Timeline of events

**2005**
- Newham backs London's bid for 2012 Games
  - July: London wins bid
  - The Queen visits Olympic Park Viewing Gallery at Holden Point, Stratford
- **December**: DLR extension to Silvertown opens

**2006**
- **February**: 36,000 people attend council's Big Sunday at ExCel, to find out more about the Games
- **March**: Council launches 2,012 trees for 2012
- **June**: Plans for the Olympic Park unveiled
- **November**: Stratford Station upgrades announced

**2007**
- **June**: Council launches Workplace job brokerage service
- **September**: Westfield Stratford City plans unveiled

**2008**
- **June**: John Lewis announces Stratford City store
- **August**: Christine Ohuruogu wins Gold at Beijing Games
- **September**: Newham businesses helped to bid for Olympic contracts

**2009**
- **January**: Search for Newham's Games Ambassadors launched
- **March**: Newham Council announces street improvements
- **May**: Christine Ohuruogu gets Freedom of the Borough

**2010**
- **March**: 3,500 people take part in first Newham London Run
- **June**: Siemens Pavilion announced for Canning Town
- **July**: Newham bids for international train link
- **August**: Newham Young Mayor helps lower Games volunteering age
- **September**: Council launches Plant for Life

**2011**
- **March**: Newham London Run held in Olympic Park
- **April**: Final turf laid in Olympic Stadium
- **September**: Council launches Let's Get the Party Started
- **October**: Council launches Inspiring People campaign

**2012**
- **March**: Shoal completed
- **April**: National Lottery Olympic Park Run
- **July**: Olympic Torch Relay comes to Mayor's Newham Show
- **August**: Council LIVE Sites broadcast the Games
- **September**: Games begin

**2014**
- **November**: Stratford Station reopens

**2015**
- **March**: Stratford Town Centre plans unveiled

**2016**
- **March**: Newham London Run held in Olympic Park
- **April**: Final turf laid in Olympic Stadium
- **September**: Council launches Let's Get the Party Started

**2017**
- **March**: Newham Council announces street improvements
- **May**: Christine Ohuruogu gets Freedom of the Borough

**2018**
- **March**: 3,500 people take part in first Newham London Run
- **June**: Siemens Pavilion announced for Canning Town
- **July**: Newham bids for international train link
- **August**: Newham Young Mayor helps lower Games volunteering age
- **September**: Council launches Plant for Life

**2019**
- **March**: Newham London Run held in Olympic Park
- **April**: Final turf laid in Olympic Stadium
- **September**: Council launches Let's Get the Party Started

**2020**
- **March**: Shoal completed
- **April**: National Lottery Olympic Park Run
- **July**: Olympic Torch Relay comes to Mayor's Newham Show
- **August**: Council LIVE Sites broadcast the Games
- **September**: Games begin
Foreword
Sir Robin Wales

It really was the greatest show on Earth – the most incredible sporting spectacle ever seen – and the whole of Newham rose to the huge challenge of welcoming the world to the 2012 Games, which officials, athletes and spectators all agreed were amongst the finest ever.

Whether it was the utter joy of winning medals, the despair of those who missed out or the experience of being part of it, watching the drama of the Olympic and Paralympic Games was an unforgettable and often humbling experience for us all.

In this special souvenir edition of the Newham Mag we reflect not just on the heady days from July to September, but how the Games grew from idea to reality in the seven years since London was named host city of the 30th Olympiad.

We will all have our own personal highlights, but mine go further than just sporting moments. Mine are of the inspiration that the Games have given us to achieve truly great things, the jobs that have been created, the physical transformation of the area and of people coming together to enjoy the party.

I wanted to ensure that there were opportunities for residents to be part of the Games. I’m pleased to announce therefore that thanks to the council, Newham residents enjoyed almost 1,000,000 Games-related experiences this summer. This included attending resident-organised, council-funded street parties, enjoying the action at our LIVE sites, welcoming the Games torches to Newham and even getting free tickets from the council for the Games themselves.

We will keep working to ensure that the long-term legacy and benefits from the Games are secured for many years to come, especially in bringing more jobs and opportunities for local residents. We will make sure the positive impact is felt long after the Games are over. Let this souvenir edition keep the memories alive. I hope you enjoy it.

