

Learning legacy

Lessons learned from planning and staging the London 2012 Games



The London 2012 education programme

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) developed a national and international programme which contributed to the sustainability agenda:

- Get Set which engaged more than 85 per cent of schools and colleges and nearly seven million young people in the UK.
- The London 2012 international education programme which included International Inspiration, the London 2012 international sport legacy programme, reaching 12 million young people in 20 countries around the world by 2012.

Both of these programmes encouraged young people to explore community cohesion, cultural understanding, perceptions on disability and respecting their natural environment.

Overview of the programmes

Get Set

Get Set provided free resources and ideas to help teachers link learning to the London 2012 Games. The programme was supported by an engaging digital platform. Get Set provided teachers with flexible, cross-curricular learning resources such as interactive games, facts and project ideas for students aged 3-19 years, and used the Olympic and Paralympic Values to make London 2012 and the Olympic and Paralympic Movements accessible and relevant to young people.

The Olympic and Paralympic Values

Olympic Values: **respect, excellence and friendship**

Paralympic Values: **courage, determination, inspiration and equality**

The programme was not prescriptive and allowed teachers to decide how they wanted to engage with the Games, enabling the widest range of schools to take part. In total, nearly seven million children learned about the London 2012 Games in schools and colleges across the UK.

Schools could share their work on the Olympic and Paralympic Values with the London 2012 Education team through the Get Set network, the official London 2012 reward and recognition scheme for schools and colleges. By 2012, 69 per cent of UK schools had become members of the Get Set network.

International education programme

This programme delivered simple, accessible online resources to schools from around the world at low cost. A one-step registration system enabled usage data to be captured. Teachers were able to access the resources in English (basic and



Children play with hula hoops from specially designed sports kits in Chiputo, eastern Mozambique



Jonathan Edwards with staff and pupils from King Richard III Infant School, East Midlands



LOCOG Chair Seb Coe joined pupils at Perryfields Primary School near Birmingham to help launch Get Set goes global

advanced level), French and Spanish, to help their students learn about different aspects of the London 2012 Games such as the heritage of the Games and delivering sustainable Games. More than 8,800 teachers in 156 countries registered with the programme and downloaded the resources to share with more than 1.3 million young people.

To enable longer-term impact, International Inspiration developed programmes jointly with national governments, National Olympic Committees and National Paralympic Committees, along with local NGO partners, and works with policy makers, practitioners and participants in 20 select countries.

Legacy

Get Set

More than 26,000 schools and colleges registered for Get Set. Independent research commissioned by LOCOG showed that the programme had a positive impact on young people:

- 91 per cent of Get Set teachers said that it had a positive effect on teamwork and pupil motivation.
- More than 75 per cent of Get Set teachers said that it had a positive impact on morale and improving atmosphere in school.
- 64 per cent of Get Set teachers believed it had a positive effect on attainment.
- 92 per cent of teachers agreed that pupils were inspired by the Games and the Values.
- 91 per cent of schools registered with Get Set and 94 per cent of Get Set network members have undertaken Paralympic activity.
- More than 80 per cent of schools said they would continue to work with the Olympic and Paralympic Values after the Games.

- 69 per cent of Get Set schools 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that they had seen a positive change in young people's attitudes towards disability through their participation in Get Set.

The British Olympic Association and British Paralympic Association will be delivering a new Get Set programme, which will continue to support schools across the UK and use the power of the Games to inspire their students.

International education programme

International Inspiration is working to ensure the programme will leave a lasting legacy in the 20 countries beyond the final year of the programme in 2014.

Around 124,000 teachers, coaches and young leaders have been trained to lead sport, physical education and play in their schools and communities, thereby learning new skills.

36 policies, strategies or legislative changes have been influenced by or implemented in response to International Inspiration.

Lessons learned and recommendations

Several factors contributed to the success of the programmes. These include:

- Creating flexible learning resources and opportunities that enabled schools and colleges to engage with Get Set in the ways that they felt were most relevant and effective for them.
- Putting the Olympic and Paralympic Values at the heart of the programme. Teachers felt the Values resonated with their own school's ethos and values.

The 20 International Inspiration countries, plus the UK, are:

Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bangladesh, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and Zambia

- Enabling schools to be part of the London 2012 'journey' by creating new resources and competitions regularly in the lead up to the Games.
- Rewarding schools to participate and, crucially, to share what they had been doing with LOCOG, so that examples could be communicated to other schools.

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