



# FIGHT FOR PEACE

Working to overcome division and violence and promote the potential of young people in disadvantaged communities

## 2008/9 Annual Report

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## MISSION STATEMENT

At community based projects, Fight for Peace works to overcome division and violence and promote the potential of young people through boxing, martial arts, education programmes and youth support services.

N.B. This 2008/9 Annual Report covers activities in Brazil from 01 January to 31 December 2008 and financial accounts in Brazil from 27 December 2007 to 31 December 2008 in line with our first financial accounting period in Brazil (Fight for Peace in Brazil became independent via the establishment of Associação Luta Pela Paz on 27 December 2007).

This 2008/9 Annual Report covers activities in the United Kingdom from 01 October 2007 (when Fight for Peace was opened in the UK) to 31 March 2009, and financial accounts in the United Kingdom from incorporation (10 October 2006) to 31 March 2009.

In future, however, accounting periods in all countries where Fight for Peace has a presence will be aligned so that Annual Reports will cover both events and financial accounting from 01 January – 31 December.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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"This last year has, in many ways, been the beginning of a new chapter in Fight for Peace's history. A new chapter which has only been possible thanks to almost a decade of hard work and dedication from so many people in the Fight for Peace family.

Fight for Peace has experienced consistent growth since it was established from small and humble roots in the favela community of Complexo da Mare, Rio de Janeiro, in 2000. Starting with only fifteen members in its first year, Fight for Peace now directly serves over 1600 children and young people per annum.

Special thanks to Rubem Cesar, and many others at Viva Rio, for the support and opportunity necessary to get Fight for Peace started. Thanks also to the unwavering support from the communities of Complexo da Mare and North Woolwich, exceptionally talented young people and hard working staff, trustees, partners and donors.

Because of all these people, Fight for Peace was able to begin this new chapter at the beginning of 2008 when we officially launched as an independent organisation with programmes in both Brazil and the UK.

Undoubtedly, there have been a number of hardships, difficulties and challenges along the way for all those involved; not least the loss of too many of our young people to the senseless gun violence that so often dominates the lives of youth in Brazil's favelas, and other urban communities around the world. In noting our history to date, it is important to remember the lives of these young people from Fight for Peace, and others elsewhere, who have died in a pointless urban conflict which they neither created nor really understood.

Yet in noting our history, it is also important to celebrate some of the milestones and successes we have achieved to date, which I hope are clearly outlined in this annual report; our first as an independent organisation.

Perhaps, due to the difficult economic times we all face, as we continue this new chapter in Fight for Peace's history, 2009/10 will be a time for consolidation rather than one of growth. However, it is my sincere belief that during such times we should look to expand our work as now more than ever young people in disadvantaged communities are in need of opportunities and support. With this in mind, we aim to work toward a position of strength during the coming year so that Fight for Peace's expansion to new communities around the world is a real possibility in the near future."

**Luke Dowdney MBE**

Founder & Director



# FIGHT FOR PEACE LAUNCHES

## RIO DE JANEIRO

Fight for Peace was founded in 2000 as a Viva Rio project. On December 27, 2007, due to consistent growth, and with the full support of Viva Rio, Fight for Peace was established as an independent NGO (*Associação Luta Pela Paz*) in Brazil on 27 December 2007.

To celebrate this new stage in Fight for Peace's development, on 15 April 2008, a launch event was held at Rio de Janeiro's famous *Circo Voador* venue, with over 500 staff and young people from the *Complexo da Maré*, friends and supporters and guests of honour including Rubem Cesar Fernandes, Executive Secretary of Viva Rio, and Emerson Fitipaldi, double F1 World Champion and Brazilian Patron of Fight for Peace.



The event kicked off with capoeira.

After the speeches, boxing commenced, with Fight for Peace boxers Sabrina, Nilton and Roberto winning 2 x 1 against the tough and talented São Paulo team.

Rio de Janeiro bands Grupo Fundamental, Nação Mare and *Farfã Carioca* played to a packed house.

