



Newsletter

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London 2012 news from across the South West

New focus for Team South West

Team South West, the partnership of regional organisations working to deliver a lasting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, has a new Board and streamlined objectives. The core objectives are to: Communicate opportunities for engagement with London 2012 and regional successes; Provide a single point of contact for London 2012 in the region along with operational support and strategic coordination; and Contribute towards a community legacy through engagement and partnership working. For information about Team South West, its Board and objectives, please visit the **Team South West website**.

To all our readers - This newsletter is the last one to be issued with the help of the South West RDA and future issues will be produced through Universities South West, which are now acting as hosts to Team South West. To ensure that you continue to receive our newsletter, your contact details will be transferred to Universities South West. If you would rather your details were not transferred, please email Pat.Murray@teamsouthwest.co.uk before Friday, 1 July 2011.

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Weymouth and Portland welcome Lord Coe



Lord Coe, Chair of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), saw for himself the impact that the London 2012 Games is having in Weymouth and Portland when he made **a special visit to the borough on 6 June.**

His visit, while underlining the importance of Weymouth and Portland as the venue for the London 2012 sailing events, also focused on the impact that London 2012 is having on young people.

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Our Moment to Shine



The search is underway for 8,000 inspiring people to carry the Olympic Flame next year. Not only will the Olympic Torch start its journey through the UK in this region at Land's End on 19 May 2012, it will travel through the South West for nearly 10 days. We now have an opportunity to nominate a friend, colleague, public figure or family member who exemplifies personal achievement or contribution to their local community to become a Torchbearer. Closing date for nominations is 29 June 2011. For full details, please visit the **London 2012 website.**

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Communities - register now to be part of Open Weekend!

Open Weekend, back for its fourth year on 22 - 24 July 2011, will celebrate 'one year to go' to the Games. It is a unique opportunity for communities and organisations to show off the best art, dance, film, culture and sport the UK has to offer. If you are organising an event that could be part of Open Weekend you have until 27 June to **register.**

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Businesses – find out about contract opportunities

Businesses interested in finding out about the latest contract opportunities relating to the London 2012 Games can sign up for an e-alert from **Business Link.**

Business Link has also set up a new **contracts finders website** for buyers and suppliers across the South West to help them to bid and tender for contracts. It also gives links to further information and support.

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Region's new Inspire Programmer takes up post



Jo Gardner, the cultural coordinator for RELAYS (Regional Educational Legacy for Arts and Youth Sports) is the region's new Inspire Programmer. She is now on the lookout for non-commercial projects – especially those involving young people – that are being inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic Values (friendship, excellence, respect, courage, determination, equality and inspiration). Find out more about the Inspire mark and how to contact Jo by visiting the **Inspire page** on the TSW website.

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Round up of other news from the region

London 2012 announces Sailing Test Event in Weymouth and Portland



London 2012 has announced plans to test its systems, equipment, workforce and procedures for running the Olympic and Paralympic Sailing competitions this summer. The test event, called the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011, will be run by LOCOG from the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and the adjacent Portland Marina in Dorset from 31 July 2011 to 13 August 2011. For more information please visit the **London 2012 Website**.

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Cornwall School Games pilot

On June 26, Cornwall will host one of nine national pilot events to showcase the potential of competitive school sport. The School Games is a celebration of competitive sport for students and the aim is for young people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to be involved. The 2011 Cornwall School Games will involve 14 sports and more information is available on the **Cornwall Sports Partnership Website**.

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On Your Bike in Devon



Team Devon, working with partner organisations from across the county, is promoting 'Devon is the Place to Do It!' – a series of special themed months from May to August this year. The campaign started last month with 'Take To Your Feet' this month and continues this month with On Your Bike in June. It aims to encourage greater participation in physical activity and highlights clubs, events and opportunities through which people can get active.

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Bath Spa History and Culture of the Games project awarded the Inspire mark



A project by five students from Bath Spa University to develop a resource pack exploring the history and culture of the Olympic and Paralympic Games has been awarded the coveted Inspired Mark. The pack, which will have a focus on South West England is designed for use in primary schools. For more information please see the **West of England Sport Trust Website**.

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Canada's diving elite to train at Plymouth Life Centre

Canada's national diving team has announced that it has chosen the new **Plymouth Life Centre** as its pre-Olympic Games training camp. The team says it plans to visit Plymouth in February 2012 ahead of the Diving World Series and for a week in July 2012 to prepare for the Olympic Games.

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Tim moves to British Paralympic Association

The British Paralympic Association has announced the appointment of Tim Hollingsworth as its new Chief Executive Officer. Tim is the co-chair of **Team West of England (TWE)** and lives in Bath. He joins the BPA from UK Sport, where he is Chief Operating Officer, a post he has held since September 2010 having previously been Director of Policy and Communications there for five years.

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