hi to the ballers playing in the scrimmage organised by our Partner Ball is London. . Ball is London offers members of the community free structured scrimmages every Monday evening from The Regal free of charge.

The On Court Off Court guys had the opportunity to take over Nike London's Instagram story showcasing the podcast and the Global Game Week celebrations being delivered from The Regal and Jordan courts. For BPT and Regal Basketball this was excellent exposure for all the work the Trust delivers to the community as Nike London have 750k followers.

### Extended Open Basketball

During Global Game Week Regal Basketball added to its already existing 37 hours of free community basketball offer. Over the course of the week both The Regal and Jordan courts added an additional 10 hours of free court time to engage visiting ballers from across Europe and the UK.

A full timetable of basketball activities can be found at [www.blackprincetrust.org.uk](http://www.blackprincetrust.org.uk)



## Jr NBA Celebration – Dress Rehearsal Wizards V Knicks

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January two schools had the chance to represent the Washington Wizards and New York Knicks in a dress rehearsal for Thursday's game. Taking place at London's premier community basketball court The Regal.



In attendance were a host of stars from across the globe, coaching the teams and passing on invaluable tips, advice and support throughout the day. With 5-time WNBA All-Star Elena Delle Donne plus Washington team mate Natasha Cloud, 4 x NBA All-Star Latrell Sprewell, 2011 NBA champion Caron Butler, 7'7" tall former Washington Wizard Gheorghe Muresan, WNBA coaching legend Mike Thibault plus 1978 NBA champions Phil Chenier and Bob Dandridge all pitching in, the Jr. NBA players couldn't have been in better hands to showcase their talents. The teams also enjoyed mixing with a star from closer to home with Watford FC's Troy Deeney dropping by to offer his support and get involved in the action.

Full article - [www.basketballengland.co.uk/news/jr-nba-players-light-up-the-regal-in-wizards-v-knicks-dress-rehearsal/](http://www.basketballengland.co.uk/news/jr-nba-players-light-up-the-regal-in-wizards-v-knicks-dress-rehearsal/)

## Love Basketball Academy Ladies visit O2



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January on the eve of the big game. Regal Basketball partner the Love Basketball Academy and a few lucky players had the chance to try out the court at the O2 even before the stars of the NBA.

This opportunity was to showcase women's basketball within London and how Regal Basketball via the partnership model supports the growth of participation within women's and girls' basketball.

For more information on the Love Basketball Academy please email [Jose@lovebasketball.co.uk](mailto:Jose@lovebasketball.co.uk)

## Washington Post drops by The Regal

On Wednesday during Global Game Week, Candace Buckner reporter for the Washington Post and Washington Wizards fan dropped by the Regal to get a feel for community basketball in London. The article looked at the overall London basketball scene incorporating BPT's offer of free opportunities for the community to engage in the activities on offer in The Regal and Jordan courts.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2019/01/16/nba-easily-sells-out-games-london-basketball-isnt-big-britain/>

German based basketball vlogger and basketball skills coach Paul Gudde visits the Regal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uU2pDD8Dbil>

BPT Community Manager Jason Henley catches up with Joel and Matty about their personal journey here at The Regal. The guys chat about how having the opportunity to access free court time has led to achieve full athletic scholarships

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwbQLskNNh4>

## BPT Finance and Business Manager Lou de Waal London Marathon

I can't believe I am running the London Marathon! Please get behind supporting me as all money raised will be going towards the fantastic Black Prince Trust and female engagement.

Working for Black Prince Trust has enabled me to see how the charity has a positive effect on the local community. The vibrant non-for-profit Sport for development charity sits in the heart of a housing estate in one of the most deprived boroughs in London. The unique hub delivers free to user exercise and educational sessions to pretty much anyone who walks through the doors.

I have a huge passion to get females enjoying sport and exercise at any age, therefore I am running the London Marathon in April in aid to raise funds for The Black Prince Trust to deliver and grow attendance in female only football, basketball and boxing in a low socio-economic area.

This also allows me to give back to the community and raise awareness of the great work the Trust does. I know your generous donations will directly impact females of ages 8 - 80+, whether that may be to improve confidence, to meet new friends, to learn a new skill or for them to identify a role model within their community. There is no other place like the Black Prince Community Hub and fundraising for such a great cause will help provide this service for many more years. All donations of any amount are hugely appreciated - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LoudeWaal>



## Local Training Opportunities

As part of BPT's strategy around Training and Development we are keen to raise awareness of sector related training opportunities for our community and partners. Below we have some exciting course information.

### **Active Communities**

Whether you are just starting your career or looking at further developing your knowledge, we have a course suitable for you or your youth group. Our varied courses range from a Level 1 qualification, to a sport for development BSc honours undergraduate degree.

Our non-accredited training courses are also a fantastic way to gain basic knowledge on specific topics which can help to strengthen your CV and improve your understanding of youth work, sport and the issues young people face.

Training for Young People - <http://www.activecommunities.org.uk/courses-for-young-people>

Training for Staff and Practitioners - <http://www.activecommunities.org.uk/courses-for-individuals-from-the-sector>

### **Introduction to Trauma training**

NHS Lambeth CCG has commissioned Icon to deliver Trauma Awareness training for the children and young people's workforce in Lambeth. The whole training course is run over 3 days – You must be able to attend all three days to complete this course.

The course will be run 3 times over the next couple of months, dates of each course available are below;

- Course 1 - 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019
- Course 2 - 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019
- Course 3 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

For more information on the course please contact [marcele.henry-thomas@nhs.net](mailto:marcele.henry-thomas@nhs.net) by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

**If you would like any more detailed information on the work that takes place here at BPT please contact Jason Henley, Community Manager via [Jason@blackprincetrust.org.uk](mailto:Jason@blackprincetrust.org.uk)**