



● OLYMPIC LEGACY

The Olympic Legacy initiative aims to coordinate Olympic related activities across the region, maximise the benefits of these activities and add value to existing provision.

● THE BIGGER PICTURE

Richmondshire has been sharing information on Olympic related activities taking place in the district with North Yorkshire Sport and York and North Yorkshire Culture, and will continue to do this in the run up to the 2012 games.

North Yorkshire Sport has produced a legacy brochure – Get Into the Games – highlighting some of the work currently being done across the region.

York and North Yorkshire Culture is currently working on a sub region wide action plan – which will include Richmondshire based activities.

● THE CULTURAL OLYMPIAD

The Cultural Olympiad in Yorkshire aims to get people on the move and into physical activity – through its signature activity ‘imove’.

It provides a unique opportunity to create the ‘marriage’ of art and sport envisioned by the founder of the modern Olympics.

There has already been a huge range of events – from an autumn projected art project in a square in York to outdoor theatre in the Pennines; a moving digital installation in a national museum; mass participation dance events, a dynamic archive project and a sports science and art collaboration.

Yorkshire is doing what it does best – inventive and entertaining cultural events which combine established flagship institutions with smaller quirky groups and artists and recognisable heritage with sharp edged innovation in creative technology.



Creating the
‘marriage of
sports and arts’

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For more information check out
www.culturalolympiadinyorkshire.com

● TICKETS FOR TROOPS

The London 2012 Ticketshare scheme has been extended to include ‘Tickets For Troops’. The London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) will be working with Tickets For Troops as part of its Ticketshare scheme to provide up to 10,000 tickets for servicemen and women and their families. Tickets for Troops was established in 2009 and has since provided over 200,000 tickets for top sporting, cultural, entertainment and cultural events to members of the Armed Forces and their families. Tickets for the games go on sale in March.



More information at:
www.london2012.com



● LEGACY ANNOUNCED

Olympic and Paralympic stakeholders have announced plans for the mass participation legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Minister for Sport and the Olympics, Hugh Robertson MP, and Sport England, Places People Play announced that it will bring the sporting legacy to life in communities across the country – answering London 2012's Singapore promise to inspire a new generation to play sport.

The £135m initiative has been made possible by the Government's National Lottery reforms, which are bringing additional funding into grassroots sport. Places People Play will be delivered by Sport England, in partnership with the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the British Paralympic Association (BPA) with the backing of The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) and the London 2012 Inspire mark.

It will bring the inspiration and magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into the heart of local communities, encouraging more people to get involved in sport.



● GOLD CHALLENGE

Adults across the country can now sign up to Gold Challenge – which is harnessing the inspiration of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games to give everyone the chance to be part of the sporting legacy.

The independent initiative challenges individuals and teams to take part in multiple Olympic and Paralympic sports, while raising money for their chosen charity.

It is a call to action for people who are looking to challenge themselves as an individual, part of a team or as part of a corporate programme. Over 100,000 people are expected to take part with up to £20 million raised.

Participants can personalise their activity on the Gold Challenge website, decide which sports to take on, whether to take part as an individual or team or even as a business. They can also choose which cause they want to help raise money for from one of over 100 charities.

The Gold Challenge website provides a helping hand by providing key information guides on the different sports and also a 'Gold Challenge Tracker' where participants can upload their progress and success and benchmark performance.

Check out: www.goldchallenge.org



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● UK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

A new London 2012 co-ordinator for Yorkshire has been appointed who also has responsibility for gathering information for the Games Time Events Calendar. The UK Calendar is a planning tool to help public services across the UK to identify the potential demands on them during Games time and ensure that there are sufficient resources available to support safe and successful planned events. The Calendar runs from April 1 to September 30, 2012.

To enter an event collate dates (if you have them/or a rough guide if you do not), duration, title and place of event and send to Sarah Cottier at scottier@yorkshire.com (0113 322 3534). The final draft is due to be ready by March 31. For more information call Tania Weston, Culture and 2012 Delivery Officer, York & North Yorkshire Partnership Unit, on 01904 477 976.

● PERSONAL BEST...

... has a new manager for North Yorkshire, Carole Clarkson. A successful course has already taken place in York; two are currently running in Scarborough; and sessions are due to start in Harrogate and Northallerton. Contact Carole.Clarkson@leedscitycollege.ac.uk for more information.

● VOLUNTEERING...

... a toolkit for anyone considering a local volunteering scheme for 2012 is now available – call Jo-Anne Simpson for more details.

● LONDON 2012 WEBSITE ...

... can now refer visitors to local resources. Anyone interested in volunteering in York and North Yorkshire should check out: www.nyyculture.org

● FREE WORKSHOP...

... is to be held in Harrogate on February 20 to offer information and advice to support organisations in developing Games inspired volunteering roles.

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How you
can help...

To offer any feedback, be included or join the mailing list contact Jo-Anne Simpson on 01748 827182 or jo-anne.simpson@richmondshire.gov.uk