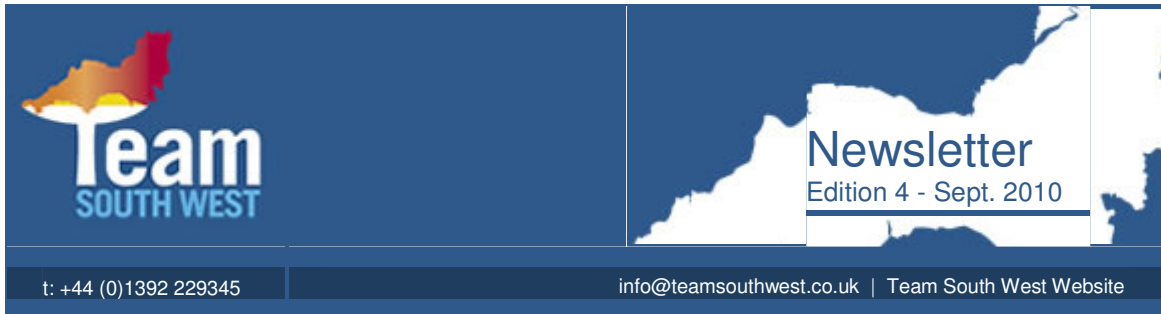


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London 2012 news from across the South West

This issue of the Team South West newsletter reflects a busy summer in the region and shows just how more and more people are becoming part of the action. From the involvement of hundreds of people in London 2012 Open Weekend activities in July to the excitement of a host of cultural events this month, there is something to suit people of all ages and all interests. For more information about what's going on, visit the **Team South West website**.

Help us to spread news of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games within the South West by sharing this newsletter with friends and colleagues.

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Region welcomes London 2012's Director of Paralympic Integration, Chris Holmes



In the countdown to the London 2012 Paralympic Games, Britain's most successful individual Paralympic swimmer ever – **Chris Holmes** – paid a special visit to Bath on August 26 where he met athletes at the ParalympicsGB training camp and presented an Inspire mark certificate to a trail-blazing course.

Business opportunities in the public sector

With less than two years to go to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, there are exciting opportunities for small and medium-sized businesses in this region to bid for Games-time contracts such as food and drink supply or provision of sporting equipment and services. Read more about the **support available in the region for businesses** looking to win contracts and the links with London 2012 on the website.

Focus on volunteering



Linking in with the launch on 15 September of the London 2012 call for Games Makers – to volunteer during Games-time - two of the latest regional projects to be awarded the Inspire mark focus on encouraging young volunteers. 'Revolution South West', run by the National Trust, will focus on eight large conservation projects while The Eden Project's 'Barefoot Games' will help young people with community activities. Visit the **Team South West website** for more details about the **regional Inspire mark projects** and **how your**

organisation can be involved.

Hope for disadvantaged jobless

People in Bristol have a great opportunity to take part in a training course that can improve their job prospects. Inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, **the Personal Best programme** will offer training at three centres in Bristol and at another in Weymouth to people currently not in employment or education.

Count Me In – for outside arts



The region is gearing up for an exciting month in the calendar of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad with **'Count Me In'** – a celebration of music, dance and outside arts. **'Count Me In'** aims to encourage as many people as possible to get involved and features a cultural feast of activities during the last two weeks of September.

Round up of other news from the region

An athlete's perspective for Exeter audience

Devon organisations and businesses can find out about opportunities – sporting, cultural and business - in the run-up to London 2012 at the **Team Devon Information Evening** in Exeter on 16 September. And there will be an Olympian on hand to provide first-hand information from an athlete's perspective.

Join celebrations for two years of RELAYS

Xpress '10 – RELAYS Festival of Extreme Sports and Expressive Arts. Highlights from the RELAYS programme across the South West will feature dance and theatre performances, a sportswear fashion show, skateboard design, workshops, break dancing, film screenings and more. 25-26 September, Cornwall. **Visit Universities South West Website for further details.**

2010 British Transplant Games exceed expectations

The organisers of the **2010 British Transplant Games**, which took place in Bath in August, have hailed the four-day event as a fantastic success that exceeded all expectations. Over 600 transplant athletes aged from two to 82 took part in sports ranging from swimming and badminton to running and archery.

Wenlock at Festival of Indian Sport

Wenlock, London 2012's Olympic mascot, started a journey around the UK by opening Cirencester Kingshill School's **Festival of Indian Sport** in July. The Gloucestershire school had won the opportunity for Wenlock to visit by entering the Get Set to meet the Mascots competition, part of the the official London 2012 education programme.

UNESCO grants patronage to 2012 Jurassic Coast Earth Festival

The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has announced its patronage of the **2012 Jurassic Coast Earth Festival, a RELAYS project.**

For Information about events in September, follow this link

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