



PRESS RELEASE

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- Wasps Legends donate £2,500 to OneRio.
- Donation will support disadvantaged young people in Brazil's favelas.

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 OneRio.

OneRio helps young people in Brazil's favelas, who are socially and/or economically disadvantaged. Now in its fifth year of operation, OneRio supports over 400 disadvantaged young people annually, using rugby as a platform to enable access to life-changing education, employability and healthcare services.

The £2,500 donation award will fund Project Gold activities to support activities of some of the hardest to reach young people who are currently disengaged from education and at high-risk of dropping out and therefore, at risk of engaging in gang violence or the drug trade. Project Gold will use rugby session to engage with 15 young people and to develop individual education and employability plans.

Robert Malengreau of OneRio said of the donation: "On a personal level, Wasps FC has been integral my development as a person and as a professional. Being involved with the club at junior and senior levels helped build my confidence and overcome challenges on and off the field. Undoubtedly, my experience at Wasps has contributed directly to the concept behind OneRio, and inspired me to provide young people with the same support I have been lucky to receive during my time at Wasps. I am very proud and excited to be reconnecting with this special club to promote positive outcomes in the Morro do Castro favela where we work".

Genevieve Glover, Chair of Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation said of the announcement: "We are very pleased to be supporting an ex-Wasps in Robert Malengreau to give young people in Brazil's favelas a better opportunity of succeeding in life. To allow them to learn Rugby's values and how this can give support their development in education and then in employment will hopefully ensure that we can reduce the amount of disadvantaged children in Brazil.

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Notes to editor

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation

Wasps Legends was founded in 2005 with the aim of bringing back past players; men and women, amateur and professional to raise funds for their chosen charities. In 2012, the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation was established with the aim to raise funds to support a specific project each year that is close to the hearts of the Wasps Legends family.

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