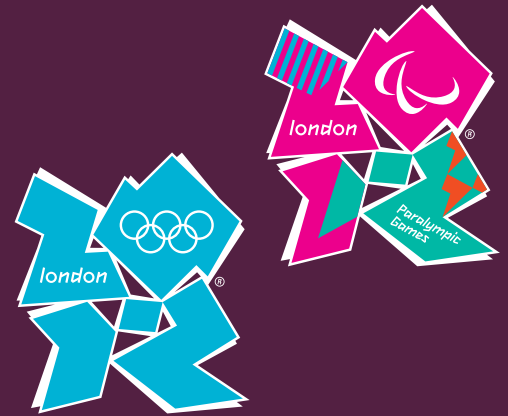


Engage



Local news for the Olympic Park western boundary
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Welcome

Welcome to the final issue of 'Engage'. On 27 July 2011 the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) celebrated the completion of the Olympic Park 'big build'. We have now handed over most of the major venues to the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

We would like to thank you for all your advice, patience, interest and support over the last five years. We do recognise the impact our works have had on you as our closest neighbours.

The ODA will now be passing the baton to LOCOG, who will continue to engage with you as they prepare to stage the Games in 2012.

LOCOG's preparations for the Games are well underway and they will be communicating with you more regularly. In the winter you will receive a newsletter from LOCOG called 'In your area'.

A lot of work still needs to be carried out on and around the Olympic Park. From 1 October 2011, LOCOG will also fund and manage the 24-hour Construction Hotline, on which the ODA has answered 6,000 calls since May 2007.

Public meetings to tell residents about work on and around the Olympic Park will be managed by partner organisations. The ODA will attend, as and when required. The next meeting will be in Tower Hamlets on 12 October. Invitations will be sent out in advance.

The Olympic Park Engagement Network (OPEN), which brings together community representatives from around the Olympic Park, is being hosted by the ODA for the last time in September 2011. The Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) will take on OPEN and ensure members continue to be involved in the development of the Park through to the Games, and beyond.

Dates of meetings, as well as details of works in your area will still be available on the community webpage: www.london2012.com/community

The ODA Education Programme has also concluded, having offered

Construction Hotline 08000 722 110

Please call the free Construction Hotline for more information on the construction programme or if you have any questions or concerns.

opportunities to all 450 schools in the five Host Boroughs. As a legacy of our work with young people, we have launched ODA education resources focused on the construction of the Olympic Park.

These are now available to schools nationwide via the Get Set website: www.london2012.com/getset

We have very much enjoyed working with you and wish you all the best for the future.

**Community Relations team
Olympic Delivery Authority**



Local residents and schoolchildren joined us at the Aquatics Centre to watch Tom Daley perform the first dive. The Aquatics Centre was the last of the six main Olympic Park venues to be finished.

Olympic Park western boundary

Over the last few years we have worked with local people living around the Olympic Park in a number of different ways. Along with doing our best to minimise the impact of construction, we have worked with you on and off the Park, at events and volunteering days, on visits and through the Education Programme. Here are some of the highlights!



ODA and contractor staff help create flowerbeds in Leabank Square as part of London 2012 Sustainability Week.



Students from Gainsborough Primary School were the first to use the completed Handball Arena in June 2010.



450 children took part in the 2008 competition to produce images to be shown on the blue hoarding around the Olympic Park site.



Olympic Park Engagement Network (OPEN) meetings will now be managed by the OPLC. The ODA began OPEN more than three years ago, along with other regular public meetings.



Panoramic aerial of the west of the Olympic Park in July this year, looking



Photos of Leabank Square's waterside garden were enlarged to help decorate the site offices.



Open days for the local community to visit the International Broadcast Centre were held in 2009 and 2010.



417 Wick Lane, Omega Works and Iron Works residents were amongst those who volunteered to help plant shrubs and flowers along The Greenway.



Local residents and students joined us in July 2011 to see the progress made on the Olympic Park's parklands.



g south to north.



The three-year Construction Crew ambassador project grew from 20 to 100 students, representing 60 different east London schools.



Tens of thousands of local residents have visited the Olympic Park by bus and over our annual Open House weekends. Local people were trained to become ODA tour guides.

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Questions and answers

Q: Where can I get tickets for test events and the Paralympic Games?

A: For information on the London Prepares series or to book tickets please visit:
www.londonprepareseries.com
Alternatively call 0844 248 5079 to book your tickets.

You can apply for tickets to the London 2012 Paralympic Games between 9 September and 26 September 2011. Sign up now at www.tickets.london2012.com and make sure you are among the first to receive ticketing information and hear about other exciting events and offers.

Q: When will work on the western bridges complete?

A: The ODA will complete work on the Wallis Road bridge in February 2012, and on the Roach Road in April 2012. Following the Games, some landscaping work will be required, before they open for use by the local community and public.

Q: Is there a sculpture being constructed next to the Handball Arena?

A: Yes. A large sculpture, nine metres high (half the height of the Handball Arena) will begin to be installed in front of the Handball Arena in late 2011. It will be completed in early 2012 and is a permanent art installation for the Park by

international artist Monica Bonvicini. The sculpture consists of three letters spelling RUN. Each letter is made out of mirrored glass, stainless steel and LED lights. During the day, they will act like a mirror and reflect their surroundings, and at night the LED lights inside each letter will emit a subtle glow, and aim to help wayfinding and security in the Park at night.



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