

London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics The Plans



The Olympic Park

The focus of the London 2012 Games will be the Olympic Park in east London, which will house the new sport venues. The Park is located in the Lower Lea Valley and is an area of great untapped potential.

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There will be a huge amount of activity up until the Beijing Games in August 2008, to get the site ready for the construction work that will start in earnest in the summer of 2008.

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The purpose of London 2012 is to deliver accessible and inclusive designs for all facilities, to maximize media coverage and strengthen the Paralympic Movement.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the pinnacle of every athlete's career.

London 2012 will strive to provide conditions that enable the athletes to compete in an environment of excellence, friendship and enjoyment.

The birthplace of the Paralympic Games

The London 2012 Paralympic Games are being planned together with the Olympic Games and will be something truly special.

The UK has a strong link to the Paralympic Games. In 1948, Dr Ludwig Guttman organised a sports competition, based in Stoke Mandeville hospital, that involved World War II soldiers with spinal cord injuries.

The competition took place between sports clubs and other hospitals on the same day as the Opening Ceremony of London 1948 Olympic Games.

Four years later, athletes from Holland joined in and the international movement - or Paralympic Games - were born.

The UK has kept up its pioneering role in sport for the disabled and staged many international events, including both the World Swimming Championships and World Equestrian Championships (1994) and the World Athletics Championships (1998).

Since 2005, the Paralympic World Cup - held annually in Manchester - continues the tradition of international paralympic competition in Great Britain.

At the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, events for athletes with disabilities ran alongside the other competitions at the main venues. This has never happened in the Olympic and Paralympic Games - will it be different in 2012?