The Rio de Janeiro launch event was held thanks to the generous support of the *Laureus Sport for Good Foundation*.



Guests included **Tim Flear**, British Consul General, and **Sital Dhillon**, Director of the British Council.



*"What is being achieved in this part of Rio is nothing short of miraculous. The problems here are immense and the commitment that everyone involved has shown is remarkable. Fight for Peace thoroughly deserves this new stage in its existence."*

**Emerson Fitipaldi**, double F1 World Champion and Brazilian Patron of Fight for Peace.



## LONDON

Following the opening of its first international replication in North Woolwich, East London, in November 2007, Fight for Peace held a UK launch event on 26 April 2008, at SENI 08, the world's biggest martial arts and boxing exposition, at the London Excel.

The press and over 200 invited guests attended the event and speakers included **Wladimir Klitschko**, Heavyweight World Champion and Laureus Friend and Ambassador and **Barry McGuigan**, Fight for Peace UK Patron, former Featherweight World Champion and Boxing Hall of Fame.



### Top left:

Michael Appiah, Darrin Reece, Rema Nsunga, Wladimir Klitschko, Luke Dowdney, Barry McGuigan, Jordon Thraves, Louise Brown



### Top right and bottom right:

After the launch young people manned the Fight for Peace stand at the SENI event and took part in boxing, martial arts and capoeira exhibitions

### Centre left and right:

Prior to the launch event, Wladimir Klitschko and Barry McGuigan spent the day at the Fight for Peace Academy in North Woolwich.



*"The level of maturity amongst the young people we met with today was fantastic, I have no doubt that these young people can go on to be whatever they want."*

**UK Fight for Peace Patron,  
Barry McGuigan**

*"Any support you need from me, any place, any time, just ask, it's yours. I have never experienced anything like this project anywhere in the world. You (Fight for Peace's young people) have been an inspiration to me."*

**Wladimir Klitschko,  
World Heavyweight Champion**

The London launch event was held thanks to the generous support of the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation and SENI 08.







## FIGHT FOR PEACE ACADEMIES

Fight for Peace works with children and young people via the five pillars programme, an integrated approach which includes:

1. Sport (boxing & martial arts)
2. Personal Development & Education
3. Mentoring & Case work
4. Job training & Work Access
5. Youth Leadership

During 2008/9 the five pillars programme was implemented at Fight for Peace Academies in Rio de Janeiro and London.



## FIGHT FOR PEACE ACADEMY RIO DE JANEIRO 2008

During 2008, the Fight for Peace Academy in Complexo da Mare offered boxing, capoeira, wrestling, sporting and cultural events, personal development, mentoring and case working, job training and computer courses for 07–25 year olds of both sexes from the community.

Complexo da Mare is made up of 17 communities totalling 125 thousand people. These communities are dominated by 3 rival drug factions and movement between rival territories is limited for local inhabitants. Through programme activities, staff and project participants worked hard to successfully unite young people living in rival faction territories within the community.



## SPORT

629 young people participated in sports training: 435 Boxing; 126 Capoeira; 68 Wrestling. 20 athletes participated in sporting competitions and championships: 10 boxers and 10 wrestlers. Capoeira students participated in 4 events and *batizados*.

Boxing – notable sporting successes included: Golden Gloves Champion (Roberto) for the second consecutive year; a Silver and two Bronze medals at the Brazilian National Boxing Championships (Roberto, Nilton and Douglas); Bronze

medals at the São Paulo Championships and the *Jogos Abertos* (Roberto) and Roberto was invited to join the Brazilian National Senior Boxing Team representing his country in a tournament against Italy in Rome in March 2009.

Wrestling (*Luta Livre*) – notable sporting successes included: 4th and 5th positions at the Brazilian Championship (Alex da Costa and Vagner Luiz respectively); two Gold medals at the Internal Community Championships (Alex Almeida e James Monteiro); four Gold and one Silver medals

at the *1st Copa Chal B* (Anderson Rodrigues, Carlos Alexandre, Wochington Militão and Wattson França (Gold) and Charles de França (Silver).

