

LYPN^{Olympic Edition}ews

The LYP and the Olympics

Welcome to the special Olympic edition of the Legacy Youth Panel's Newsletter. Here you can find out what the Panel got up to during the Olympics and Paralympics.



At the Olympics

The LYP were fortunate to be one of many community groups to receive tickets from LOCOG through the LLDC, pioneered by Newham Council, to make the most of unwanted seats at the games. Panel members were spectators at two separate events, water polo and handball, a new experience for us all! A great day out was had by both groups learning about new sports and enjoying the festival-like atmosphere of the park after.

LYP Torch Bearers

Two very deserving LYP members were fortunate to be part of the London 2012 Olympic torch relay. Amadou Bah and Christopher Donnellan both carried the torch in their home borough of Barking and Dagenham.

Well done to both!



A LYP Olympic perspective

The Olympics and it's legacy have affected the lives of the LYP panel members and the areas they live in many different ways. Here is one perspective from a Greenwich panel member, Nfemi Alonge.

'The arrival of the Olympic Games meant the refurbishment of the Charlton lido – a much welcomed re-opening to a vital part of the Charlton community, plus scores of visitors and street performers flooded into Greenwich Town Centre like swimmers to the pool. Actors, Actresses, Contortionists and Musicians alike worked side by side to ensure the international community felt that us Brits are not just about drinking tea and complaining, but that we are a welcoming multi-cultural nation with a lot to offer. Alongside this, an almost tangible party atmosphere held thick in the air with the numerous Big Screens and outdoor cookouts taking place almost constantly.... Despite the disruption of the past few weeks the Games were most definitely a welcomed sight for most; and with the buzz beginning to wear off, mundane Greenwich life returns once again.'



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At the Paralympics

The LYP were very fortunate to have the chance to experience the Paralympic games on Saturday 1st of September thanks to Layla Conway and the LLDC. A group of 37 LYP members had the opportunity to spend the morning in the Olympic stadium, a first time experience for many there. The group were very lucky to see Richard Whitehead storm home in the gold medal position in the men's T42 200m final. There's nothing like a GB gold medal ceremony in the Olympic stadium to inspire you to try your best!



About LYP

The Legacy Youth Panel is a dedicated group of young people aged between 14–19 years old from six Olympic host boroughs (Barking and Dagenham, Greenwich, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest) who generously give up their time to input constructively into the long term planning and urban design of their area.

The Olympic Closing Ceremony

Two very lucky panel members, Yuan Chen and Rachael Oyedele, were the winners of a draw earlier in the year for Olympic closing ceremony tickets. Here is Yuan's account of the evening:

"The Closing Ceremony is a spectacular finale to the 2012 Olympic Games, and Rachael and I were lucky enough to join in the celebrations all thanks to the LLDC! After a very nice reception hosted by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, we were dropped off at the Olympic Park by coach eager to arrive. With our Golden Tickets at the ready, we were amazed at the transformation inside the Olympic Stadium. From athletics track by day to the beautiful skyline of London at night, we were both really excited and couldn't wait for the ceremony to begin! The atmosphere was electric and the whole stadium cheered, applauded and sang along to the symphony of British music. We shook hands with the athletes parading down the aisles into the Union Jack made by thousands of athletes and volunteers. Everyone had a great time enjoying the wonderful performances and fire works; it was absolutely mesmerising to watch. We felt so proud to be part of the moment and of everyone that made the London Games. When the show came to an end we both felt sad to leave but what a great send off! Bring on the Paralympic Games and Rio 2016!"



LYP Games makers

The LYP was well represented at the Olympics and Paralympics with Arfah Farooq, Yuan Chen, Christopher Donnellan, Franky Kempster, Jesse Williams and Shaneice Bailey all volunteering as games makers for the events.