

## BOXERS

Collyhurst and Moston Amateur Boxing Club has a 100 year tradition of providing a space where people can go to train, learn new skills, make friends and provide a positive outlet, helping to create a positive identity for a number of local young men.



With Scott Quigg, the current WBA World Super Bantamweight Champion as one of their former pupils, it's hardly surprising that Collyhurst and Moston ABC was voted North West Boxing Club of the Year last year. As well as boxing training, they are increasingly running a number of youth work, informal education and arts projects.

The Club is run by Tommy McDonagh, a person so active in his community, that he has recently become one of Forever Manchester's Community Ambassadors. Tommy says: *"We are doing well in the area. It's about boxing, but it also about getting kids off the street and putting them on the right path."*



As well as teaching young people from the local community to box and get active, the club also wanted to give them the opportunity to learn basic filmmaking skills. By researching and exploring stories about their local history, the young men from the club created a very successful film project called **'A 100 Years and Still Fighting'** that was made as part of the Passions of Youth Project.

Building on the success of this project, the Club now aims to create a creative learning space in the upstairs room at their gym, where a film studio can be set up to integrate this into delivery of the informal education work at the gym.

