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LYP Says Hi

Welcome to the latest edition of the Legacy Youth Panel's Newsletter. Here you can find out what the Panel has been up to recently.



Photo Call and Olympic Park Tour

25th February 2011 kicked off with a photo call for the entire panel on the Greenway, with the Olympic Stadium as their backdrop. Thankfully the day wasn't too cold and the Panel came out in almost full force. 46 young people from 6 host boroughs were snapped up by Jamie Hughes, the photographer.

During and prior to lunch, some Panel members were interviewed by reporters from the East London Advertiser, Hackney Gazette and Newham Recorder to give their thoughts on the Orbit – the new landmark sculpture by Anish Kapoor. You can see this going up now and it will be ready in time for 2012.

It was a full on operation getting over 40 young people into the two buses for the Olympic Park Tour later that afternoon. Having had lunch and some fantastic brownies in the View Tube, it was time to see the developments in the Park. A lot of the new Panel members had never been on the tour so it was a great opportunity. For others it was their 2nd or 3rd time, and was equally important to see the continual changes. Legacy in the making!



Recruitment

The Legacy Youth Panel welcomed over 35 other young people to a really successful recruitment day on Saturday 11th December 2010 at the Legacy Company's offices in Stratford. The day allowed both the existing and potential new Panel members to work closely together, focusing on the idea of Bridging Communities. Darcy Turner, our guest facilitator, demonstrated his 'Newspaper Roller Machine'. He had prepared hundreds of newspaper sticks for the task –working in teams to build the longest free-standing bridge, and coming up with creative ideas to help bridge the east London communities around the Park (such as projects and initiatives). Read Sami Pontin's full [blog](#) of the day.

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Induction

Following the recruitment day, 41 of the Panel descended upon Community Links' Outdoors in the City facility in Canning Town for a day of team activities and group bonding. After some introductions, the task and safety briefings, the group was split into three and got going on a day filled with challenge, achievement, teamwork and laughter. Read Shabaz's full [blog](#) of the day.



Bridging Communities

Saturday 26th February was the start of the main programme for LYP and a joint session with the Senior Bees in St John's Church in Stratford. The business of this session was to develop ideas and inject life into the five key principles of the Legacy Company's Community Engagement Policy Paper. This was to be in light of today's hot topic The Big Society. Oli Henman from the Big Society Network came to talk to the mixed group and shared some of his work.

What was really nice about this session was the sharing of ideas and experience inter-generationally. Panel and Senior Bees members brought food to contribute to a big lunch. It was a lovely time, of sharing and community. And some really great thoughts and ideas were produced throughout the day.

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.

Member News

On Friday 18th February Sara Gadim volunteered her time to be a part of a panel for the Legacy Company's school's programme. She sat alongside Nick Bitel, Legacy Company Board Member, John Burton, Director of Westfield Stratford City and Olympic Legacy Minister, Bob Neill MP. Samantha Sifah from the Legacy Company said 'she was brilliant and grasped the value of the young people's work in delivering a people's legacy!' Three competing schools presented their ideas for an event of community benefit in the Park after the Games. Something that Sara would have been familiar with through her work on the Panel.

Jack Petchey Award Winner

Sami Pontin was LYP's recent proud Jack Petchey award winner. The Panel recognised his overall consistency and the work he had put in to help pull the recruitment day together. On Thursday 20th January 11 members joined Sami at the Bunker 51 Laser Tag. It was an intense and fun time for the Panel and I'm sure they would happily go again in the future. Firdaus certainly wouldn't mind. Read her full [blog](#) on this trip [here](#).

LYP in the Community

In the past few months Fatma Yagmur, Shuheeb Karim and Eduardo Da Costa have been assisting the Legacy Company host community engagement seminars.



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