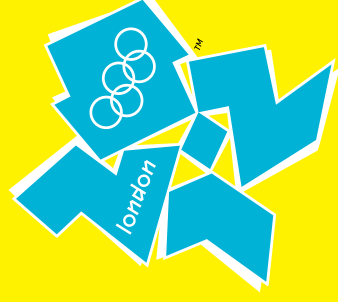
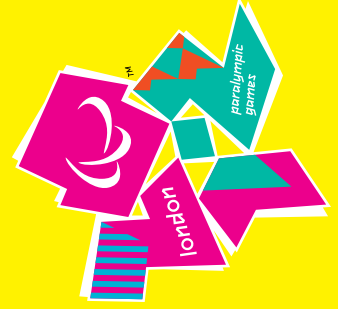


2008	Handover Ceremonies in Beijing. Start of Cultural Olympiad	2010	Volunteer programme launched	2011	Tickets on sale	27 July 2012	Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games	29 August 2012	Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games	After 2012	Long-term benefits
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Timeline



Join in



In 2012, millions of people will cheer on the world's greatest athletes as they compete in the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

But it's so much more than a sporting event – there's something to inspire us all.

The London 2012 spirit is about people finding the best in themselves. We want you to join in, to challenge yourself to do more. To be inspired to pick up a racket or a flute, or to offer your time as a volunteer.

London 2012 is your Games. And it starts right here, right now.



sport

From supplying materials to build the venues in the Olympic Park to the flags for fans to wave, UK businesses large and small will be involved in London 2012.

New tenders are announced weekly at london2012.com/business and business e-alerts will keep you updated – check it out to see how your business could join in.

Want to get your business fit for Games contracts? The London 2012 website has links to some local help.



business

The UK's 2012 hopefuls are already training to compete in front of a home crowd.

But you can join in without being an elite athlete. Find a local sports club and take up a new activity.

The London 2012 website (london2012.com) has great information about sports taking place as part of the 2012 Games, including links to sites to help you get involved. Your local council should also be able to help.



volunteer

One in three people in the UK already volunteer. They give their most valuable commodity – time. Why not join them?

We'll need up to 70,000 volunteers to help run the Games in 2012, with different skills and expertise. The official London 2012 volunteer programme will launch in 2010 and you can already register your interest at london2012.com/volunteer.

You can also find a local project to get involved with now. Do you have the skills to coach a local sports team? Maybe you could help organise a local cultural event, teach a language or volunteer at a school.

The excitement starts in 2008 with the Cultural Olympiad – a four year festival of programmes and events around the UK bringing the London 2012 spirit to life.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy and hundreds of ways to take part.

Why not start now by taking on a cultural challenge yourself? Learn the guitar or join your local drama group. Unearth a talent you never knew you had.



culture



jobs and skills

Thousands of workers will be needed to build the Olympic Park and stage the Games.

As well as those directly employed by London 2012, there will be many opportunities to work on Games-related projects. See london2012.com/jobs for information.

There are also many locally-run schemes for training and skills to help people meet the workforce needs of the Games.



learn

As the biggest event to hit the UK, the Games are an ideal opportunity to encourage young people to learn from and to be inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic values.

We're developing an education programme to involve people in the Games and everything they stand for.

Go to london2012.com/onyourmarks to download the 'On Your Marks' resource for schools – jammed with information and ideas to support teachers and pupils alike in learning from and about the Games.



join in

Yes, I'm going to challenge myself to

by 2012