



Thank you to all the past volunteers and members for being part of this youth club legacy and helping us to carry it on...

During our time, we've seen a change of hands from Prabhulalbai and Satishbhai running the youth club to Milan since 2014. Changes in the activities, the organisation, the structure and youth volunteering programs are just some of the reasons why there has been an increase in membership. We've also undergone a rebrand and are now called Reactive8, with the vision for the Youth to play as many sports as they can, to have fun, to learn new skills and continue to develop their skills such as teamwork, transferrable skills and discipline but, most importantly to make new friends. We hope to sustain this through encouraging the youngsters to become more actively involved in the running of our Reactive8 Club and to continue the social interaction with members within the club as well as with other areas.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and their families for dedicating their own personal time each week to go beyond expectations to make Reactive8 the best youth club for children of all ages. We continue to remain in your debt for all your contributions during all the organised events over the past few years.

A massive thank you goes to a dedicated team (Nirmal, Runit, Chetan, Khilit, Priya, Milan and Kiran) who helped to put together a memorable and very special 40th celebration.

A very special thank you to an incredible North West Committee for all their support and being part of a Team and friendship.

We are privileged to be part of such a unique and challenging youth club and we hope that we inspire the youth of tomorrow to keep ReActive8 youth club running for generations to come.

The Sub-Committee

The sub-committee consists of 7 members: Chandrakant, Jaimin, Kiran, Milan, Neel, Sawan and Shil. Essentially, the sub-committee is a crucial link between the NW area committee and the operation of reactive8 club and regularly reviews the overall direction and the smooth operation of the club from time tabling to all the different issues that can arise. All meetings are chaired by the NW Sports and Leisure Portfolio holders: Mita & Shima.

We all come from different backgrounds and are a mix of parents and youth with substantial experiences in youth sports. Many of us have at least 7 years of experience working at Reactive8.

Sub-committee duties normally involve several hours over and above the regular Friday sessions. This is our way to give something back to the community. We are all united by the vision that sports activities have the great potential to create bonds between people of all ages and backgrounds.

We as a committee are dedicated to our members and try to make some of their interest and ideas in sporting activities a reality. Additionally, to the regular activities of the club, the sub-committee also explores various ideas to arrange social and fun activities. Some of the activities that we have arranged are the Christmas masquerade party, outing to Chessington World of Adventure, end of year party (including awards), in club tournaments such as table tennis, ten pin bowling and oxygen free jumping. Also, Garba joint with Gujarati School. In relation to bringing new initiatives to the club we have been involved in the introduction of the under 7s in 2011 (now under 8's), the introduction of youth volunteering, to name a few.

With all these activities, the sub-committee hopes that it is providing the platform for continually strengthening the bonds and friendships, especially within the wider NW area community and the Oshwal community, as a whole.



Meet the team...

The front desk is the first contact for everyone who attends ReActive8. This information hub is manned by Hasmukh, Jaimin, Milan, Ramesh and our 2 youth volunteers Anish and Nikhil.



Hasmukh Shah

I've been volunteering in the Oshwal community since 1980. At ReActive8 club, my role is the security person, or as my role is known – the walk about man. Yes, it is dominantly my job to walk about the whole of Harrow Leisure Centre to ensure that all children are safe and in the areas hired by ReActive8 club. This is my way of giving something back to the community. There are a group of us who support each other to carry out this duty.



Jamin Shah

I've been volunteering now for 9 years. Currently my role involves me in assisting at the front desk, assisting with the under 12s as and when needed and I'm one of the sub-committee members too. I started volunteering because I love interacting with the youth and I have great friends at the club.



Milan Shah

It has been 9 years since I started volunteering at youth club. Initially, I started volunteering with the team in table tennis for 5 years. I was then appointed as the ReActive8 portfolio holder for 2 years. Currently, my role wears 2 hats: ReActive8 communication & event organiser and sub-committee member. I volunteer because I want to try and bring the youth together.



Ramesh Shah

I've been volunteering for the past 15 years. Currently, my role is assisting at the front desk. I volunteer because I love to help the community.



Anish Shah

I've been volunteering for 2 years at the front desk and with the Under 12's dodgeball. I volunteer because I enjoy working and supporting the other volunteers and I learn new skills too.



Nikhil Patel

I started volunteering in 2015 with the Under 12's dodgeball and registration at the front desk. For me, volunteering is a great way to learn new skills. I enjoy supporting all the other volunteers too.

