

YOUNG AMBASSADOR UPDATE



Hello and welcome to the first EVER Young Ambassador Update!

Every half-term I will bring you the latest Young Ambassador news from the Youth Sport Trust, exciting opportunities and ideas for you to get more involved in your role and exclusive stories from London 2012.

This half term find out more about YA Britain and our new member of the National Young Ambassador steering group! We also consider the Olympic Value of Respect by telling you about the Youth Sport Trust's Young Officials Project.



**YOUR
CHALLENGES**



**YOUTH SPORT
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**OTHER
NEWS**

YA Britain – “Get YA-ing!”

Entries to our Young Ambassador Britain campaign have been flying in since it launched and we've had some truly fantastic photos, but we still need you to upload yours if you haven't already. Remember pictures can be submitted across four categories with prizes on offer in each category – so don't delay, get YA-ing either in your community, with a star, on mass or to reflect the Olympic and Paralympic values! Prizes will recognise the efforts of all the Young Ambassadors who've played a part in organising the winning photos and the first winners will be announced soon!

[Find out more](#)

1000 days to go challenge...

Join the countdown!

Remember to **tell us** how you have been celebrating 1000 days to go until the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and send us your photos. You may have run 1000 metres, thought about what you will have achieved in 1000 days time or inspired 1000 people. Entries must be received by **Wednesday 3 December** to have the chance to win a London 2012 goodie bag and be featured on an interactive map that will be displayed on the [Get Set website!](#)

A message from...

Debbie Foote,

Chair person of the National Young Ambassador Steering group -

“Good luck with whatever you are planning to do in your role! Always remember that we, young people, are the reason we won the bid for London 2012, so let's make it count!”

Congratulations...

David Angelini has been selected as a member of the National Young Ambassador Steering group to represent Scotland! David is a first year student at the University of Stirling and he still volunteers as a basketball coach at his secondary school, St Margaret's Academy, Airdre.

Be part of it

Following the 'Be part of it' challenge that took place in the afternoon session at the Young Ambassador Conferences in September and October, the Be part of it big idea for Lloyds TSB National School Sport Week will be decided at the YA steering group in December. In the new year we will be letting you know what we would like you to do during this special week to get as many young people doing the same 2012 inspired activity at the same time. LTSB National School Sport Week takes place in England and Wales from 28 June to 2 July 2010 and in Scotland from 7 to 11 June 2010.

[Find out more](#)

The journey of a lifetime

A few months ago, six Young Ambassadors – Hannah Watts, Peter Hawkings, Oliver Hooper, Rosanna Walter-Symons, Becki Quigley and Sam Hooper - embarked on a journey that opened their eyes to the power of the Games, and left a lasting impact.

[Find out more](#)

Young Officials

Have you ever thought about officiating? Could you be the next world class official for your sport? Competitive sport cannot exist without match officials, and young people are often the best candidates for these roles.

The role of the official in sport is one which demands great respect. Anyone who saw the recent World Cup playoff match between France and Ireland will have been reminded what a demanding and important role this is.

Helen Tang, a young official from London said:

'I officiate to give something back, since I don't have the time to train for participation like I used to, I still wanted to support my club.'

There are lots of ways for you to get involved in officiating.

[Find out more](#)

The latest from London 2012

Why not test your knowledge of the Olympic and Paralympic Values by playing the interactive quizzes, games and challenges on the [Get Set website](#).

Abdul Hassan, a young person from East London has joined the Diversity and Inclusion team at London 2012.

[Find out more](#)

The Aquatics Centre roof has been completed! Check out its wave like shape.

[Find out more](#)

In a recent drive to encourage biodiversity, the Olympic Delivery Authority have installed bat boxes and bird boxes around the Olympic Park.

[Find out more](#)

Did you know?

Boccia first featured at the Paralympic Games in 1984. The sport is a test of muscle control, accuracy, skill and concentration and is played in 42 countries. 'Boccia' comes from the Latin word 'bottia', meaning 'ball'.

[Find out more](#)

London Youth Games

Young Ambassadors are being offered the exciting opportunity to join GamesForce and volunteer at the London Youth Games in 2010. There are event, media and sport officiating roles available!

You must be 16 or over to join. Registration opens in January. To find out if there are similar events happening in your region, contact your County Sports Partnership.

To pre-register for the London Youth Games [email gamesforce](#).

[Find out more](#)

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