

# Interested in taking part in an **OLYMPICS FORUM**

## for voluntary, community and faith sector organisations in Newham?

**Recent research in Newham by the Aston-Mansfield Community Involvement Unit has shown that many voluntary, community and faith sector organisations feel that they have had little involvement in shaping plans for the Olympics in 2012 - even though it will take place on our doorstep.**

Some faith sector organisations are much further ahead in communicating with the different Olympic bodies. Newham's churches took part in the formation in February 2007 of 'More than Gold', an umbrella body of Christian organisations that is already in discussions with the Olympic Organising Committee. However, the CIU's research suggests that most local groups want to be involved in the Olympics but are not sure how they can take part or what, specifically, they want to do. The research also recommends that second-tier organisations in Newham start to put in place some structure in the borough to begin consulting with the voluntary, community and faith sectors as a means of getting their thoughts and suggestions to the council and the London Development Agency.

Three organisations - Newham Voluntary Sector Consortium, the Community Involvement Unit and the Black & Ethnic Minority Community Care Forum - have therefore agreed to find out if there is enough interest to set up a Voluntary, Community and Faith Sectors Olympic Forum and to hold an initial meeting on 'Hopes and Fears About The Olympics' in the next couple of months.

**If you are interested in staying informed about the setting up of an Olympic Forum in Newham, please complete and return the form below as soon as possible.**

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## GET INVOLVED IN THE NEWHAM VCF OLYMPICS FORUM

We would like to be kept informed about the establishment of a VCF Olympics Forum in Newham and about future meetings. Please add us to your mailing list

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