

## Lesson 8: Information sheet 7

# London 2012 Sustainability Policy

London put sustainability at the heart of its bid for the 2012 Olympic Games. London 2012 aims to maximise sustainability at each phase of the Olympic and Paralympic Games:

- preparation for the Games, before 2012
- staging the Games, during 2012
- legacy of the Games, after 2012 and long into the future.

The London 2012 Sustainability Policy identifies five key areas where the Games can contribute most towards sustainable living before, during and after 2012.

### 1. Combating climate change

The Games can make a real difference by minimising greenhouse gas emissions from construction to legacy (after the Games) and by ensuring that legacy facilities are able to cope with the impacts of climate change.

### 2. Reducing waste

London 2012 is committed to minimising construction waste. No waste produced during the Games will be sent to landfill and the development of new waste processing infrastructure in east London will be encouraged. It will promote changes in public attitudes and behaviour.



### 3. Enhancing biodiversity

London 2012 will minimise the impact of the Games on the ecology of the Lower Lea Valley during the construction phase and during the Games themselves. It will leave a legacy of enhanced habitats within the Olympic Park.

### 4. Promoting inclusion

The Games will be genuinely open to all, will promote inclusion and attitude change, especially towards disability, and celebrate the diversity of London and the UK. It will create new employment, training and business opportunities, contributing to the regeneration of communities living around the Olympic Park site and the wider Lower Lea Valley.

### 5. Encouraging healthy living

The Games will be used to inspire people across the country to take up sport and develop active, healthy and sustainable lifestyles.



*Computer-generated image of the restored waterways, and the Olympic Stadium under construction.*

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