Three boxing events were held by Fight for Peace: Circo Voador launch party (15/04); Território Livre – Circo de Luta (09/08) and Rubens Vaz Square (21/06). One Capoeira batizada held: (18/10).

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

590 students participated in personal development sessions.

The curriculum included the following themed classes: Confidence & Security; Paying Attention; Jobs and Preparation for the Work Market; Development, Creativity & Participation; Overcoming Obstacles; Health – Dengue Fever; Discipline and Attention; Culture; Drugs; Life Planning;

The Secret of Listening; Life Expectations; Reflection: Innocent or Guilty?; Meeting Challenges; Health – Tuberculoses; Public Policy and Youth; Rights & Responsibilities; Recruitment and Selection; Prejudice – I'm from the favela; and a selection of films.

98% of participants remained at school during the year. 13 young people that

were out of the formal school system during 2008 were successfully re-enrolled at the beginning of the school year 2009.

Fast track Primary Level and Secondary Level education courses did not take place (as normal) for the 16-25 year old age group due to a lack of funding. These classes have since returned for 70 students in 2009/10.



## MENTORING

64 young people were case worked

362 home visits were completed by the social work and youth team

88 individual mentoring sessions were held

5 young people received additional tutoring after school

4 parents meetings held

3 cultural visits (Circo Voador – Território Livre, Circo de Luta and the book launch for *Culture is Our Weapon* by Damian Platt and Patrick Neate).

## JOB TRAINING AND WORK ACCESS

37 students attended Fight for Peace's work training and preparation course (*Jovens na Luta pelo Trabalho*).

The course was a total of 32 hours over 16 weeks and the curriculum included:

**1 – The Work Market** (context, function and characteristics of the formal work market)

**2 – Qualifications** (vocational education and other qualifications; what's the secret to success?)

**3 – How to get a job** (where to look; documentation; interviews and selection processes; CV; group dynamics in the work place)

**4 – Behaviour in the work place** (communication and how to succeed day-to-day)

208 children and young people participated in computer training courses at Fight for Peace's computer suite. Courses included Windows XP/Word

2003 (basic & advanced) and 400 hours of internet access

24 students completed and passed work related computer courses

4 young people worked as volunteer monitors for the computer department

13 students participated in English lessons

22 students participated in job training workshops for: administrative assistant; librarian; receptionist; IT technician; sports coach.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP

6 young people made up the Youth Council

15 Youth Council meetings held

4 young people from the project participated in the Sou de Atitude youth Network, 2 worked in partnership with PROMUNDO, and 2 participated at the National and State Conferences for Youth.

## Events

Staff and young people took part in the following local events: Forum for Youth Rio de Janeiro; Urban Youth *Colóquio* – IBASE; Seminar for Inclusion, Diversity and Gender - British Council and BNDES; *Conferência Livre de juventude*; State Conference for Youth; National Conference for Youth; International Seminar for partners of Save the Children Sweden (held at FFP); Workshop for Social Responsibility – Instituto Bola pra Frente; Planting to reduce CO2 emissions – Instituto Pró-Natura and British Consulate; Day-today with Paulo Freire

– Instituto NOOS; Workshop on Human Rights – Grupo Tortura Nunca Mais (partnership with Vila Olímpica da Maré); Family dynamics and games for young people – SESC; First Aid Training – partnership with International Committee of the Red Cross; Formation in Risk management – CapsAd partnership with Rede Rotas.

## Local Partners and Networks

Vila Olímpica da Maré, International Committee of the Red Cross, PROMUNDO, Viva Rio, Ikoporan, Rede Rotas, REMS – (Network for Sports and Social Change), Rede Sou de Atitude.