Under 8

This category is run by one of the largest team of volunteers, both adults and youth, at ReActive8 club. Currently, our team consists of 10 adults (Alkesh, Ashni, Giran, Hanish, Kalpen, Payal, Sarina, Satchi, Sejal and Shital) and 4 youth volunteers (Bhavini, Darshi, Kush and Kushal). Each session is structured and catered for children from age 5 up to 8. They are taught hand & eye coordination skills, strength and stamina skills and team building skills through a variety of activities and games. Each skill set is taught to all the children in two separate groups: 5-6yrs and 7-8yrs, with a group game towards the end of each session. Needless to say, our sessions start with warm ups and end with cool downs. Every so often, we also run whole group sessions.



Alkesh Shah

I have been volunteering for 4 years now as part of the under 8's team. I see volunteering as my opportunity to give something back to the Oshwal community and it gives me great pleasure in sharing my knowledge with these young kids.



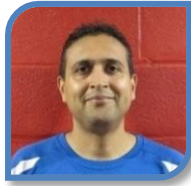
GiranGudka

I have been volunteering for 4 years now as part of the Under 8's team and I'm also the spokesperson for the Under 8's adult volunteers. Having a passion for sports lead me to volunteering, particularly in children's sports. I believe playing sports enables them to develop new skills and competences – these will be of great value to them in their life.



Hanish Shah

From an early age, I have always enjoyed being involved in charitable work. The values learnt from such experiences bear a significant importance in adult life and I want to help guide the youth to be able to appreciate and learn these at an early age, sportsmanship being one of them. So, began my volunteering 5 years ago as an Under 8's coach.



Kalpen Patel

I've been volunteering for about three and a half years dominantly with the Under 8's team. However, I am also one of the Kho-Kho coach (International Federation Kho Kho Coach). ReActive8 club made my volunteering journey easy to start as I love working with children and have a passion for sports.



Payal Shah

I started volunteering since September 2017, as part of the Under 8's Team for ReActive8. Love working with children and have great passion for sports. It is important for kids to be active and want them to develop a liking for it.



Shital Shah

My love for teaching and spending time with the younger children led me to volunteering as an Under 8's coach. Over the past year, I have been supporting the Under 8's team as and when needed as extra support.



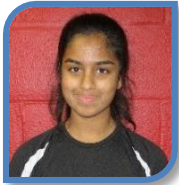
Sejal Malde

I started volunteering in September 2017, as part of the Under 8's Team. I love being active and Sports can have so many benefits – learning new skills, teamwork, community spirit. ReActive8 is a great way to pass all this on to children.



Satchi Shah

I joined in September 2017, as part of Under 8's Team. And enjoy volunteering.



Bhavini Shah

Since September 2016, for one hour every Friday, I volunteer with the Under 8's team because I love helping and being a good role model to the younger kids.



Darshi Shah

I have been volunteering since September 2015 with the Under 8's team from 7pm to 8:15pm under the 2-year youth volunteering program. Personally, I volunteer to learn new skills and I enjoy helping the younger children develop their own skills. I'm also a member of ReActive8 club.



Kushal Shah

My volunteering experience started just over 2 years ago with the Under 12's team. Since September 2016, I've joined the Under 8's team too. I volunteer to help; for the fun of doing it and simply to learn new skills.



Kush Shah

I have been volunteering for 2 years now – it started with the Under 12's. And from September 2016, at youth club I volunteer with the Under 8's from 7pm to 8 pm and Under 12's dodgeball from 8pm to 8:30pm. I thoroughly enjoy volunteering, as when I was younger, I used to look up to those who volunteered and helped. Now, I believe it's my turn and so, I hope I can bring a positive influence to the younger children that take part in the activities at ReActive8 club on Fridays.



Sarina Shah

I started volunteering because I enjoy working with children and seeing them progress. So, for 2 years I volunteered under the youth volunteering program and have now joined the Under 8's team as extra support.

Under 12s Multi-Sports

The aim of the multi-sports is to teach team building skills. However, through the sports, we help the children in building on their co-ordination, throwing, catching, tackling, kicking, running, jumping, strategic thinking and fitness skills. Of course, none of this can happen without understanding and practising the rules per individual sport to maintain the discipline within each sport. The team sports we offer are Benchball, Circuit Training, Cricket, Dodgeball, Hockey, Kho, Soft-Tennis and Rounders. From September to December, Benchball, Circuit Training, Dodgeball and Kho take priority due to the Oshwal Olympics. Every now and again, we like to introduce games that they are not familiar with to provide a different concept to team work and participation.

