

Teams from throughout the country take part in SFA Multicultural Festival



Over 200 players from 23 teams across Scotland descended upon Toryglen this past weekend, as the 2018 Scottish FA Multicultural Football Festival took centre stage.

The event, founded in 2013 in partnership with Bemis Scotland thanks to support from the Scottish Government's Cashback for Communities initiative, has grown year on year, with clubs from as far afield as Inverness travelling to Glasgow for the festival.

Open to clubs and players from all ethnic backgrounds, players from the age of eight all the way through to senior adult level were invited to take part, with the action on the pitch keenly contested by all involved.

Well Foundation emerged victorious in the adult section after edging out United Glasgow, with SAPC Community Sports Hub claiming the honours in the youth section to deny the Bellshill outfit a brace of titles.

David McArdle, Para-Football and Equality Lead for the Scottish FA, was delighted with the impact of the festival, with plans already afoot for next year's edition of the event.

"The Multi-Cultural Festival is a fantastic visual representation of the diversity of Scottish culture, and the

opportunity to bring people from so many cultures together is one the Scottish FA is proud to be part of," said McArdle.

"The event was played with such high spirits and friendship. We are already working with our partners Bemis Scotland to ensure the 2019 edition can be even bigger and further promote Scotland's diverse communities"