



The Record: 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Cultural Olympiad

The Record is the project to deliver the legacy for 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Cultural Olympiad, covering records of all kinds. The National Archives is keen to support archives across the UK in considering the increase in deposits which will arise from the Games and the Cultural Olympiad, their future availability and long-term preservation.

The Record is a strategic response to providing a records legacy for 2012 and is a major deliverable of the central National Collections Strategy, which seeks to support and promote archives across England and Wales. The National Collections Strategy document was published on The National Archives' website at the end of May 2009.

Olympic Legacy

“When the Olympic flag is handed from one host city to the next at the Closing Ceremony, that city begins creating its own chapter of Olympic history. At the same time, the host city is expected to leave a legacy that the Olympic Movement can build upon.” So said Dr Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), at last year's de Coubertin lecture in London.

The National Archives is leading a five-year project to deliver one aspect of that legacy. Known as 'The Record', the project brings together key stakeholders from government departments and agencies, national and regional public bodies, sporting associations and cultural institutions, private and charitable organisations.

We are working to ensure that records created before, during and after the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Cultural Olympiad are properly managed, permanently preserved, and openly available.

There'll be no single central collection, but an online network of multimedia records focusing not only on London but also on activity from right across the UK. It will be available to anyone interested in any aspect of the sports or cultural events taking place.

The **National Collections Strategy** aims to:

- Support the archival framework in England and Wales
- Identify what types of documentary heritage are not well represented in archives and address the reasons why
- Ensure the records of events, individuals and communities, public, private and charitable organisations are kept for the future
- Work with current and potential collecting organisations so that these records are kept in the right places, and are made available to all
- Through partnership, provide support, help and guidance in developing archive strategies for particular types of information.

The National Collections Strategy is available on our website: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives/national-collections-strategy.htm>

How we can help

The National Archives provides guidance and information on records and archives for the wider archival sector. This is available on our website under **Archives Sector Development:**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives/>

We also have a series of advice notes to help with digital records: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/preservation/advice/digital.htm>