## FACTS & FIGURES

Total of 837 young people participated at Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro during 2008

Average of 80 young people attended per day

Average of 180 young people attended per month

Average of 13 hours delivery per day

Average of 65 hours of delivery per week (65h)

Total of 3120 hours of delivery in 2008

Total of 41% female and 59% male participants (7-11 years 39%; 12-15 years 27%; 16-18 years 15%; 19-25 years 19%).









## FIGHT FOR PEACE ACADEMY LONDON 2008

In October 2007, the *Fight for Peace Academy* was established in North Woolwich, London, in partnership with Community Links. Following key UK staff training at Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro in August 2007, and a six week consultation with local partner organisations and young people in the borough of Newham, the Fight for Peace programme was adapted to meet the needs of young people growing up locally.

During 2008/9, the *Fight for Peace Academy* in North Woolwich offered

boxing, capoeira, Muay Thai and Ju Jitsu training, gym sessions, personal development classes, 1:1 mentoring, case working, delivery to local partner organisations and support services to young people between 11-21 years of age from the borough of Newham and elsewhere in London.

Evening activities were open access, although Fight for Peace also targeted hard-to-reach young people, NEET (young people not in education, employment or training) and those

involved in offending behaviour via outreach and referrals, including working directly with local PRUs (Pupil Referral Units) and Newham YOT (Youth Offending Team).

Not all five pillars were implemented in Fight for Peace's first year in the UK. The programme is being implemented in stages and all services and activities will be in place by 2010.

## SPORT

881 young people participated in sports training (833 of these were self referrals and 48 were referred). The average number of young people attending

sessions per week between January and March 2009 was: Boxing – 44; Muay Thai – 16; Gym – 46; and drop-in 38.





## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

On average 69 students per week participated in weekly personal development sessions. This number was lower than the total participating in sports training because only under 16 year olds took part in group personal development. Over 16 year olds attending the project participated in individual mentoring sessions once every quarter (see 220 individual mentoring sessions below). From March 2009, over 16 year olds have been participating in group personal development sessions, and under 16 year olds are also being included in the quarterly individual mentoring sessions.

Themed from the personal development curriculum included the following (classes): Team Work and Communication, Identity and Self-esteem, Empathy and Compassion, Consequences of Actions, Conflict Resolution and Anger Management, Relationships and Trust, Future Ambitions and Goals. As part of the personal development course a question and answer session with the local community police officer was held and 85 young people in attended.

In March 2009, a numeracy and literacy pre-qualification course was held with 11 students and consisted of mentoring,

educational assessment, motivational work and career guidance. The course's objective was to support young people to re-engage in education and training, and to identify their short and long-term education and/or career goals. Once these were identified, the programme aimed to provide a positive progression for participants into education, training or employment. This was preparation for the Fight for Peace Pathways Course which began in April 2009 with the first class of 10 students. Students were recruited via outreach work and referral from Connexions and Newham Youth Offending Team

## MENTORING & CASEWORK

37 young people were referred from local Pupil Referral Units

20 were referred from Newham Youth Offending Team

44 young people were case worked from October 2008

43 parent/carer/key worker meetings were held including home visits by FFP staff

220 individual mentoring sessions (Level 2 profiling).









## YOUTH LEADERSHIP

15 young people made up the Youth Council

8 Youth Council meetings held

25 young people from the project participated in local workshops and events.

## Events

Staff and young people took part in a variety of events including: Respecting our Emergency Services; Children, Young People and Families Service Promotion Day; Beckton Community Safety Event; Adam Regis Memorial; East-Thames Focus E15 Open Day. '300 men' Fathers Day Event; City Airport Funday; Froud Centre youth project open day; Newham Children's rights service (for young people in care) fun day; and SPARK Community & Health Event.

## Local partners

Local Safer neighbourhood police team; Terrance Higgins Trust; Create; Social Services; Global Exchange programme; local schools; North Woolwich Residents Association; Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme, Time for Youth, New Directions, Newham BIP; Newham

Youth Offending Team (including a pilot project with YOT's Robbery and Burglary Programme).

