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**Southwark City Tennis Club Coach
Awarded Winston Churchill Memorial
Trust Travelling Fellowship**



Umran Ali, Head Coach at Southwark City Tennis Club, has been awarded a prestigious Fellowship Award from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. This is a national scheme and provides support for visits abroad to build up experience and contacts to benefit the individual and their community when they return. His final interview included a grilling by Dame Grey-Thompson.

Umran intends to use the Fellowship to visit the US with a plan of attending the US Open Finals in August, hopefully to cheer on Andy Murray to victory! He will spend a couple of weeks working with the Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program in New York before moving down to visit community tennis programmes in Atlanta. The second leg of his trip will be in Europe where he will visit the prestigious Sanchez Casal Academy in Barcelona as well as the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy in France and Clichy Tennis Club. The latter with the intention of setting up a Twinning link with Southwark City Tennis Club. Umran is looking to pick up coaching ideas, ways of running programmes, how other clubs involve the community as well as building up links to benefit the work he does in London.

Umran started playing tennis as a junior in the late 1970s and has always lived and worked in South East London. During his extensive coaching career he has worked at venues such as Telford Park and Ferndale. He joined Southwark City Tennis Club in 2007 and has been working hard to develop and establish tennis in areas where it has not traditionally been played. He has constantly looked to develop the way he coaches and passed his Club Coach Award, from the Lawn Tennis Association in 2008.

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Notes to Editors:

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is a national scheme offering up to 100 Fellowships each year. This provides an opportunity to increase the recipient's knowledge and experience. The Travelling Fellowship is a unique addition to the recipient's personal development bringing long-term benefits to the recipient, their employer and their profession/community in the UK.

Website: <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

Southwark City Tennis Club is a non-profit making organisation dedicated to promoting tennis in a non-traditional tennis playing area. The club coaches juniors out of school hours throughout the year at Burgess Park, Tanner Street Park, Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, Salmon Youth Centre, Bradfield Youth Centre, Brunswick Park Primary School and works with a number of schools to provide curriculum time tennis sessions. The club runs many tournaments throughout the year for both juniors and adults as well as having sides in Surrey and local leagues. The Club is Clubmark accredited.