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## London 2012 Paralympic Tickets on sale now

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Tickets for the London 2012 Paralympic Games are now on sale. Special ticket products have been developed for the Paralympic Games, including day passes which will enable ticketholders to see a range of sports taking place in the Olympic Park or at ExCeL on that day on a general admission basis. Applications for tickets can be made online until the 26 September 2011.

[Find out more about purchasing tickets for the London 2012 Paralympic Games](#)

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## London 2012 announces plans for the Paralympic Torch Relay

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The London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) today announced an exciting new concept for the Paralympic Torch Relay to lead the UK into the start of the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The programme will include four separate ceremonies in each nation of the UK, followed by a 24-hour Torch Relay from Stoke Mandeville to the Olympic Stadium.

[Find out more about the Paralympic Torch Relay and Flame Festivals](#)

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## Leicester City stars try Blind Football to celebrate the London 2012 Paralympic Games

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To celebrate International Paralympic Day (8<sup>th</sup> September) and the launch of the London 2012 Paralympic Games ticketing process (9<sup>th</sup> September), a selection of Leicester City first team players took on a group of visually impaired local footballers, including 2 players in the England Development Squad, in a blind penalty shootout competition.

[Find out more about the Blind Football challenge & watch the 'bloopers' video](#)

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## Blind Football Taster Sessions

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As part of its commitment to the development of 'Inclusive' (Disability) football, Leicestershire and Rutland County FA has been awarded a license to run a Regional Centre of Excellence for Blind Football. The aim of the Centre is to identify and recruit Blind and Visually Impaired players, both locally and across the East Midlands who are interested in playing football. Working in partnership with Leicester City Football in the Community, the Centre of Excellence will run on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Both sessions will involve players within 2 age categories, 12 to 16 years of age and adults over the age of 16.

[Find out more about the Blind Football Taster sessions](#)

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## Nominate an Olympic Torchbearer NOW!

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This is your last chance to nominate somebody inspirational to be a London 2012 Olympic Torchbearer via the Presenting Partners nomination process. Samsung is offering people in the community the chance to be one of 8,000 Torchbearers to carry the Olympic Flame. All you have to do is nominate a person who you think is a Local Hero and goes the extra mile. It could be a friend at school, your sports coach, in fact, anyone you know. Nominations close at 23.59 on the 30<sup>th</sup> September

[Find out more about the Olympic Torchbearer nomination process.](#)

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## Past and Future Olympians honoured at Loughbrough College

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Olympians past and future have been honoured at Loughborough College's sports graduation ceremony. Ninety-year-old Tommy Godwin, a double bronze medallist in the 1948 London Olympics, received his honorary degree whilst world champion swimmer Liam Tancock was awarded his degree in applied sports science.

[Read more about the emotion-charged ceremony](#)

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## Sport Makers – Do you want to volunteer in your local community?

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The Sport Makers programme will recruit, train and deploy 40,000 new sports volunteers aged 16 years and over to organise and lead community sporting activities across the country.

In Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland we are looking to recruit over 750 new volunteers to sport, to become 'Sport Makers'. This is your chance to be part of the Olympic Legacy in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and beyond!

Visit [www.lrsport.org.uk/sportmakers](http://www.lrsport.org.uk/sportmakers) for more information and to express an interest in becoming a Sport Maker.

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## ASA Young Leaders Training Programme

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After a successful first year the ASA has launched the second stage of the Young Leaders Training programme that will run from September 2011 up to and past London 2012. The vision for Inspiring Young volunteers for The Games is to inspire a generation of swimmers and young people to volunteer and help them to develop the skill sets and experience required for volunteer roles at major events.

[Find out more about the ASA Young Leaders Training Programme](#)

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## Places People Play – Inspired Facilities

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Inspired Facilities is focused on making it easier for local community and volunteer groups to improve and refurbish sports clubs or transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sport facilities. The Inspired Facilities fund could help you refurbish or upgrade your sports facility; or convert an existing building into a venue suitable for sport and accessible to the whole community.

[Click HERE](#) for more information and get started!

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## Compete To Win Events - Finding & Winning Business through CompeteFor

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Hundreds of small and medium sized businesses across the East Midlands have already been successful in winning contracts to supply London 2012. As we count down to the Games, there are still numerous opportunities to supply a huge range of goods and services, find out how your business could become one of them by attending one of the FREE workshops taking place in Leicester & Leicestershire.

[Find out more about the Compete to Win workshops](#)

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## Turning the Olympic vision into a reality - guest lecturer at Loughborough University

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An exciting opportunity to hear from one of the key construction companies responsible for creating the London 2012 Olympic venues is on offer at Loughborough University. This one-off public lecture, entitled 'London 2012 – Construction success', has been organised in conjunction with the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the University's School of Civil and Building Engineering.

[Find out more about the Turning the Olympic vision into a reality lecture](#)

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## Leicester Marathon – Enter to run or help out as a volunteer

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The Leicester Marathon which takes place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October includes the Full Marathon together with the Half Marathon and the Corporate Relay. This year's event will also see the inclusion of a new children's race, The Ted Toft Mile for Young people, children aged 10 -16.

**[Find out more about the Leicester Marathon events and enter online](#)**

The Leicester Marathon organisers are also looking for volunteers to support this year's event at the Expo (Sat 8<sup>th</sup>) and the race (Sun 9<sup>th</sup>). Volunteers are needed for marshalling, looking after water points, handing out goodies, setting up the barriers and much more.

For further information please email: [Marathonvolunteer@loros.co.uk](mailto:Marathonvolunteer@loros.co.uk)

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