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NCFA NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2011

Welcome to the October newsletter which indicates how fast we are growing. Normally things wind down over the summer, but I think this has been the busiest couple of months ever in the history of the NCFA. The word International raises its head more and more. Ernie Brennan and myself were lucky to be guests at the Together We Are Stronger International Forum in Switzerland in August and met some remarkable people.

It really hit home how important this game is and how it is an international language that transcends race, religion and politics. Football acts as something we can all understand and be fun no matter what is going on around us. It is a bridge. There is no better example of this than the Christmas Truce of 1914 when after slaughtering each other the German and Allied troops came out of their trenches to meet, talk, exchange gifts and have a game of footy. Football still acts as a catalyst for change and understanding across the world.

Paul Cooper
(Projects Director)

FOOTBALL IS MORE foundation invited NCFA to attend the 'Together We Are Stronger' International Forum last August. We caught up with FIM founder Hanspeter Rothmund to find out a little more about their work, aspirations and long term aims.
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THE BOY WHO WANTED TO FLY by Don Mullen is a truly uplifting read and we are delighted to say Don joins the NCFA as a patron
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DION DUBLIN backs Football Foundation research into importance of community facilities.
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The great work being carried out by organisations sharing the NCFA's passion for development through football and protecting childhood is discussed in interviews with SLUM SOCCER's Abhijeet Barse
www.childrensfootballalliance.com and UGANDA YOUTH SOCCER ACADEMY's Ivan Kakembo
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YOUR KIDS YOUR SAY is the FA's 'travelling roadshow' that hopes to point the children's structured game in the right direction. Find out what one grass roots football coach thought when the Show pulled up at the Valley, home of his beloved Charlton Athletic Football Club.
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FOOTBALL FAMILY FAITH

www.footballfamilyfaith.com founder Mark Chester, community family officer at Liverpool Football Club, manages the fantastic TACTICS 4 FAMILIES project which uses the language and principles of football to get children thinking about the skills needed in family life. If you are a teacher or group leader, you can now download 'Tactics 4 Families' resources from the Liverpool FC website for free. To access a lesson plan and worksheets on the theme 'Work As A Team' (aimed at children aged 7 to 11) go to
www.liverpoolfc.tv/community/tactics-4-families

Funding is an issue!!! If your organisation or company is interested in supporting a children's football charity please get in touch with
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