

**Press Release: 15 January 2016**

**Impetus-PEF teams up with Dallaglio Foundation**

***New partnership boosts rugby's power to transform the lives of disadvantaged young people***

**15 January 2016:** Today, youth charities, Dallaglio Foundation and Impetus-PEF (Impetus – The Private Equity Foundation) are set to partner to harness the power of rugby as a force for change.

Impetus-PEF currently funds and works with over 20 charities in the UK and delivers funding and strategic resources to high-potential charities and social enterprises working to improve the lives and prospects of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The pioneering youth charity will provide Dallaglio Foundation with strategic and operational support as well as £100,000 in funding to develop the impact of its rugby-inspired education programme.

Founded by Lawrence Dallaglio, the former England rugby captain, the Dallaglio Foundation's RugbyWorks programme is delivered across 30 Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provider (AP) schools in England and South Wales, working with young people who have been excluded from mainstream education. These young people often come from disadvantaged backgrounds and the Dallaglio Foundation harnesses the values of rugby to help them transform their lives.

Lawrence Dallaglio, comments "I'm delighted that Impetus-PEF has committed to support us in the development of our RugbyWorks programme. Rugby is a sport I feel incredibly passionate about and I truly believe that the values of the game can help transform the lives of the hardest to reach young people across the country. We're excited to benefit from Impetus-PEF's expertise to help us maximise the potential of the programme."

Impetus-PEF's support will focus on the Dallaglio Foundation's RugbyWorks programme, a long term intervention which forms part of the curriculum within Pupil Referral Units. Many of the young people the Dallaglio Foundation mentor come from chaotic backgrounds and struggle to succeed in education and as a result have little or no prospect of a future in further education or employment. The Dallaglio Foundation uses rugby as the tool to engage the young people, followed by a curriculum of classroom and employability based skills development with the objective of helping them into further education or employment.

Julia Grant, Chief Executive of Impetus-PEF, commented, "The Rugby World Cup was a powerful reminder that rugby can inspire people of all ages across the world. We have been so impressed by the Dallaglio Foundation's programme, which is already bringing positive change in the lives of disengaged young people. We are excited to be working with the Dallaglio Foundation to harness that potential."

Rachel Roxburgh, Chief Executive, the Dallaglio Foundation, said: "Impetus-PEF's commitment of expertise, strategic direction and funding will help move our programmes a step further, delivering the increased impact we expect for the young people we work with. With their belief and support, we are better placed to fulfil our own potential to help so many young people secure greater long-term prospects."

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### **Notes to editor**

**Impetus-PEF (Impetus – The Private Equity Foundation)** transforms the lives of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds by ensuring they get the support they need to succeed in education and employment. It does this by partnering with the most promising charities and social enterprises which serve young people, providing them with a combination of long-term core funding and sustained management support. Impetus-PEF currently works with more than 20 charity partners, which in turn reach over 50,000 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

For more information, please visit [www.impetus-pef.org.uk](http://www.impetus-pef.org.uk) or call 020 3474 1007.

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### **The Dallaglio Foundation**

Former England Rugby Captain and 2003 World Cup winner Lawrence Dallaglio set up the Dallaglio Foundation in 2009 with a core objective of supporting disengaged young people become more employable through the power of rugby.

The Dallaglio Foundation's RugbyWorks programme engages young people at increased risk of long-term unemployment, criminality and imprisonment, making them more employable through a three-stage journey designed around the core values of rugby to make them work ready.

RugbyWorks is founded on long-term relationships working nationally in Pupil Referral Units, with small groups of 14 – 16 year olds, who have been excluded from mainstream education, for an average of two years. Based around a curriculum of playing rugby, developing employability skills through games and workshops and providing experiences in the workplace, Dallaglio Foundation coaches offer stability to often unstable lives and provide a personal development pathway to employability.

For more information visit [www.dallagliofoundation.com](http://www.dallagliofoundation.com)

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