

**Levelling the Playing Field (LtPF) uses the power of sport and physical activity to engage and improve health and life outcomes for ethnically diverse children who are more likely to enter, or already involved with, the Criminal Justice System.**

Our pilot areas are **London, Gwent, the West Midlands and South Yorkshire**. There we empower local people and organisations, helping them to maximise their existing frontline work in alignment with our **common goals**:

- 1** Increase the number of ethnically diverse children taking part in sport and physical activity.
- 2** Prevent and divert ethnically diverse children from being involved with the Criminal Justice System.

**To achieve our goals, the project employs a Health Promotion, Public Health approach:**

### **'Reducing harm' by:**

- ✓ Developing bespoke mentoring programmes
- ✓ Training 60 x Level 3 Trauma Responsive Mentors
- ✓ Engaging over 1200 mentees
- ✓ Using a bespoke mentoring and neuro-diversity app to capture impact
- ✓ Increasing support and development opportunities for mentors

### **'Reversing harm' by:**

- ✓ Delivering over 40 x weekly sessions of sport and physical activity in communities and the secure estate
- ✓ Engaging the 'voice of the child' and coordinating action towards our common goals
- ✓ Supporting the learning and development of front-line staff and understanding how it impacted on them and over 10,000 children and young people
- ✓ Building a Community of Practice and providing one-to-one support for staff to boost wellbeing and organisational achievement and growth
- ✓ Delivering regional and national networking events

### **'Preventing harm' by:**

- ✓ Showcasing 'what works' and championing Local Delivery Partners nationally
- ✓ Promoting role models and raising their profile
- ✓ Developing strategic partnerships to help respond to the voice and needs of the child
- ✓ Making the relevant connections to improve the breadth of open access data
- ✓ Using an evidence informed approach to advance policy, practice and investment

Powered by a record £1 million grant from the **London Marathon Charitable Trust**, LtPF is managed by the **Alliance of Sport in Criminal Justice**, working alongside the **Youth Justice Board** and is being evaluated by the **University of Birmingham**.

Together we operate in **5 Cities, 1 Town, 3 London Boroughs** and up to **8 Secure Establishments**. Working with over **75 Partners** we aim to engage over **11,200** children and scale up across **England and Wales**.