

YOUNG AMBASSADOR UPDATE



Hello and welcome to the Young Ambassador Update!

This half term we receive a message from Baroness Sue Campbell who tells us about her experience of the Vancouver Winter Olympics. We also look forward to launching Young Ambassadors across the UK and we explore exciting opportunities to develop your skills using the London 2012 Get Set resources.



YOUR CHALLENGES

A message from...

Baroness Sue Campbell, CBE
Chair of the Youth Sport Trust-

“Having just returned from the Winter Olympics in Vancouver I can tell you the spirit of the Games was infectious. The Canadian people were warm, friendly and very hospitable - everyone was having fun and there was a great feeling of national pride. Every Canadian athlete was cheered on regardless of their finishing place and when they did win a medal the celebrations were amazing. At each venue you were greeted by smiling volunteers and enthusiastic and knowledgeable spectators. The demands of the winter Olympic sports vary enormously but all the athletes showed immense courage, determination and skill as they tried to live out their dream of winning an Olympic medal. A very memorable experience.”

Winter Games challenge!

Remember to take part in your current Young Ambassador challenge - To bring the spirit of the Olympic Winter and Paralympic Winter Games into your school and create a poster to promote the Winter Games! Try to



YOUTH SPORT TRUST NEWS

Lloyds TSB National School Sport week 2010 – ‘Be Part of it’

As you know Young Ambassadors across the UK will be leading the ‘Be Part of It’ Mass Participation Celebration for 3 minutes at 20 minutes past 12 on Friday, 2 July (England and Wales) and Friday 11 June (Scotland sponsored by Bank of Scotland). The aim is to get millions of young people doing three minutes of an Olympic or Paralympic Sport at the same time. National Governing Bodies of Sport are currently developing a DVD of a three minute sequence from their sport for you to use, these will be available to download from the Lloyds TSB National School Sport Week website in May. Specific details will follow. Make sure your school is registered to take part.

[Find out more](#)

Young Ambassadors launch in Northern Ireland and a Welsh representative joins the National Steering group!

Young Ambassadors have been selected and recruited from across Northern Ireland to join the UK



OTHER NEWS

The latest from London 2012

If you're planning to run a sports festival, lead an assembly or write a speech about the Olympic and Paralympic values then the ‘Get Set to lead’ resource could help. It progressively leads you through an action planning process and gives you valuable hints and tips.

[Find out more](#)

If you're interested in media and journalism then why not find out more about ‘Supporter to Reporter’. Participants receive training to produce audio, video, text and image reports and even get the chance to take part in real-life sports reporting opportunities at national and local events.

[Find out more](#)

A sixteen year old pupil from Yorkshire has won a competition to design a 2012 Olympic Games 50p coin featuring the sport of Cycling. Theo Crutchley-Mack beat of competition from more than 3,000 entries in the UK-wide secondary school competition and has become the first teenager ever to design a British coin!

[Find out more](#)

make your poster as original as possible using your own artwork. Send us a photograph of your poster and be in with a chance to win a London 2012 goodie bag and your work featured on the [Get Set website](#).

YA Britain – “Make your Mark!”

Why not check out entries to our YA Britain campaign and see if you can ‘Make your Mark’ on the competition. Remember pictures can be submitted across four categories – so don’t delay, get YA-ing either in your community, with a star, on mass or to reflect the Olympic and Paralympic values! Make sure you upload your photos online to be in with a chance to win a visit from an Olympic or Paralympic champion working with the Youth Sport Trust as a School Sport Ambassador.

[Find out more](#)

Congratulations...

Oliver Hooper and Jasmine Scott have been selected to sit on the Youth Advisory Panel for the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The panel will discuss key London 2012 activity plans and decisions giving young people the chance to influence policy and to ensure that the London 2012 really are the greatest games ever.

Jasmine says, “I am really excited to take the next step and represent the views of young people from across the UK.”

movement. They will attend the Northern Ireland conference on the 26 March 2010. This term we also welcome Holly Morris from Cardiff as a new member of the National Young Ambassador Steering Group. Holly will represent the views of Young Ambassadors from across Wales. Young Ambassadors really will be creating a UK-wide Olympic and Paralympic legacy!

Take Part in Major Events

On the 24 February, the ‘Take Part’ major sports event resource was launched with 116 Young Ambassadors in the North East. The challenge has been laid down to the region’s Young Ambassadors to use the resource to inspire schools and young people to get involved in the UK School Games, which takes place in the cities of Gateshead, Sunderland and Newcastle from the 2 to 5 September this year. The Young Ambassadors who can show they made the biggest impact by using the resource will be selected to be a core part of the UK School Games programme, working alongside Olympians and meeting all of the VIPs across the four days of the event. This is the UK’s largest multi-sport event for talented young athletes and the pinnacle of sports competition at school age.

[Find out more](#)

Thinking about a practical or vocational learning route? Why not check out the vast number of roles that are involved in ‘Making the Games’.

[Find out more](#)

Sign up to be part of the Get Set network! Create your own blog and let London 2012 know what’s going on in your school. If you apply before the 26 March your school will be entered into a prize draw to win a tour of the Olympic Park for up to 10 people!

[Find out more](#)

‘Have You Got What It Takes?’ Is a fantastic new resource that looks at using a Games-related scenario to develop enterprise skills. Students are challenged to research, prepare and then present their pitch to host a pre-Games training camp. Teachers who are registered on Get Enterprising can download the resource for free and schools in England can enter a competition to win a visit to the Olympic Park and a trip to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland!

[Find out more](#)

Did you know?

Ice sledge hockey first featured in the Paralympic Winter Games in 1994. Players sit on aluminium or steel sledges fitted with two blades. They use two sticks to propel the sledge and the other to pass and shoot the puck.

[Find out more](#)

Best wishes for the winter holidays,

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For further information about the Young Ambassador programme please visit

www.youthsporttrust.org
