

# ONE-ON-ONE

## Marko (18) talks to Charlie (30)

Marko played in an Open Fun Football School in 2001 and loved it so much he joined again in 2002 and 2003. OFFS was his first organised football activity; before then he had only played on the streets with his friends from the neighbourhood. No clubs existed in his hometown of Kiseljak.

Marko's overriding memory of his first Open Fun Football School is a simple one: he remembers having fun. He still recalls the activities and games in which he took part as a child, and remains in touch with some of the friends he made nine years ago. He remembers his initial experience with OFFS as his first ever opportunity to meet children from other parts of the country. At the time, such encounters would otherwise have been impossible.

During his first Open Fun Football School, Marko realised that football played an important role in his life and decided that he wanted to join an organised team. In the following years, with equipment and coaches donated by OFFS, football clubs began to re-emerge in Kiseljak, and Marko has played for them since then.

In 2007 OFFS returned to Kiseljak and Marko, then 15 years old, jumped at the chance to be involved again. He volunteered as an assistant coach, helping out whenever required in order to give something back to the programme he had cherished as a child. In 2008 he was back again, attending his first sports coaching workshop and helping to run a school as a coach.



Now 18, Marko has almost finished his high school studies. He has not yet decided whether he will study to be a sports coach or a sports journalist, but either way, football will definitely play a major role in his future.

*Charlie is Head of Services (England) at Street League. He met Marko in Sarajevo during an Open Fun Football School.*



 **IM GESPRÄCH MIT...**  
Marko (18) spricht mit Charlie (30)

Marko spielte bei den Open Fun Football Schools von 2001 bis 2003. Das Programm gab ihm zum ersten Mal die Chance Kinder aus anderen Teilen des Landes zu treffen. Einige von ihnen sind noch heute seine Freunde. 2007 arbeitete er als freiwilliger Assistenztrainer für OFFS und wurde im Jahr darauf Trainer. Marko sieht den Fußball als einen wichtigen Teil seines weiteren beruflichen Lebenswegs.

 **CARA A CARA CON...**  
Marko (18) habla con Charlie (30)

Marko jugó en OFFS de 2001 a 2003. Este programa le dio la primera oportunidad para conocer a niños de otras partes del país, algunos de los cuales aún siguen siendo sus amigos. En 2007 trabajó como entrenador auxiliar voluntario para OFFS, donde regresó al año siguiente como entrenador. Marko espera que el fútbol forme una parte importante en su futuro profesional.

 **TÊTE À TÊTE AVEC...**  
Marko (18) parle à Charlie (30)

Marko a joué avec Open Fun Football Schools entre 2001 et 2003. Grâce à ce programme il a pu pour la première fois rencontrer des enfants d'autres régions du pays, dont certains sont restés ses amis. En 2007 il était entraîneur assistant bénévole pour OFFS, en 2009 entraîneur. Marko a l'intention d'accorder une place importante au football dans sa future carrière.

