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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Observation of Sporting Communities' Youth Activity Sessions**

I am a Loughborough University research student working with Sporting Communities. My research is about ways to show the impacts of the Sporting Communities' Derby Youth Engagement Service (YES) for people in Derby and what other organisations can learn from the work of Sporting Communities.

I am learning about how Sporting Communities work and how they run the Derby YES activities, including the local youth activity sessions. I will be observing some of these sessions to find out more about how Sporting Communities involve young people in these activities. I have a current enhanced DBS certificate and I will be easily identifiable at the sessions.

At this stage, any informal conversations I have to support the research will be with Sporting Communities team members and others who are aged 18 years or over. This research has been reviewed and approved by Loughborough University's Ethical Approvals (Human Participants) Sub-Committee. The ethical approval number for this study is: 2089.

My focus at this stage is understanding what Sporting Communities do and what they offer through the Derby YES activities. During the next stage of the research, I hope to find out about the experiences of families and those taking part in Derby YES activities. I would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in being involved with the next stage of the research.

Please contact me on 01509 226274 or by email at h.j.hathaway@lboro.ac.uk if you have any questions about this research. This information is also available on the Sporting Communities website at <https://www.sportingcommunitiescic.org/sessions/>

Yours faithfully

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