## Commissioned Services

Fight for Peace was commissioned to deliver sports (boxing, Muay Thai and gym) and a twelve week personal development programme to a total of 44 young people from the following organisations:

- Full Circle Education – Pupil referral unit from the London Borough of Greenwich
- Time for Youth – Focus E15 accommodation for care leavers and homeless young people in Newham
- City of London Youth Service
- Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme
- New Directions – Newham based pupil referral unit for young people excluded from schools in Newham.

## FACTS & FIGURES

Total of 881 young people joined Fight for Peace in London since opening

Average of 62 young people attended per day

Average of 184 young people attended per month

Average of 14 hours delivery per day

Average of 72 hours of delivery per week

Total of 2424 hours of delivery since opening

Total of 27% female and 73% male participants

Total of 353 under 16 year olds and 528 over 16 year olds

Ethnicity of those joined: African 20%, White British 18%, Mixed Race 16.5%, Black British Caribbean 14.5%, Black British African 12.5%, White Other 8.5%, Black Other 5%, Asian 3%, British Asian 2%.



## IMPACT

2006 – Fight for Peace in Brazil underwent an external evaluation carried out by CLAVES (Latin American Centre for the Study of Violence and Health) on behalf of UNDP (United Nations Development Programme); PAHO (Pan American Health Organisation); USP (University of São Paulo); and Brazilian Ministry for Health. Exerts from the final report (available on request) include:

*"On concluding this evaluation research and taking into account the numerous complexities of any social intervention such as that carried out by Fight for Peace, we can confirm that this is a very successful project within a locality of extremely high socio-environmental stress. The project's hypothesis, aims and activities join in an excellent synergy that lead them to reach proposed objectives and targets via their philosophy and practice."* pg137

*"...as shown during this study, the Fight for Peace project demonstrates efficiency, quality and effectiveness in primary prevention of violence and criminality."* pg139

*"...Among the many virtues that Fight for Peace has, we stress that, in our opinion, if taking into account the project's specific scope, it can be replicated in any Community where armed violence exists and obtain success."* pg138

## CENTRE FOR INSTITUTIONAL STUDIES / UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON (UEL)

During 2007/8 Fight for Peace teamed up with researchers at the Centre for Institutional Studies, UEL, to work together to develop monitoring and evaluation procedures. The information from these procedures enables us to routinely assess

our performance and ensure that we are a high quality service. Collecting information on the experiences of young people and the impact of participating on the programme on their attitudes and behaviour are integral to the evaluation

systems being developed. Information about the 'FFP experience' will be routinely collated from parents, key stakeholders, and partner agencies. When this process is completed in 2010 the Fight for Peace Academies will be a self-evaluating.

## WHAT THEY SAY

*"Fight for Peace has done a lot for me, it's like my home, if it wasn't for the support I get here I don't know what I would be doing right now with my life, they teach you how to respect one another."*

**Claudio Lopes, 17 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in London for twelve months**

*"Fight for Peace made me think about my life and what happens around me; it's opened my mind to new things. Fight for Peace has made me a more mature person and it's like a school where we grow and learn together with the other people in it."*

**Caren Rodrigues, 15 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro for seven months**

*"Fight for Peace has change my life completely, it's like my family."*

**Caio, 16 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro for five years**

*"I come to Fight for Peace to stay off the streets and keep out of trouble. Boxing helps to get my anger out. Sometimes I do activities and other times I just jam."*

**Shannah Cummings, 13 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in London for fifteen months**

*"Fight for Peace is not just an organisation it's a family. Here we get support, make friends, learn how to get along in a group and respect the opinions of others, we learn lots of things. I for one*

*have learnt how to get along with others and communicate better, because I used to be really shy. I've only been here for seven months but I intend to stay for years."*

**Felipe de Lima, 16 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro for eleven months**

*"Fight for peace has given me confidence, courage and friendship. If I wasn't at fight for peace I would probably be getting in trouble with the police."*

**Frankie Gunn, 11 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in London for eighteen months**





*"Fight for Peace is a place where I go when I'm sad or when I'm happy, it's like my second home."*

