

OXFORD JUDO CLUB GIVES DELHI KIDS A FIGHTING CHANCE

The members of Oxford Judo Club have collected 36kg of judo kits which have been donated to a Judo training centre in New Delhi, India, that caters to underprivileged kids.



The centre, based in one of the poorer suburbs of Delhi, provides free judo lessons to local youth between the ages of 8 and 21. The dedication and commitment of the coaches and athletes at the centre is admirable. They train for three hours a day, six days a week, despite summer temperatures climbing to 47 degrees and winter temperatures dropping below 4. Most of the children cannot afford their own kit, instead, borrowing one from their coach or peers for randori (practice fighting) and competitions. Nevertheless, despite its humble facilities and surrounds, the centre boasts a Youth Olympic Bronze medallist and three junior Asian Games medallists.



Sport provides a real way out for many of these children. If they are able to win a national medal, they are eligible for a government job or place at university through the “Sports Quota”, meaning a secure income and future free of poverty.

Oxford Judo Club’s donation of judo kits ensures that each junior judoka at the centre will possess their own suit...and have a fighting chance at a future free of poverty!



Former Women’s Blues Captain, Jennifer Star, now living and working in New Delhi, India, coordinated the donation. A Special thanks to GREG MOOKS and CHRIS & CAROL DOHERTY for donating and collecting kits and books in Oxford.