



London & Cambridge 2019



STREET CHILD CRICKET WORLD CUP 2019

Today, young people in countries across the world - who have survived living on the streets or homelessness - are getting ready to play in their own World Cup.

Ahead of the ICC World Cup in England and Wales, these young people will not be playing for personal glory, but to show the world that every young person has a future, no matter their background.

The Street Child Cricket World Cup uses the power of cricket and the arts to level the playing field for young people in street situations or experiencing homelessness.

MORE THAN A GAME

There are millions of young people surviving on the streets worldwide.

Life on the streets is filled with danger. Instead of receiving support, these young people are often blamed for their situation and stigmatised. As a result, they face violence and abuse - their voices are rarely heard.

Although they are vulnerable, they are also resourceful and resilient – but are denied the opportunities they need to realise their potential.

WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE THIS



“Sport has the power to bring nations together – it is truly a force for unity. That is why I’m supporting the Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019, using our shared passion for cricket to enable some of the world’s most disadvantaged and marginalised children to show their talents, make their voices heard and celebrate the potential of every child, no matter their background.”
KUMAR SANGAKKARA

LORD'S CRICKET GROUND

London

Tuesday 7 May

11:30 - 16:00

The Street Child Cricket World Cup Finals will be played on the main pitch at Lord's.

For young people who until a few months ago didn't have a passport, stepping into the middle at the Home of Cricket will be a truly momentous occasion.

Playing at Lord's is symbolic of the significance of the young people's message: that all children have a right to the protection and support they need to achieve their potential.

Following the SCCWC Final, the young people will speak publicly on behalf of street-connected young people from their country, delivering a message of change which will reach their governments and the UN.

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PARKER'S PIECE

Cambridge

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May

11:00 - 17:00

For one weekend the Street Child Cricket World Cup is taking over Cambridge, bringing a festival of sport and music to Parker's Piece.

With matches taking place all weekend, the event is open to the public, allowing the whole city to support these young people campaigning on behalf of street-connected children everywhere.

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THE TEAMS

Countries playing at the Street Child Cricket World Cup will be represented by organisations providing frontline support for street-connected young people in that country.

The young people have experienced life on the streets, homelessness or have been at risk of the streets. Most know what it feels like to be seen and treated as less than human. All are determined to change their lives and the lives of others.

The young people are taking part in the event to campaign on behalf of street-connected young people from their country and we will be happy to work with you to arrange interviews at appropriate times on 4, 5 and 7 May.

TACKLING INVISIBILITY

"The children's greatest battle is against invisibility. These children are starved of a social existence, starved of recognition.

"The invisibility happens in two different ways. The child is invisible because their presence is ignored, they are looked down on, or because we stigmatise them, and see only a caricature. When we project our prejudices onto someone, we cancel out, we destroy the individuality which makes that person unique. We only see what we project onto them, a caricature, our own prejudices."

We're committed to getting the world on the side of street children. We believe in the power of cricket to share our story, and to reach the most at risk children, acting as a metaphor for life, helping these children on their journey to reaching their full potential.



MEET DRIKA

ONCE A YOUNG PERSON AT RISK, NOW A LEADER.

"I have always enjoyed football - I didn't know it would change my life."

Drika was born and raised in Brazil. She was one of 10 children - her family had no electric lights, no TV, or stove. She had no toys or games. **Football was the one thing that made her happy.**

Drika was chosen to represent her country at the 2014 Street Child World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, where she led her team to glory. She's now a football coach working with children at risk of the streets in Rio.

[Find out more](#)

“The Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019 will give these young people a platform, so that the whole world can listen to their stories, and work together to ensure a much brighter and safer life for them now - and in the future.”

The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH,
Street Child Cricket World Cup Patron

A photograph of four young people (two boys and two girls) standing on a dirt field, holding blue cricket stumps and a bat. In the background, there is a large white building with a tall minaret, likely a mosque. Other children are visible in the distance.

GET IN TOUCH

STREET CHILD UNITED

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The Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019 will be the fifth Street Child united event, following the Street Child World Cups in Durban 2010, Rio 2014 and Moscow 2018, and the Olympic-inspired Street Child Games -2016.

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