**Elvija Mankeviciute, 15 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in London for seven months**

*"One of the best projects I've ever known; a real family that is capable of inspiring people to become better and fight for a better world. Fight for Peace means everything to me."*

**Alipio, 17 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro for seven months**

*"FFP is a place where you can come to talk to someone about your problems, it has helped me see myself differently, it's given me confidence in myself and it's given me pride."*

**Rima Nsubuga 14 years old, a member of Fight for Peace in London for sixteen months**

*"Fight for Peace has been a really effective intervention for our young people. The staff at Fight For Peace have a really positive attitude, provide boundaries and support towards challenging behaviour. The ethos of Fight for Peace is especially evident in their circle time, giving unconnected young people an opportunity to voice their concerns and discuss issues which affect them. I have been hugely impressed with the staff at Fight for Peace, who have always acted in a professional and courteous manner and we will be seeking ways to work closer together next academic year"*

**Glyn Barlow, Asst. Head Teacher, New Directions (Pupil Referral Unit), London**

*"I referred a young lady to Fight for Peace as she had low self esteem and was bullied regularly while attending school. To escape the bullying and cope she started using substances to block out what was taking place. Since being introduced to Fight for Peace she has reduced her drug use and offending behaviour, and gained confidence through the boxing sessions. While engaging in this programme she became more positive and her behaviour has changed. She now stays away for crime and is open to change. She (now) attends the evening sessions of her own choosing and encourages other vulnerable females to attend the boxing sessions with her regularly."*

**Tammy Nugent, Activities Key Worker, Create (substance misuse service for young people), London**

*"Full Circle Education found the FFP Academy an excellent provision for young people. The boxing and personal development sessions that we attended with the young people were all excellently structured and all the FFP staff were very professional in terms of their delivery and attitude towards our students. We would definitely recommend the FFP Academy to other youth organisations who work with disadvantaged young people."*

**Bernie Hawkins, Deputy Manager, Full Circle Education (Educational Charity and Pupil Referral Unit), London**

*"Competence, energy, hope and happiness, these are the words that sum up the quality of educational work of the Fight for Peace team."*

**Marcia Oliveira, Save the Children Sweden, Rio de Janeiro**

*"Since inception Fight for Peace has been a shining example of best practice in how to tackle social challenges facing young people in developing and developed cities. The Laureus Sport For Good Foundation is proud of our association and look forward to continuing the work together through sport to provide opportunities and support to young people throughout the world"*

**Ned Wills, Director of Laureus Sport For Good Foundation**

*"I have been referring to Fight for Peace in my role as YOT practitioner. To date, I have referred two young people who are relatively high risk of re-offending and a risk to others. I have found FFP to assess young people on an individual basis and tailor their programmes to those needs... I have noticed the changes in my young people as a result of the support they are receiving from Fight for Peace and have had positive feedback from them about the relationships they have established with their mentors there. I will continue to refer cases to FFP in the future and have a true believe in what they are trying to achieve."*

**Amy Fletcher, Youth Justice Practitioner, Newham Youth Offending team, London**

*"Fight for Peace has some important aspects that favour its modern and sustainable management strategy. These include conscientiousness, credibility, integrity, organisational ethos, intellectual capital, the capacity to innovate, solid partnerships and social responsibility."*

**José Luiz de Souza Lima, Project Development, SEBRAE, Rio de Janeiro**









## VISITS TO FIGHT FOR PEACE

### Tessa Jowell Minister for the Olympics

In November 2008 Olympic Minister Tessa Jowell met with young people and staff at Fight for Peace in Rio de Janeiro. The visit began with boxing, wrestling and capoeira presentations for the Minister and her fellow visitors, Nicola Roche, Director of the UK Government Olympic Executive, and Tim Flear, Consul General of the British Consulate in Rio de Janeiro. Following the presentations, a discussion group was held with the Project's Youth Council. After an interesting exchange of experiences, the Minister and Nicola Roche invited Fight for Peace's Director, Luke Dowdney, to meet with them in London. Follow up meetings were held thereafter.

