



A movie made by young unemployed people makes it to the big screen

A one hour documentary film, created by a group of mostly unemployed young people made a successful debut at the Queens Park Rangers Football Club on Wednesday evening.

Six of the young people involved in creating the film explained the impact that it had had on their lives. Production assistant Max Robson, 24, [who appeared on London Live earlier in the day](#), joined the team as a Production Assistant in May 2014 and couldn't hide his excitement at the press launch.

"It's really pleasing to see such a great turnout for the press screening. It's a brilliant feeling for everybody to see all the work we've put in. I've learned so much about QPR, all about the club's history, London as a whole and why people care so much about football. I've also learned so many skills about film-making. It's been a great experience; one that's been invaluable to me. I can't explain how happy we all are."

The Octavia Foundation and QPR in the Community Trust partnered up to support the project, which has helped over 35 mainly unemployed young people gain valuable skills for the future.

Running parallel to the unique story of the club is a wider story of what football means and has meant to British society, and in particular to London's working class and diverse local communities.

Reena Mukherji, Director of the Octavia Foundation community charity says –

'We're really proud of all the young people involved in the creation of this film. They have learned so much from the experience, about how to film, how to script, conduct interviews, how to edit footage, as well as the research and shaping the film into the high quality documentary that it is today.'

Some have gone on to find employment in the media industries as a result, and this is why we continue to support young people who are neither employed, nor in education, to empower them to do the best that they can do'.

The premiere, taking place in W12 on Thursday 26th February, will be followed by a screening tour of local cinemas, community venues and schools.

You can access the full press pack including the film trailer, stills, case studies and details of the screening tour at www.octaviafoundation.org.uk/StoryofQPR

In case you missed the event but would like any more information please contact Hannah Thompson, PR and Marketing Officer, on 020 8354 5664/07432117085 or via email on hannah.thompson@octaviafoundation.org.uk