

Islington Olympic Board 30 June 2009 minutes

London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road

| Attendee | Organisation | Position |
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| Andrew Mortimer | Islington Chamber of Commerce | Manager |
| Fiona Ross | Creative Islington | |
| Howard Barnes | Islington Council | Service Director Cultural Services |
| Jonathan Gibbs | Aquaterra | Chief Executive |
| Kevin Kumar | London Metropolitan University | Corporate Projects Manager |
| Mark Taylor | Cambridge Education @ Islington | Director of Schools |
| Cllr Ruth Polling | Islington Council | Executive Member for Leisure and Equalities |
| John Thorne | Islington Council | Olympics Officer (minute taker) |
| Apologies | | |
| David Vandivier | Islington Community Network | Chair (and vice-chair of Islington Strategic Partnership) |
| Declan Hamblin | Sport Islington | Chair |
| Kevin O'Leary, Chair | Islington Council | Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration |
| Louisa Bolch | NHS Islington | Non-executive Director |
| Samir Singh | Arsenal FC – Arsenal in the Community | Museum and Education assistant |

1. Welcome and introductions

In the absence of the Chair, Kevin O'Leary, Howard Barnes chaired the meeting. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of introductions followed.

2. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting on 15 April 2009

The Board agreed the minutes of the last meeting. Matters arising:

- Mark Taylor, Director of Schools, had joined the Board on behalf of Cambridge Education @ Islington
- The ProActive festival on 20 June 2009 had been a very successful event. 15,000 people attended and feedback has been very positive.

3. Islington 2012 Action Plan

The action plan and a funding opportunities paper had been sent with the agenda.

Cllr Ruth Polling reported that the action plan had been agreed at the council's Executive meeting on 19 June 2009. She is taking the action plan to councillors who have a remit in areas outside her own brief: employment and training, business, and young people.

London 2012 has agreed that all London councils can use the London 2012 logo for its Games-related activities. Currently London Councils is taking legal advice about the licensing agreement that the councils will need to sign. It was **agreed** that John Thorne will keep the Board updated with developments.

John Thorne introduced the funding paper. There is no London 2012 pot of funding but instead a fragmented array of potential funding sources.

Howard Barnes stated that the funding opportunities are stronger in arts and sports, and weaker in business and education. He asked the Board for groups in the business and education sectors that John Thorne could link with.

Andrew Mortimer reported that businesses are not looking forward to 2012 but instead concentrating on staying in business. Kevin Kumar reported that in 2008 London Metropolitan University had received funding from Aim Higher for a week-long summer school that introduced London 2012-related subjects. Kevin Kumar **agreed** to check whether any Aim Higher funding is still available.

4. Volunteering – Discussion and Going Forward

A paper had been sent with the agenda.

John Thorne introduced the paper. Key points:

- Volunteering is one of the main points in the Islington 2012 action plan
- It is proposed to set up an Islington 2012 volunteer taskforce that will complement the 70,000 volunteers needed for the Games. This would be based locally and aim to recruit volunteers for an ambassadorial role at

transport hubs in Islington (eg. signposting, providing a welcome), to be guides, and to participate in cultural events

- It would link to other points in the action plan (eg. tourism promotion, Cultural Olympiad) and aim to promote community cohesion by working with Islington's communities to provide a welcome to people from across the world
- It is intended to use the taskforce to help promote volunteering before and after the Games
- A wide range of partners would be involved in setting up the taskforce
- It would link to the Host City Volunteers Scheme planned for London. It would aim to be launched in summer 2010, at the same time as the London 2012 volunteer recruitment programme is launched.

Key points in discussion:

- Training could be provided by the street wardens who have been trained as part of the London Ambassador Programme
- The taskforce should be used to generate pride in Islington
- Volunteers could help to organise festivals and events
- Cllr Ruth Polling would be happy to champion the Islington 2012 volunteer taskforce.
- Would the volunteers be formally accredited?
- What commitment is being asked for?

It was **agreed**:

- To set up a sub-group based on the people who had met already to discuss volunteering: David Vandivier (Board member and Vice Chair of Islington Strategic Partnership), Mike Sherriff (Chief Executive of Islington Voluntary Action Council), Cedric D'Amico (Regeneration and Community Partnerships, which leads for volunteering in the council), and John Thorne (Olympics Officer). The sub-group may change as the Games approach
- That the sub-group would look at the key points raised in discussion
- To bring the item back to the next meeting but one.

5. Date, time, location and agenda for next meeting

John Thorne drew attention to forthcoming local events related to the Games:

- London 2012 Open Weekend / Islington's Open – 24-26 July 2009
- Community Games – Summer holidays
- Olympic exhibition at Islington Museum – 18 September to 30 October

6. Workplan for future meetings

The following items were agreed for future meetings:

- General – action plan update
- Next meeting – Tourism and Culture, Go London physical activity strategy and A Sporting Future for London strategy

- Following meeting – Education and Young People, meeting with Community Relations Manager, London 2012 (Neil Walker), volunteering update.

7. Date, time, location and agenda for next meeting

John Thorne will send round two possible dates for the next four meetings for the next 12 months. Depending on availability, the next meeting will be at Sadler's Wells.

8. Any Other Business

There was discussion about talking to the local press.

Kevin Kumar reported that London Metropolitan University is in the middle of a selection process to be a London 2012 training venue.