### Prince Charles

HRH Prince Charles and HRH Camilla Parker Bowles, the Duchess of Cornwall, visited the Fight for Peace Academy in Rio de Janeiro, in March 2009. The Prince was in Rio de Janeiro as part of his official visit to Brazil, during which he met with the Brazilian President, Luiz Ignacio Lula da Silva, and other political and business leaders to discuss environmental issues. The Prince, accompanied by the British Ambassador Alan Charlton and the British Consul General Tim Flear, walked through the community to meet with local residents before arriving at the Fight for Peace Academy. HRH was given a tour of the sports and education facilities and met with young people from the project.

On leaving the project, the Prince commented on how impressed he had been by the level of drive, eloquence and ability of the young people he had met. HRH said, *"The work at FFP is of the highest quality and of a similar nature to our work at The Prince's Trust, let's find ways to work together in future."*

### Stephen Timms MP for East Ham and Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform

Stephen Timms met with young people from the Fight for Peace Academy in London during October 2008 and discussed job and education opportunities for young people in East London with the Youth Council.



## MILESTONES SINCE 2000

- Fight for Peace founded in Complexo da Mare, Rio de Janeiro in 2000;



- Fight for Peace completes its purpose built Academy in Complexo da Maré, Rio de Janeiro, in 2005;



- Fight for Peace launches as an independent organisation with the establishment of Associação *Luta Pela Paz* on 27 December 2007;

- The Fight for Peace Academy in North Woolwich is opened in November 2007, and Fight for Peace successfully registers as a charity in England and Wales in August 2009;

- Roberto Custodia, Fight for Peace's most successful boxer to date (with a record of 65 wins and 4 losses)



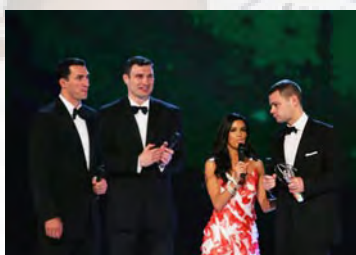
- Over 3000 young people have been directly supported by Fight for Peace to date;

- Publication of *Children of the Drug Trade*, 2003, the first ever ethnographic study of armed child and adolescent workers in Rio de Janeiro's *favela* drug factions;



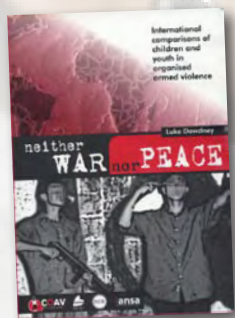
- Fight for Peace undergoes successful external evaluation by CLAVES (Latin American Centre for the Study of Violence and Health) on behalf of UNDP (United Nations Development Programme); PAHO (Pan American Health Organisation); USP (University of São Paulo); and Brazilian Ministry for Health.

- Luke Dowdney, Fight for Peace's founder, is awarded MBE in 2005 for "services to the prevention of violence and exploitation of children" and the *Laureus Sport for Good Award* in 2007;



wins the Brazilian Golden Gloves Boxing Championships in 2007 and 2008, and a Silver Medal at the 2008 Brazilian National Championships (Fight for Peace boxers Nilton and Douglas also secure two bronze medals) and is selected for the Brazilian national boxing team.