The team who collectively manage these sports are: Anup, Chan, Chetan, Kalpen, Kiran and Rohit as well as our youth volunteers who focus on dodgeball are Anish, Kush, Kushal and Nikhil.



Anup Zarverchand Shah

From 2005 to 2012, I used to manage snooker including leading the annual internal tournament. I have returned to volunteering since June 2016 – assisting the Under 12's multi-sports team. Although work commitments brought a temporary break in my volunteering time, I cannot stay away as I like to see the youth of today utilise all their skills in sports and socially too.



Chandrakant Shah

Known as Chan by all. I've been volunteering for 15 years by helping younger children in all areas of the youth club. I love volunteering for the Oshwal Association of the U.K and in particular- North West Area. I have been part of youth club since it first started at Sheepcote Road, Harrow. I now love helping younger children with their sport activities and see them excel. It keeps me fit too.



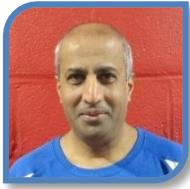
Chetan Shah

Since 2008, annually, I have been managing the swimming team for North West area during the Oshwal Olympics. Besides being passionate about swimming, over the past 4 years I've been helping the children by teaching techniques in multi-sports and ensuring they have fun. In my childhood days in Nairobi, I was involved with Shishukunj and Oshwal Youth League. It is this experience that I wish to share with the children through volunteering. I hope, one day soon, we will have an Oshwal representing at National Level. I also International Federation Kho Kho Coach.



Kiran Shantilal Shah

I started volunteering 9 years ago when my daughter became a member. My role involves me in managing the Youth volunteering programs, I'm part of the Under 12's team and a member of the sub-committee. For me volunteering is fulfilling and I believe it is a great way to meet new people as well as expand on your skills.



Rohit Shah

I started volunteering 2 years ago with Kho training (International Federation Kho Kho Coach) and recently I've been involved with volleyball too. I get great enjoyment from seeing the children flourish through sports, with hopes to see one of our children perform on the international stage in any sport possible!



Basketball

Basketball is split up into Under 16's, ladies and men's, however, all individuals train together. We have a team of coaches (Harshil, Jatin, Rikki, Rishi Patel, Rishi Shah and Shil) that run fundamental drills to ensure everyone understands the basics, as well as advanced training as their development progresses. Every session ends with team matches.



Harshil Shah

I've been inspired by older volunteers to share my passion for basketball with the children. Even though, it's only been a year since I started volunteering, I believe it's a give and take relationship as I hope to continue helping the children become better in their basketball skills, I also develop my skills to becoming more confident in leading groups with different ages and abilities.



Jatin Shah

I have been volunteering for the past 5 years as one of the Under 16's, ladies and men's basketball coaches. For me volunteering is a route through which the community can build a stronger bond as well as provide an opportunity for the youth to utilize their varied skill sets.



Rikki Shah

I've been a basketball coach for over 15 years at ReActive8 club. I believe coaching is a way to ensure a lifetime of sporting and personal development knowledge is passed on to the youth, so they may continue to be motivated and prosper even once they have left the club



Rishi Shah

14 years ago, initially, my volunteering in basketball started for the fun of teaching and over the years, it has developed to helping the kids train to keep our basketball legacy going.



Rishi Shah

Having started youth club at the age of 11, my mentors and coaches taught me life lessons that I still carry with me both on and off the court. I was taught the importance of practise makes perfect and success is earned when you give 100%. As a basketball coach, I wish to pass this message on to the next generation and have the same positive impact on all those I have the pleasure of teaching. 8 years on and American continues to dunk.



Shil Shah

I have been volunteering for the past 6 years as one of the basketball coaches for the Under 16's, ladies and men's teams and have now taken a role within the sub-committee. Having grown up through the youth club, it is a pleasure to now have such a high level of responsibility and assist with the running of the club. By coaching I get to see the improvements in the kids' basketball ability over time, just as I was coached into the role I play today for ReActive8.



Football

Over the years there has been a significant increase in the number of players attending Under 12's football. Currently we have 30-40 children.

