



**Homeless World Cup**

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Dear Paraic,

**INVITATION: Milan 2009 Homeless World Cup**

We are delighted to extend an invitation to **HFCA** to attend the Milan 2009 Homeless World Cup from 5-13 September 2009. It will unite 48 nations in a mixed tournament.

The Homeless World Cup exists to energise people who are homeless to change their own lives; to become leaders and rebuild their lives and their communities. This has been very successful with over two thirds of players significantly changing and over 100,000 people involved in 6 years.

We have conducted a through investigation into players seeking asylum after the Melbourne tournament. It is of our utmost priority that there are no further cases at future tournaments. As such we have reached the decision not to invite those nations with players seeking asylum at the Melbourne 2008 Homeless World Cup: Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, or Zimbabwe.

We would like to remind you that players are expected to arrive and depart together. If your players do not return you will not be invited to the 2010 tournament and invitations to events beyond 2010 may also be jeopardised. The Homeless World Cup works hard with the host nation to grant players' visas, welcome them with open arms, on a basis of trust that they will return. We cannot jeopardise the future and integrity of the Homeless World Cup due to a few players that do not play by the rules.

We are delighted to announce that the pilot Women's Cup held in Melbourne was a phenomenal success. As such a Women's Homeless World Cup will take place in Africa in 2010 with planning underway for a social enterprise to build a centre of excellence. We look forward to keeping you up to date on these developments.

Milan is one of the most passionate football cities on earth and our venue Sempione Park, the historic arena built to stage the very first national Italian football match against France. We are sure the Italian people will create a beautiful stage for the 7<sup>th</sup> Homeless World Cup. See you there, and we wish you the very best of luck with your preparations and project development through 2009.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mel Young".

**Mel Young**  
President, Homeless World Cup