- Publication of international research *Neither War nor Peace*, 2005, demonstrating that Fight for Peace's working methodology, which was developed to overcome division amongst youth and prevent children and young people from working for Rio's drug factions, is transferable to a wide range of communities affected by different manifestations of child/youth involvement in gangs, crime and organised armed violence;





## PATRONS



Emerson Fitipaldi, Brazilian Fight for Peace Patron and double F1 World Champion



"I'm honoured to be part of the Fight for Peace family and glad to accept this role as patron of FFP UK"

Barry McGuigan, UK Fight for Peace Patron and former Featherweight World Champion and Boxing Hall of Fame

## SUPPORTERS & DONORS

During 2008 Fight for Peace received pro-bono support from:

### CHI & Partners

Pinheiro Neto Advogados

Four Communications

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton

### Ashoka

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For the FY 2008, Fight for Peace in Brazil received financial support from:

Laureus Sport for Good Foundation	R\$140,038
EMpower	R\$67,650
Save the Children Sweden	R\$66,500
Individual Donors (inc. Hamden)	R\$49,576
Ballymore	R\$40,000
BOVESPA	R\$37,240
Dreams Can Be (Donors)	R\$21,786
British Council Rio de Janeiro	R\$19,000
UWA (Credit Suisse)	R\$ 8,150
Ikoporan	R\$ 800

For the FY years 2007/8 and 2008/9 Fight for Peace in the UK received financial support from:

Esmee Fairbairn CT	£160,000
Laureus Sport for Good Foundation	£104,518
Credit Suisse	£70,000
Schroder Foundation	£34,582
Ballymore	£23,500
Mark Leonard Trust (Sainsburys Trust)	£20,000
The Funding Network	£9,274
Tate & Lyle	£5,000
The Grocers Trust	£5,000
Hamden School (for FFP RJ)	£4000
Individual Donors	£100

## COMMISSIONED SERVICES IN THE UK

Time for Youth	£295.00
Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme	£1,050.00
Full Circle Education	£750.00
City of London	£1,200.00
New Directions	£4,278.00
LEPC	£4,568.52

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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*Fight for Peace's external audit is currently being completed and a Financial Statement will be added to this report in June 2009*

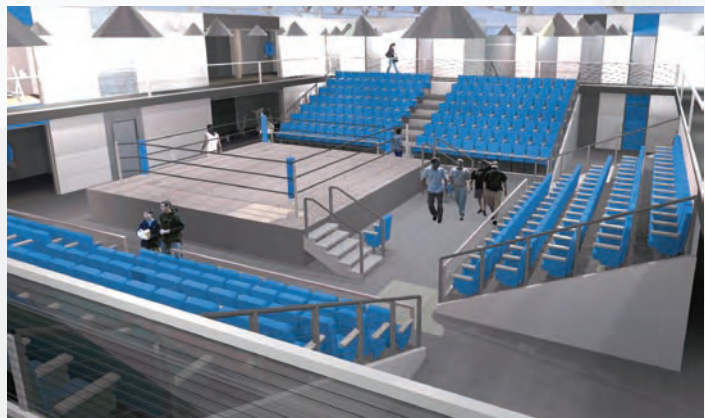


## PLANS FOR 2009/10

Starting in 2009/10, Fight for Peace aims to begin the process of developing training and replication materials, systematising a monitoring and evaluation process (with UEL), designing and producing personal development curriculum and training staff to train peer leaders in partner organisations. Following this process, a project roll-out plan from 2010/11 will be designed and Fight for Peace will be in a position to develop projects in partnerships with partner organisations nationally (UK and Brazil) and internationally.

In the UK, Fight for Peace has teamed up with Community links and the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation with the aim of building the Fight for Peace Academy London during 2009/10. The Academy will be located in Canning Town next to Community Link's Ark in the Park play centre, where Community Links has been awarded a lease for the land from the local authority to develop the area as a hub for youth projects in Newham. Laureus are assisting Fight for Peace in the fundraising process. The new Academy, based on the purpose built Fight for Peace Academy Rio de Janeiro, will provide sports training and competition facilities as well as classrooms, a computer suite, youth room and meeting rooms and offices for staff. The Academy has been designed thanks to the pro-bono support of Construct Stadia and will be a steel modular construction based on shipping containers.

If successful in raising the capital income to build this Academy, Fight for Peace will continue to operate a satellite project at the current North Woolwich site which has been temporarily loaned to Fight for Peace by Newham local authority.



*UK Academy design plans were completed thanks to the generous support of Construct Stadia*



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