



### **Goldman Sachs Gives provides £3m funding to children's charities Right to Play and Greenhouse**

Right To Play and Greenhouse today announced a global programme that will transform the lives of thousands of young people through the power of sport and play. The funding from *Goldman Sachs Gives* will enable the two charities to run long term coaching programmes in East London and in the developing world. Sport has proven to be an effective tool for the physical, mental, psychological and social development of children and their communities. These charities target children who are disadvantaged, excluded from society or who suffer discrimination.

In East London, **Greenhouse** will deliver full time sport programmes in secondary and special schools. *Goldman Sachs Gives* funding will enable over 1,300 young people [in at least 10 schools] to receive on average 180 hours of coaching per year for three years. Table tennis, volleyball, basketball, judo and athletics programmes will be provided with personal coaching and mentoring to improve young people's self confidence, health and engagement with their education and community.

**Right To Play** will expand existing programmes to train junior leaders primarily in refugee camps in East and Southern Africa, and to empower young women and girls through sport and play in the Middle East, with the goal of providing 90 hours of coaching per year to 20,000 children.

**Greenhouse Chief Executive, Michael de Giorgio, said:** "The support from *Goldman Sachs Gives* will mean more young people in East London will be playing high quality, sustainable sport well beyond 2012. This project will enable us to harness the power of sport to help young people across East London reach their potential in the sports-hall, the classroom and beyond."

**Four time Olympic Gold Medallist, Founder and CEO of Right To Play Johann Koss, said:** "We are thrilled to be working alongside Greenhouse and *Goldman Sachs Gives* to help more children and young people realise their right to play and a chance for a brighter future."

**Dina Powell, Global Head of Corporate Engagement at Goldman Sachs said:** "This initiative enables *Goldman Sachs Gives* to help scale the programmes of two innovative and impactful organisations. Greenhouse and Right To Play have proven track records of achieving positive social impact for disadvantaged children and their communities through sport and play."

**Right To Play Athlete Ambassadors, said:**

"As an athlete at the highest level of sport, I understand its unique power to change young people's lives for the better. I am excited that *Goldman Sachs Gives* is supporting Right To Play and Greenhouse as they work to give vulnerable children the chance to recover their childhoods, fulfill their potential and develop healthily through sport and play." **(Tim Brabants, MBE, Gold and Bronze Medalist in Olympic Kayaking, Beijing 2008)**

“Sport has the power to inspire, educate and unite children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. By sponsoring charitable programmes run by Right To Play and Greenhouse, *Goldman Sachs Gives* will help future leaders fulfill their potential in London and across the developing world.” **(Mo Farah, European Gold Medalist and European Record Holder in 10,000m)**

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**Notes to Editors:**

The funding from *Goldman Sachs Gives* will be boosted by additional funding from key partners of Right To Play and Greenhouse. [This includes a 100% match from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) in year one of programming.]

**Greenhouse**

Greenhouse empowers young people in London’s disadvantaged communities to realise their potential through high quality intensive sport and dance programmes delivered by inspirational coaches. Working in schools and communities, Greenhouse provides full time programmes using sports coaching and mentoring to improve 8-18-year-olds’ self confidence, health and engagement with their communities.

[www.greenhousecharity.org](http://www.greenhousecharity.org)

**Right To Play**

Right To Play is an international humanitarian organisation that uses sport and play programmes to improve health, develop life skills, and foster peace for children and communities in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the world. Working in both the humanitarian and development context, Right To Play builds local capacity by training community leaders as coaches to deliver its programmes in 20 countries affected by war, poverty, and disease in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and South America. Founded in 2000, Right To Play is headquartered in Toronto, Canada and has national offices in Canada, Norway, The Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The national offices raise funds, build awareness for Right To Play programmes and advocate for Sport for Development. [www.righttoplay.org.uk](http://www.righttoplay.org.uk)

**Goldman Sachs Gives**

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