



A Host for 2012



Volunteering

Volunteering – the big picture

You can be a part of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

There are a wide range of volunteering programmes where people can get involved with the 2012 Games.

Get involved in 2012

London 2012 Games Maker Volunteering Programme

The success of the London 2012 Games will depend on a diverse group of up to 70,000 dedicated volunteers. These volunteers will be called Games Makers. The Games Maker programme was launched on 27th July 2010 and applications closed on 27th October 2010.

There will be two types of volunteers needed during the Games:

Specialist volunteers: will have specific existing skills, e.g. sport or medical training.

Generalist volunteers: will not need any specific skills or qualifications will receive full training.

The minimum time commitment to be a Games Maker volunteer is 10 days during either the Olympic or the Paralympic Games and for at least three days of training.

Sebastian Coe, Chair of LOCOG, said: "Volunteering with us will be challenging but the rewards are life-long as our London 2012 Games Makers will literally make history happen."

To find out more about the Games Maker programme visit www.london2012.com

London 2012 Ambassadors

London Mayor Boris Johnson is looking for 8,000 volunteers to welcome visitors from all over the world to London during the summer of 2012.

Volunteers will be needed at 35 locations across the capital – at airports, station concourses, tourist attractions and near Games venues – and will provide a personalised, passionate and knowledgeable visitor welcome.



London Ambassadors will be from a diverse background to reflect cosmopolitan London and have knowledge of different cultures, and the many languages spoken.

Boris Johnson said: "When the world descends on our doorstep in 2012 we need an army of ambassadors to provide the welcome and hospitality that will ensure their friends and family will return for many years to come to experience the electric atmosphere of the world's top city."

How do I apply to be a London Ambassador?

To apply, there are three steps to complete online.

- Sign up – set up an account to get news and updates about London Ambassadors.
- Registration form – after you've signed up, complete the registration form.
- Application form – we'll then email you an application form in January 2011.

The deadline for registrations is 31st December 2010.
www.londonambassadors.org.uk

Changing Places

The London 2012 'Changing Places' programme encourages volunteers to get out and transform their local area – improving the negative parts, celebrating the good. The programme is managed by the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

Exciting volunteering opportunities will include a clean up of the Regent's Canal near Lord's Cricket Ground – the archery venue for the Games; conservation work in Lea Valley Regional Park close to the White Water Canoe Course; habitat creation on the Greenway leading to the Olympic Park; and graffiti removal along London's waterways to name just a few...

To sign-up as a volunteer or to get further information email: changingplaces@london2012.com.

Hackney Hosts

The Hackney Hosts programme will recruit and train 100 local residents who will learn new skills whilst volunteering. The programme will provide a stepping stone into work and other opportunities.

Hackney Hosts can volunteer as little or as much as they like at events and activities taking place in the borough. They will have the opportunity to become a 2012 community champion to help disseminate information about the 2012 Games within their own communities.

The Hackney Hosts programme includes:

- Free training, including accredited First Aid
- Travel and lunch expenses
- Support to find work

For information about Hackney Hosts



- Call Yolanda Sissing on 07947 521840
- Email: yolanda.sissing@peabody.org.uk

Personal Best Volunteering Programme

370 Hackney residents have completed the Personal Best Programme. The programme has helped unemployed people learn new skills and receive a level one qualification in event volunteering.

People on the Personal Best programme come from many different backgrounds: people not in work or in education, people with disabilities, older people, school leavers and excluded young people.

Personal Best graduates are guaranteed an interview as part of the application process to volunteer during the 2012 Games.

The personal best programme has come to an end.

Volunteering in Hackney

The organisers of the Games will need experienced volunteers. If you want to do something great for the community, and gain some useful skills, you can start volunteering now. There are plenty of opportunities including volunteering at sports clubs and events.

For advice and information on volunteering opportunities in Hackney, contact the Volunteer Centre Hackney www.vchackney.org or call **020 7241 4443**

For more information, please contact



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