

Youth and Sport Partnership Update **January 2012**

Activate Forum

The Easy Riders project that received funding from the council's PRG is nearly completed. In that the bikes and the installation of the storage unit and alarm will be completed by the end of February. There is a British Cycling training course arranged for March, so that the first few taster sessions can begin in May/June for the official launch/opening of the project on 4 July (during the 10 Days of Sport and Culture).

Herts Youth Games 2012

The University has once again agreed to work with the Council to run the Welwyn Hatfield term for the 2012 Herts Youth Games. If you are interested in being a part of the games through volunteering as a club or have possible participants please contact Lynne Pestle.

WH Sports Awards

Nominations close on the 19 February 2012. The closing date was extended due to issues with the online form which has directly impacted on the number of nominations coming through. The evening celebrations will still take place on the 9 February and the Council and its Sponsors looks forward to seeing everyone there on the night.

Moonlight Football

Moonlight Football which is run by Child UK and funded through the council is about to re-start at Gosling Sports Park on Friday nights (9pm-11pm). The program starts on 20 January and runs for 9 weeks. Cost is £5 per team and is aimed at anyone aged 13-18.

Community Fun Day

Campus West will host the first community fun day of the 2012 year on the 10 March. The day is being funded by WHSPAA, Activate Forum and the Council and aims to engage with the wider community to get them excited about the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympics. The day is open to everyone and anyone and will provide an opportunity for local sports clubs and organisations to promote the great work that they do. For more information please contact Matt Rayner.

Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic Torch Relay route has now been confirmed and will be visit both Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield on 8 July 2012. The exact route is still being worked out between the Council and LOCOG to ensure that all road safety measures and maximum viewing opportunities are given to local residents as it passes through both towns. An events group has been set up by the Council to ensure that there is appropriate celebration of the unique event. If you would like to be part of the events groups please contact Matt Rayner.

10 Days of Sport and Culture Festival

This unique festival is being run by the Council and encourages all organisations and clubs to get involved. It will run from Friday 29 June to the 8 July, the Council is asking for all community groups to think about putting on something during this time or simply having an open training session or open evening so local people can come and understand or trial

your activity. The Council is not expecting new events or ideas, it is just a way of celebrating all the great things that go on with our borough.

Resources

The Council has been fortunate enough to be able to recruit a new member of staff into the Youth and Sport Partnerships team. The new member of staff is due to start their fixed term position (ends 31 August) in February. The post will help the current team deliver their target for the forthcoming 8 months and ensure that the current work levels are not affected by the extra resources required to organise and manage the passage of the Olympic Torch and the Queen Jubilee celebrations.