



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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- Wasps Legends donate £2,500 to School of Hard Knocks (SoHK).
- Donation will support the work with SoHK and CentrePoint to fund places for 3 homeless or at risk of homelessness adults to complete courses in south London within the next year.

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, the past players network of Wasps, men and women, amateur and professional announced today that they have issued a small grant award of £2,500 to the School of Hard Knocks.

School of Hard Knocks is a social inclusion charity which runs courses that use sport to tackle the issues surrounding unemployment, anti-social behaviour, crime and health. The charity has an expert team of coaches and mentors and is supported by a wide range of high profile individuals from within and outside sport. Our work has been documented five times by Sky Sports since 2007 and has grown into one of the most effective and high profile courses in the UK, working with some of the most hard to reach individuals in our society.

SoHK has partnered with Centrepoint Sport, the UK's leading youth homelessness charity, in October 2016, to deliver a pilot programme in Vauxhall, south London. Working with existing Centrepoint beneficiaries and unemployed adults who the DWP identified as at risk of homelessness, we ran a successful programme using fitness training and a combined curriculum of SOHK's employability modules and Centrepoint's specialist modules to help with issues around homelessness.

Genevieve Glover, Chair of Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation said of the announcement: "We are very pleased to be supporting the School of Hard Knocks with this donation. We have a strong relationship with SoHK and the work they do using rugby and sport to help those who often find themselves on the wrong end of life, through no real fault of their own, to integrate better into society. We are very excited the money is going towards supporting this project which will hopefully have a positive effect on those benefiting from the courses."

Ken Cowen, CEO of School of Hard Knocks added: "SoHK has previously had great support from Wasps Legends and we are thrilled that they are again supporting us. We have a great partnership with the Legends through our many shared ambassadors and our support for the values of rugby union and its ability to change lives. This funding will make a real and lasting difference to three homeless young people in the next year."

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