

**MARCH UPDATE**  
**From Regional Coordinator 2012 Legacy**

Vancouver 2010 is over and as Seb Coe said, London is now 'the next taxi on the rank'. Attention on 2012 has been ratcheted up by Vancouver and developments around our own Games with the opportunity to register an interest in tickets for 2012, decisions made around Greenwich Park as an equestrian and Modern Pentathlon venue in 2012 and by speculation around use of the stadium after the Games with many column inches dedicated to West Ham FC's interest in moving there.

Things are happening at some pace here in the East Midlands with much greater activity in the sub-regional steering groups and considerable excitement generated around the possibilities offered up by the Torch Relay in the region. I had the pleasure of attending a discussion around Torch Relay in **Derbyshire** and was struck by just how much that county alone has to offer. We have been promised a minimum of three days of Torch Relay activity in the East Midlands but clearly have so many areas of natural beauty, historical significance and sporting excellence alongside some of the most diverse communities in the country that we could justify a full week in the region!



**Get Set Network presentation at Joseph Whitaker School, Nottinghamshire**

It is becoming increasingly clear that LOCOG is full square behind the educational programme, Get Set, and that any school wishing to engage with London 2012, Cultural Olympiad and Torch Relay needs to demonstrate its commitment by joining the Get Set Network. This remains a pretty exclusive members' club with around 0.4% of the UK's schools and colleges signed up. In the East Midlands we now have the following members:

**Derbyshire** - Kirk Hallam

**Leicester** - Rushey Mead

**Leicestershire** - Robert Smyth, Countesthorpe, Longslade, Loughborough College and Kegworth Primary

**Lincolnshire** - Yarborough

**Northants** - Guilsborough School and Caroline Chisholm

**Nottinghamshire** - Dukeries, Joseph Whitaker, South Wolds and Eastwood

You can go to <http://getset.london2012.com/en/join-us/registrations-in-your-region/east-midlands> to find out more about Get Set in the region.

**Case study for March**

**Joseph Whitaker School** welcomed LOCOG Education lead, Nick Fuller and Chris Grant, Vice Chair of the International Inspiration Programme, to the school to present them with their Network plaque and certificate.

The school – which has impressed LOCOG through its work with the Dona Maria Theresa Correa School in Recife, Brazil – wowed the visitors with a lively Brazilian dance presentation and a game of Futsal, a type of football game popular in Brazil.

They were also treated to a Winter Olympics-themed session in which Year 9 Sports Leaders guided Year 7 pupils through a variety of tasks, including slalom, curling and luge-style games. The Joseph Whitaker School has developed its Sports Leadership program together with its partnership school in Brazil.

'I'm very impressed by what I've seen today,' said Chris Grant. 'These students are excellent examples of how London 2012 can spark young peoples' imagination and inspire them to get involved. It's clear that the benefits of International Inspiration are being felt as strongly here in Nottinghamshire as they are in Brazil.'

You can read how very impressed LOCOG staff were by following the link to Kathryn McColl's blog: <http://www.london2012.com/blog/2010/03/london-2012-international-sports-participation-programme.php>

The second **Musubi** day has taken place at Loughborough University and this time the participating school, **Aldercar Community Language College**, had the additional pleasure of meeting four delightful Japanese 400 metre hurdlers.



To find out more about the day, again expertly hosted by **South Wolds Community School**, go to:

[http://www.lboro.ac.uk/service/publicity/news-releases/2010/48\\_Japan.html](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/service/publicity/news-releases/2010/48_Japan.html)

**In brief:**

<http://www.schoolsportweek.org/> to find out how you might get Denise Lewis to visit your school by registering for National School Sports Week before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

<https://getset.london2012.com/en/resources/16-19/16-19-get-involved/activities-worksheets-and-projects/get-set-to-be-a-team-player> for some great new (challenging) 16-19 resources

If you want your pupils to 'eat well, get active, feel good' go to <http://smallsteps4life.direct.gov.uk/> where James Cracknell helps to inspire children and young people to take the small steps needed towards a healthier lifestyle.

When schools return after the break I will be encouraging you to sign up for EMPowered, which looks at the 7 Olympic and Paralympic values alongside the 7 heptathlon events. I am putting in for the Inspire Mark, an award which has meant so much to those of us connected with Musubi and a brilliant means of really feeling part of 2012.

Some of you may know that in Leicester there is a magazine which focuses on sport <http://www.soarmagazine.co.uk/> You can read an article about me and my job in there and some follow-up blogs, I recommend looking away from the photos.  
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