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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.

Business Opportunities

Friday 15th April was another exciting session for LYP. A group of 20 members were given the opportunity to have a private tour of the Press and Broadcast Centres on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The humungous Broadcast centre really reflected the size of the task that the Legacy Company will have on their hands, to populate it with new businesses and offices. It also reflects the size of the potential opportunities that the new businesses could bring with them for the local area and East London. After the tour and some lunch back at OPLC, Pauline Schaffer the Project Manager, who kindly took the time to give the tour, presented some of the ideas, opportunities and challenges that the Legacy Company faces with the Press and Broadcast Centres. Read Tommy's full [Blog](#)



Skills Development

This year LYP are exploring and communicating the vision of the Legacy Company. The Company has encouraged relevant departments to utilise the Panel to support and feedback on their work. On Saturday 26th March the focus was Skills Development and Michelle May, Head of Regeneration joined the Panel's session. LYP were able to get to grips with key aspects of OPLC's socio-economic policy and fed back their responses during a follow up session.. Some members of the Panel will form a steering group to help actively take some of the ideas forward. During the Skills session the Panel also mapped out ways to success; looking at the importance of both hard and soft skills. Read Mohamed's [Blog](#)



Housing

On Friday 3rd June, LYP became the first youth group to go inside the first completed block in the Athletes Village. What a privilege! 18 LYP members met at Stratford Station where they were picked up for this exclusive tour. Housing is a very important aspect of the vision that LYP will be communicating, so it was great for them to have this opportunity to see the Athletes Village which will be converted into affordable homes for Legacy.

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GLA's Peer Outreach Worker Team

It all started on Tuesday 10th May when 18 LYP members rocked up at City Hall to meet with the GLA's Peer Outreach Worker Team. The session saw a fantastic mix of young people who care about the issues affecting the young people of London; POW in a broad sense and LYP in regards to the six host boroughs and the Legacy of the 2012 Games. There were ice-breaker games, laughter, legacy discussions and presentations. Shaneice and David were interviewed along side Samantha from the Legacy Company for a documentary film by members of POW, called 'What's in it for us?' To hear more about this session, please see Kishan's [Blog](#).

Parliamentary Outreach Session

20 LYP members also attended the 'Get Involved' event on Wednesday 1st June at City Hall organised by POW in partnership with the Houses of Parliament Outreach Service. It was an event for young people aged 12 and over to provide a greater understanding of democracy.

LYP Meet the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson

To mark the invaluable work LYP deliver in shaping the Legacy Park, 8 members were invited by POW together with 3 other youth groups to be a part of their bi-annual catch up with Boris Johnson at City Hall on Friday 3rd June. It was an opportunity to discuss the Panel's priorities with the Mayor and draw his attention to their crucial work mobilising the young to get involved.

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.

Changing Places

On Thursday 21st April 9 members of LYP visited the Organising Committee to meet with Richard Sumray, Chairman of London 2012 Forum and Matt Watts from [Changing Places](#). During the session the group learnt about the programme of environmental work being undertaken in the host boroughs now and then set about developing their own project which they will be given funding to deliver in the near future.

Member Media News

The Legacy Company launched a naming competition for the five new neighbourhoods that are going to be built on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park after the 2012 Games. During the Panel's April session, three members were interviewed by the BBC for an online piece about the naming competition. Christopher, Tommy and Arfah's interviews can be seen [here](#).

Following this, in early May, Yuan was interviewed by the BBC for the 6:00 news. Well done and thank you, to all four of you.

Jack Petchey Award Winner

In March David Wilson was announced the Legacy Youth Panel's Jack Petchey award winner. The Panel recognised his consistency, enthusiasm and friendly character. Members have spoken about going to a theme park, so we are currently looking into this. Well done David!



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