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Inside Out reports - Peckham Boys



The Peckham Boys

They are young, they have attitude, they are from Peckham. They are from the Boys to Manhood Foundation...

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The **String of Pearls Festival**, the organisation set up to increase access to historic buildings and institutions during Golden Jubilee year, was responsible for making the project happen.

They came up with the idea and brought the Army together with the six teenagers from the **From Boyhood to**

The foundation was set up in inner city areas in London to help young boys who have been excluded from school get back on track.

Edmund says: "I had a lot of negative ideas about myself as a black man."

Marvin says: "I was labelled as deviant and it was downhill from there."

So what happens when you mix what was once a group of deviant boys with one of Britain's most elite and traditional institutions?

Kola said: "I'm hoping that they don't work us too hard."



Lads at work strenuous exercise.

Now it's time for the Army to put them through their paces.

Marvin says: "I don't think back in school I would have been ready for this experience".

For a week, Melvin, Elvis and Kola are living with the Scotsguards.

Edmund, Marvin and Evans have been signed up with the Horseguards.

They are serious about the challenge and have been preparing for three months.

This involved getting up at six in the morning and lots

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Manhood Foundation: the Peckham based organisation which runs a day support centre for socially excluded black boys.

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String of Pearls

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The boys have to walk the walk, and talk the talk. They have to experience what it is to be an army man.

The boys leave with a new perception of life.

Marvin says: "They are all white, but none of them are racist. They all made friends with us."

Join us as we follow the boys during their week with Her Majesty's finest. They're in the Army now!

Pictures from **The Millennium Bridge**.

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