Between September to December we are on our journey to the Oshwal Olympics where we split the teams into beginners and advanced. The beginners group focus on game play and look for the progression rates, consequently promoting the children into the advanced group. In the advanced group, we focus on building a team for the Olympics and increase game play tactics within each player. Between January and July, we focus mainly on training and drills to improve every child's ability and talent as well as awareness of the football game.

We also have specialist people within our volunteer group who focus on different player positions: Bhaven on goal keeping; Sawan and Neel on defence; Hiten and Keval on midfield and attack. Also, under 16s football is overseen by Bhaven and Neel.



Bhaven Shah

I have been at Oshwal youth club for two decades – as a member from the age of 13, then as a volunteer at the age of 16. Initially, I volunteered in snooker then moved on to football. Currently I'm coaching the Under 12's in football. When I joined youth club as a teenager, I absolutely loved it and the organisers back then inspired me to start helping. I have always had a passion for sport and really enjoy coaching the kids. I believe youth club has never just been about sports but, about making friends and bringing the

community together too. In my time of coaching, the Under 12's team have won many first-place trophies in the Oshwal Olympics. There is no better feeling than watching them win first place. The pride and joy in coaching them and making them achieve their goal is priceless.



Hiten Shah

I've been volunteering in the Under 12's football category for 8 years now. I have a passion and desire to help our community to the best of my ability and so, volunteering at ReActive8 club allows me to do just that as I love helping the younger children with football.



Keval Shah

16 years ago, when I started attending North West area youth club as a member, I had a lot of support from the volunteers, therefore I decided to become one myself – to share and guide ideas to the new generation of Oshwals. Over the last 6 years I have coached and seen the children become stronger, more focused and both technically and tactically skilful.



Neel Shah

I've been volunteering for the past 15 years but, my bond with youth club started 8 years prior to it as a member. Initially, I started helping with the Under 12's then I joined the EC committee. Now, I help run the men's' football. I am also part of the sub-committee. Youth club has been a part of my life for 22 years and I enjoy helping wherever I am needed. Over the years, I have kept in contact with all the youth that I have met. Seeing them grow and enjoy successful careers is a bonus.



Sawan Shah

I've been volunteering for the past 13 years. I am part of the ReActive8 sub-committee and one of the football coaches. I love sports and sport is my passion. Giving something back to my community is the reason why I volunteer. I attain great pride in seeing the children I coach grow as they become better players and human beings.

Table tennis



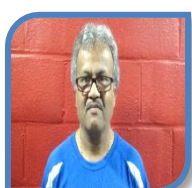
All age groups above 8 are encouraged to play and coached as & when by our team of volunteers: Mahesh, Nilesh and Saumeet. Our highlight of the year is our annual internal table tennis tournament. It is a great opportunity for all to participate, have fun, improve on their own standard

of play and receive an award too. Any children above the age of 12 who show promise in their table tennis skills have an opportunity to join the league as well. Joining the league requires commitment and a desire to perform to the best of one's ability – two qualities that every sports person must have to ensure their growth.



Nilesh Nathoo
Shah

I've been volunteering for 14 years in table tennis at ReActive8 club. My role as the lead/manager of table tennis also involves me in organising table tennis internal tournaments. My other role is that, I am the secretary for the table tennis league which houses matches at ReActive8 club. My love for table tennis has brought me to volunteering. I get great pleasure in watching the children taking an active part in table tennis. The added bonus is watching the children eagerly show off their skills in the competitive tournaments.



Mahesh Shah

My ingredients for volunteering are my love for table tennis and my desire to be helpful. This is what has brought me to volunteering in table tennis over the past few years. I thoroughly enjoy coaching and having fun with all who play table tennis with us at ReActive8 club. My involvement increases as I become another photographer for the club.



Saumeet Shah

I am so passionate about playing and coaching table tennis that I want to give our children the opportunity to learn it properly. I have had the opportunity to do just that for at least 4 years, if not 5.

We get to share our passion with others who have the same passion. We get to do good deeds, strengthening our communities and the environment, and building bonds. Success of the club comes with people who are passionate, positive and uplifting about the club's mission; who want to share it with others and willing to listen to ideas and open to others getting involved; who want to help them expand their knowledge and enjoyment. This passion shows through in everything the club does, from events to the articles, from membership programs, and in every interaction with members and the community. Never forget to keep it fun.

There's training. Competition. Wins and losses. Passion. Hard work.

"Champions keep playing until they get it right"