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# LYPN News

## LYP Says Hi

Welcome to the latest edition of the Legacy Youth Panel's Newsletter. Here you can find out all the latest from the Panel.



## Leisure Activities

Wednesday 10th August was a really exciting session for 14 members of LYP who had the chance to raft the same course that Olympians will use next year at the Lea Valley White Water Centre. The Centre is the only brand new London 2012 venue open to the public ahead of the Games.

"It was an amazing opportunity to be able to not only visit the centre, but to also have the chance to have the adrenalin filled, exciting experience of actually participating in doing some white water rafting. It was also a great team building opportunity for us as a Panel and a fun filled experience that we all enjoyed!"

Panel member Shaneice Bailey

A big thank you to Victoria Kington at Lea Valley Regional Park for making this possible and to all the Centre staff who made the day so memorable.



## Visitor Attractions

Saturday 18th June, was another core session for LYP, as well as the opportunity to get to grips with the issue of visitor attractions and events with the Director of Events and Programming from the Legacy Company, Clive Little. The Panel travelled with Clive to Camden Lock to look at examples of places to visit and spaces for events and make an appraisal of the area. Camden Lock is an extremely vibrant place that welcomes many visitors, locally and internationally. Members were able to see a beautiful melting point of cultures, places to eat and exciting shops with a water backdrop, the canal. The day finished with a lovely canal boat trip to Little Venice.

## Community Engagement Policy

Following on from our Bridging Communities session in February the Panel invited young people from Greenwich to a joint session on Tuesday 5th July at OPLC's offices to help them develop their ideas further looking at three specific areas of the Policy: Friends of the Olympic Park (Volunteering Scheme); Exchange Programme; and Open Office. Emma Frost from OPLC joined the session and the findings have helped her develop these areas further.

## Contact the Panel

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## Review

Saturday 24th September, was the first core session for LYP after the summer and an opportunity to welcome Layla Conway OPLC's new Community Engagement Manager. Over the next few months LYP will be preparing for their Event in December and were joined by Fundamental's wider creative team to explore the possible content of the Event through Forum theatre and creative brainstorming activities.

## Member Media News

Yuan Chen, gladly took the opportunity to go to a live BBC radio London broadcast, presented by Vanessa Feltz on 15th July to talk about the Legacy Youth Panel and its mandate.

On 2nd August, Arfah Farooq, a long standing member of the Legacy Youth Panel, sat on another panel alongside Borough Mayors and Olympic Officials to help decide on the names for the 5 new neighbourhoods. Arfah was also filmed by the BBC and asked her thoughts on the chosen names.

## Work Experience

Shabaz Hussain, another long standing member of the Legacy Youth Panel was afforded the opportunity to have a week's work experience placement at the Legacy Company. Following the success of Yuan Chen's placement earlier this year, the Charity Team asked for another LYP member to help for an additional week, towards the preparation for a huge event in September (see below). The Charity Team was very impressed with both Yuan and Shabaz's work. Well done both of you!

## 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.

## Legacy List

Monday 26th September, saw the launch of the Legacy List, the charity arm of the Legacy Company. 10 LYP members supported a Charity Auction run by Sothebys at the Four Seasons Hotel in Park Lane. They did a fantastic job, meeting, greeting and helping the auction to run smoothly.



## Jack Petchey Award Winner

In June 2011, LYP nominated another Legacy Youth Panel member to receive the Jack Petchey Foundation Award. This time, the nominations landed Christopher Donnellan, as the most recent winner for his commitment to the Panel. Well done Christopher! We know you'll be off to university soon, so thank you for consistency all the way up to the summer holidays. Saturday 9th July, was a joint winner's event. David Wilson and Christopher put their award money together for a Panel trip to Chessington World of Adventures for a fun day out.



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