



Dexter playground revamp

EQUANS and contract partner, Aico staff volunteer to support the BIGKID Foundation with renovation works to an outdoor play facility in Brixton.

In 2021, EQUANS Social Value Manager, Julian Sanz, partnered with the BIGKID Foundation, contract partner, Aico, and our client, Lambeth Borough Council, on a project to revamp the Dexter Adventure Playground in Brixton.

The BIGKID Foundation is a London based charity committed to improving the lives of young people in London at risk of social exclusion. The charity recently took on a ten year lease for the playground, with the aim of ensuring the space delivers a high quality and vibrant outdoor space for local children and families.

Overview

During the day, Julian and Eddie installed two new signs so that local families could easily see that the centre was again open for business.

Several weeks later, on 27th May, Julian returned to the Dexter Adventure Playground with a team of volunteers from Aico as well as EQUANS volunteers who had made use of EQUANS Responsible Business commitment to encourage staff to take time to volunteer to support local communities.

The ten strong team enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in to carry out further improvement works.

The team were fortunate with the weather and had a beautiful sunny day, with moods brightening even further by the amazing feedback from passers-by and local residents who were overjoyed

to see the fence, which had become dilapidated over recent years, restored to its former glory.

The playground will cater to more than 500 local families and provide a much needed youth space and engage all ages with fun activities in a safe space for play and learning.

"A massive thank you to all the volunteers from EQUANS for the amazing job they did to our fence. Feedback from the local community has been overwhelmingly positive!"

Helena Marshana,
Managing Director, BIGKID Foundation

"Thanks so much for supporting this great social value initiative! Dexter Adventure Playground is an exciting place that will provide a fantastic safe space for Hyde and Lambeth residents living in Brixton."

Julie Costley,
Successful Places, Projects and Partnership
Manager, Hyde

