

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2020

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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*Unprecedented adjective -  
never done or known before*

It has been an unprecedented time; change has been at the forefront and for many who we engage with it has presented opportunities as well as challenges.

We at First Class Foundation are here to serve the following purpose:

1. Reduce youth violence
2. Improve mental health resilience
3. connect young people and their families to their purpose, through access to jobs, training and positive opportunities.

Over the past few months where the world has gone from a state of total lockdown to the gradual reopening of society, we have been working hard behind our laptops and desktops, working from home to ensure that we engage with young people and their families who we know are an even greater risk, are vulnerable or could become vulnerable due to the changes around us.

Throughout this report we will highlight the activities that we have taken over the period and also share a few of our special moments..

**We are First Class Foundation,  
Building a First Class Nation!  
We create projects and  
programmes that serve young  
people and their families across  
the city through our seven spheres  
of influence: Family, Business,  
Politics, Media, Justice and  
Education.**

# Your Life Matters

Our Your Life Matters programme started out with an Open Evening on the 31st August 2020 informing parents, youth offending services etc to know about the project working around the topic of Youth Violence.

We had a range of speakers and mentors including Craig Pickney, Criminologist and Urban Youth Specialist/Lecturer, Avril from A-Vision offering 1 to 1 support and Natalie Queiroz who shared her story about being 8 months pregnant and was stabbed 24 times and left with knife wounds.

On this Zoom Call which we aired live on the First- Class Foundation Facebook page.



Your Life Matters has seen some great success. To date

**we have engaged 140 young people online,**  
**13 are receiving one to one mentoring.**

The programme continues until January 2021.

To access more information visit our social media pages.



Open Evening: <https://www.facebook.com/254783254567651/videos/432589311050094>

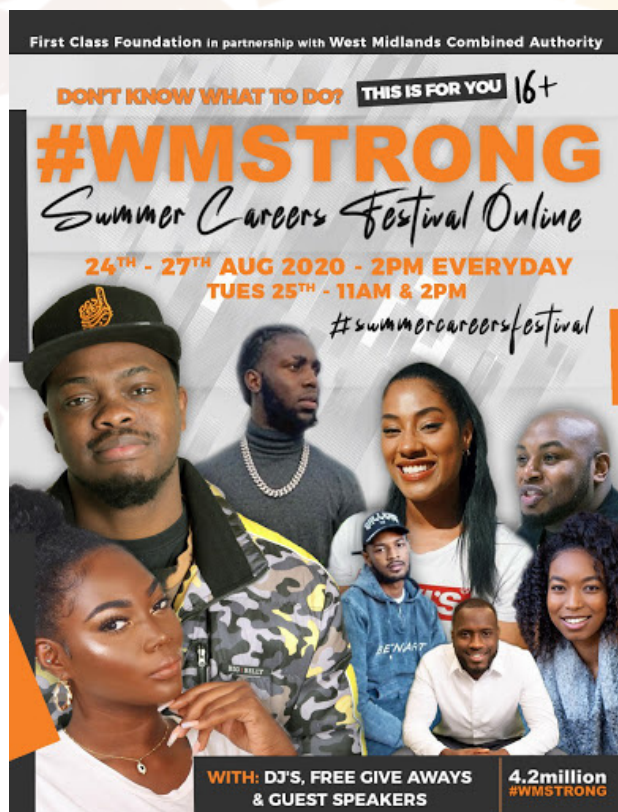
# Summer Careers Festival

During August First Class Foundation worked with West Midlands Combined Authority to design and deliver an online summer careers fair. After the changes to GCSE and A Levels in the country many young people were exposed to an even greater risk of unemployment or being outside of education or training.

As a charity we exist to connect young people to their purpose by exposing them to positive opportunities, jobs or training.

The week-long initiative attracted 2,000 young people,

there were a variety of different sessions to take part in, including health and wellbeing, Further Education and Jobs and employment.



**Final Day:** <https://www.facebook.com/254783254567651/videos/949433348795640>

# Stronger Together

We are proud to be working in partnership with Birmingham City Council on our Stronger Together Campaign. The campaign is designed to highlight the best ways to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that sometimes information shared can be hard to interpret and sometimes confusing, so together with our Youth Social Media Team, we have created fun, informative and impactful information.

Throughout the campaign

**we have engaged 10,000 people**

through online videos, interviews and discussions with members of the wider community, Birmingham City Council Public Health Team and Community Leaders.

For more information about the Stronger together campaign, visit our website.



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AN AUDIENCE WITH  
**DR JUSTIN VARNEY**

**COVID 19**

& THE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY IN BIRMINGHAM  
(WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS & PICTURE)

 **3RD AUGUST 2020 | 7PM**  
ON FIRST CLASS FOUNDATION UK  
FACEBOOK PAGE

**Q&A** | **SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONS**  
DISCUSSION

    
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**Interview:** <https://www.facebook.com/254783254567651/videos/733624664038561>

**Hand washing:** <https://www.facebook.com/254783254567651/videos/3458015874244357>

**Covid Conversations with Friends:** <https://www.facebook.com/254783254567651/videos/4481422275266036>

# Kitchen Table Talks

We are proud of the support we have been able to offer parents with young people in the youth justice system across Sandwell and Walsall.

Over the period

**we have continued to support 100 families.**

Our Kitchen Table Talks Forums have continued online with a range of interactive, informative sessions aimed at offering parents and carers support during what has been a difficult time. In addition to this we are excited to announce that Kitchen Table Talks will now be available across the West Midlands region.



Visit the Kitchen Table Talks website [www.kitchentabletalks.org](http://www.kitchentabletalks.org)

For more information about Kitchen Table Talks <https://youtu.be/1ZvnrJ6TcHc>

# Dear Youngers

Our flagship Dear Youngers programme has continued to grow from strength to strength, reaching full capacity during June and July.

The programme which is for young African and Caribbean Males aged 16-25 have had access to weekly online forums around topics including, business, health and wellbeing and nutrition.

**We have experienced  
an increased in  
numbers by 100%**

All participants have also been given access to one to one calls and check ins during the period.

We are extremely proud of our Dear Youngers Ambassadors, who have themselves come through the programme, but are now taking more of a leadership role in the project. The project is entering the third year, with plans to work in partnership with Birmingham 2022 to raise the awareness of how sport can help with mental health.



# Street Smart to Business Start

During the summer approximately 10 young people joined our Street Smart to Business Start Business and Entrepreneur programme.

The Programme was sponsored by OTD Ltd and was a great success.

**100% of the students graduated the programme,**

each with strong plans in place to start their journey into business.

We would like to thank Chris Cummings and the team at OTD for their unwavering support and passion to give back to young people in a very tangible way.

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## STREET SMART 2 BUSINESS START

OR NEW START



**OPENING EVENING:**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**  
**7PM | ONLINE**

**FEAT:**

 <b>PAUL FAULKNER</b> @CBCHAMBERROSS CHIEF EXECUTIVE CBCC	 <b>DANIELA C   @DANIELLAGENAS</b> ENTERPRISE BUSINESS CONSULTANT	 <b>NATHAN DENNIS   @JUSTNATHAN</b> FOUNDER OF FIRST CLASS FOUNDATION	 <b>ERROL LAWSON</b> @ERROLAWSON BEST SELLING AUTHOR, COACH, SPEAKER
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