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Celebrating 10 years of empowering young people to take an active role in their communities

Over the last decade Envision has supported well over 10,000 young people to realise their capacity to make a real difference to their schools and communities. Working in teams across Birmingham, Leeds and London these young volunteers have designed and delivered hundreds of social and environmental projects within their schools and communities.

To commemorate a decade of young people taking positive action in their communities Envision is hosting **Envision@10**; a special **anniversary celebration** at the **Emirates Stadium** on **Friday 16th July 2010**.

Over 300 young people will be attending the event as well as representatives from government, business and the youth sector. All the young people attending the event have successfully completed the Envision schools programme; an extra-curricular active citizenship scheme which empowers young people to become community leaders.

Envision@10 will showcase some of the many fantastic community projects that young people have delivered over the last academic year. This year alone Envision Teams have led campaigns on homelessness, bullying and knife crime, raised money for Centre Point, NSPCC and Water Aid and hosted events on community cohesion, stereotyping and Fair-trade.

At the heart of the event will be an Awards Ceremony that will mark the achievement of all the young people who have volunteered their time to tackle social and environmental issues that are important to them.

Envision programmes seek to provide individuals with a powerful and rewarding experience of making a positive difference. Thereby inspired by their experience, young people will be both willing and able to continue acting as effective role models for their communities wherever they are building powerful legacies of their own.

Andrew Dick, Envision Chief Executive, said, "Envision@10 will be a unique opportunity to meet a new generation of young people who are taking their civic responsibility seriously by changing their world for the better. We hope to show the transformative effect that informal, extracurricular programmes such as Envision's schools programme can have on both the skills and aspirations of the young people that take part."

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Event Details:

Date: Friday 16th July 2010

Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm (Award Ceremony starts at 2.30pm)

Venue: Royal Oak Suite (Block D), Emirates Stadium

Attending: 350 young people aged 16 – 19 from Birmingham, Leeds and London + 100 representatives from government, business and the youth sector.

If you would like to attend the event please RSVP to Emma Bird at

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Envision

- Envision provides young people with the opportunity to make a difference. The charity was established in 2000 by four young people who wanted to challenge the stereotype that young people are apathetic and disengaged.
- Today Envision's flagship programme supports 16-19 year olds from over 123 schools and colleges in Birmingham, Leeds and London, helping them design their own local community projects tackling issues ranging from street crime to climate change.
- The experience builds confidence, aspirations and skills – inspiring the next generation of young community leaders.
- Envision has been recognised as a GoldStar Exemplar Project for its best practice in recruiting and supporting volunteers.

Envision@10 Stats and Facts

- In 2000 Envision worked with **just 55 young people in London**. This academic year Envision worked with over **3500** young people.
- The Envision School Programme was delivered with the support of over **200 adult volunteers** in 2009/10.
- In 2005 Envision opened in Birmingham and in 2009 we took Envision to Leeds.
- This year **Pitch4Change awarded £8834 to 20 teams** of young people to enable them to broaden the impact of their community projects.
- This year **22 businesses** were involved in Pitch4Change in Birmingham, Leeds and London.
- This academic year young people from Birmingham, Leeds and London delivered **180 community projects** in their schools and communities.

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