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**24 August - Olympic Flag Handover to London 2012**

The Closing Ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games is on the afternoon of Sunday 24 August. During the Closing Ceremony the Olympic Flag will be handed to London - the next city to host the Olympic Games.

This is a moment for us all to celebrate and participate in welcoming the world to London and the UK in four years time.

The Closing Ceremony will be broadcast around the world. In the UK, the BBC will broadcast it live on BBC1 as well as to a number of 'Live Sites' across the UK; this will be followed by a broadcast of a number of major events. We will be announcing full details on the 16 June.

We want to enable communities across the UK to be involved in this Handover moment. We jointly invite all London boroughs and the City of London to join in by 'Flying the flag'. We will provide you with a specially-commissioned London 2012 flag for you to raise as Handover takes place.

We invite you to join us in the celebration in ways that suit your community – the attached leaflet sets out more information as to how you might do this, as well as what you need to do next, and gives you the contact details for our Handover flags coordinator, Bruno Peek.

London Councils is also working with the Greater London Authority to explore ideas for a pan-London celebration; we will provide an update on this shortly.

If you would like to speak to anyone about how boroughs can get involved in the Games please contact [simon.edwards@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:simon.edwards@londoncouncils.gov.uk).

Separate plans are being made for the Paralympic Handover on the 17 September and we will contact you about this in due course.

This is an opportunity for your community to be involved in the celebration, to participate and to use the Games to inspire. We hope that you will join us in what will be a great day.

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Lord Coe  
Chair, London Organising Committee  
for the Olympic Games and  
Paralympic Games

Handwritten signature of Cllr Merrick Cockell.

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Chairman  
London Councils

