



East Midlands Inspire Programme Update July/August 2011

Welcome to a summer Inspire Programme update for the East Midlands, keeping you up to date with the region's latest Inspire Mark projects, key milestones and the opportunities of being part of the Inspire programme

Statistics

We now have 184 projects and events recognised by the Inspire Programme in the East Midlands. In terms of Regional performance the East Midlands is placed 3rd Nationally. *Accurate as of 09/08/11.

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Recent projects:

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| The Movement Lead Organisation: Derby County in the Community | An innovative programme of sport, physical activity and dance informed by young people for young people. |
| Medal Makers Lead Organisation: Loughborough University | The project will recruit 1000+ volunteers that can be deployed across the local community to deliver an exceptional service for visiting athletes. |
| Daventry Sports Leadership Lead Organisation: Daventry District Council | The programme provides additional support, training and qualifications to develop local young leaders and volunteers. |
| Wellingborough Summer Sports Lead Organisation: Borough of Wellingborough Council | Launching at Open Weekend the project will offer taster sessions in Olympic & Paralympic sports throughout the summer. |
| CARE Lead Organisation Nottingham City Council | CARE supports 15 young people in care (aged 13-16) to achieve an accredited qualification in sports leadership through weekly sessions. |
| SO Festival 2011 Lead Organisation: East Lindsey District Council | SO Festival 2011 followed in the footsteps of SO 2010 and provided 3 fantastic days of free exhilarating events. |
| Shine Lead Organisation: Northamptonshire County Council | Shine is a historical journey linking five of Northamptonshire's finest churches through a celebration of their unique heritage. |

Spotlight – Patchwork Pledge on exhibition



The first stages of the My Games My Legacy Patchwork Pledge blanket was displayed at New Walk Museum Leicester to mark one year to go. The blanket which has been created from more than 7,500 knitted and crocheted squares, aims to celebrate the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics while inspiring people to learn new skills. The final blanket will be displayed in 2012 in the run up to the Games.

Spotlight – Flames becomes Get Set Partner



The Inspire Marked Flames project has been officially invited to join the Get Set + Network as one of the official partner programmes of the Healthy and Active Lifestyles theme. The initiative which represents a partnership between Loughborough College and the British Heart Foundation is one of only three initiatives in the UK selected for this prestigious opportunity.

Spotlight- Active Ashfield Games



Linford Christie, 100m Gold Medallist in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics showed his support to competitors at the Active Ashfield Games on 2nd July 2011. The Games was officially opened by Councillor May Barsby, Chairman of Ashfield District and Jenna Downing, World Inline Skating Champion, after an Opening Parade of participants and volunteers. The 2011 events saw hundreds of local residents participate in 17 competitions.

Spotlight- Street Racing



Street Racing returned to Nottingham Market Square for the second year. The event which represents a partnership between Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire Police and Notts Athletic Club saw over 400 young people compete in 110 60m races on a specially designed portable running track. In addition to the racing the event featured the Lloyds TSB Olympic Torch Tour which was visited by 1,200 people.

Spotlight- Lyric Lounge



Young people joined forces with professional performers to get The Lyric Lounge off to a flying start in Stamford. Nine members of Stamford Senior Youth Theatre spent weeks preparing for The Lyric Lounge festival held at Mama Liz's Voodoo Lounge on July 23rd. Attended by 80 people the atmospheric setting helped to get the best out of the performers who shared pieces they had created themselves.

More Project News:

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| Activate Bassetlaw | Since launching in September 2010 the project has engaged with over 800 participants, this includes over 30 schools, and 546 u12's. Congratulations to all involved! |
| NHS Challenge | Since attending a netball taster session in June 2011, the 31 participants continued the sessions and are now setting up their own team. Their first game takes place on the 10 th August. Good luck! |
| Great Shakespearean Workout | In 2011 the hugely successful aerobic workout has now delivered 60 sessions, with almost 2,500 people taking part to the beat of Shakespeare's Verse. The workout will next be performed at the National Theatre on 12 and 13 August. |
| Going for Gold | The successful Going for Gold resource packs now plays a key part in school transitions. Using the Olympic & Paralympic values year 6 pupils are learning to apply the values of courage, determination, friendship, and excellence as they embark upon Year 7. |

Apply Now for 2012!

If you have a planning a project or event for next year that has been Inspired by the 2012 Games, now's the time to apply. Please contact me to discuss:

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