 Sir Robin Wales
Mayor of Newham
Newham bids for the 2012 Games

Almost ten years ago, Newham dreamed a seemingly impossible dream to host the London 2012 Games.

Despite tough global competition, prospective host cities were pipped to the post by the Newham-backed London bid, which left no doubt in the minds of the International Olympic Committee that east London was the best place to host the world’s greatest sporting event.

The support for Newham spread far and wide, from a royal seal of approval to endorsements from sportspeople including Seb Coe, Daley Thompson, Kelly Holmes and David Beckham. But the strongest supporters were the Newham residents and schoolchildren who spread the Back the Bid message far and wide.

“This will be the biggest local community based Games in history.”

Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales

Amber Charles, a talented young basketball star from East Ham presented the bid to the International Olympic Committee in Geneva. On 6 July 2005 the dream became a reality and Newham led the country in celebration with a cheer that rang out around the globe.

1 London becomes candidate city, Memorial Park, 18 May 2004. 2 Edris Jama holds the 1948 Olympic torch. 3 HRH The Queen visits the Olympic Park Viewing Gallery at Holden Point. 4 Amber Charles and Lord Sebastian Coe at Carpenters School. 5 Children at Meridian Square, 6 July 2005. 6 Newham children publish their book of dreams to back the bid in 2005. 7 Langdon School pupils back the bid on HMS Illustrious as it passes through the Thames Barrier. 8 Newham schoolchildren back the bid at West Ham United Football Club. 9 London wins the bid, Meridian Square, 6 July 2005.
Volunteers get Newham going

While the world was wowed by the sporting excellence, there was admiration of another kind for the thousands of volunteers who gave up their time freely to ensure this summer was a success.

Even before the bid was secured, Newham Volunteers were out in force promoting the borough and encouraging other residents to back our call to host the Games.

“At the Olympics I was mainly looking after Olympic officials, driving them around the park in golf buggies. One of my best moments was when I took the Jamaican sprint team, including Usain Bolt, to the 200m final track.” Ray Jupp, Forest Gate.

Volunteers signed up for many reasons. Some wanted to be part of Games while others saw volunteering as a way of improving their confidence or developing skills for work.

More than 8,000 people signed up for the biggest active volunteering scheme in the country

Many Newham Volunteers supported the work of Games organisers, undertaking roles in the opening and closing ceremonies or donning the iconic purple and red uniform and helping at the Olympic Park and other venues.

“I was a marshall for cycling and I was also in the Opening Ceremony. Through volunteering with Newham I have had the best experience and got the chance to see the Olympics.” Sarah Chapman, East Ham.
Making the Games work for you

The promise of the Games brought more than sport to the borough. Thousands of people found work, from helping to construct Games venues to security.

In 2007, Workplace was launched to capitalise on the opportunities of the Games and beyond, to help residents find jobs and training, giving them the confidence and skills to secure work.

Security team administrator for Games organisers LOCOG, Sandra Osei from Custom House, said: “I am part of something special. I can look back and think I helped make that happen.”

John Dunne from Plaistow visited Workplace to see if they could help him gain new skills. He said: “I’ve worked on the stadium, the media centre and even re-routed a river. Most recently I’ve been trained on tunnelling, which will enable me to work on Crossrail.”

Almost 14,000 residents have found jobs thanks to Workplace
5,518 residents helped to get Games related jobs, more than any other borough
2,500 residents employed at Westfield, half were long term unemployed and half were under 24

The opening of Westfield saw almost 10,000 new jobs created in Newham. Workplace ensured that when recruitment began residents were ready for retail, giving them specialist training to help them secure employment. Customer service assistant Renata Claire De Gersigny said: “When the John Lewis jobs came up Workplace held my hand through the application process.”

For more information about Workplace visit www.newhamworkplace.co.uk or call 020 8430 4331.
A cleaner, greener borough

Although the Games were centred in Stratford, regeneration and investment has happened across the borough. Improvements have been seen across the borough from injections of floral colour to multi-million pound investments in parks and leisure.

A tree-mendous effort
Since 2006, almost 13,000 small trees and 50,000 bulbs have been planted in parks and open spaces. The Plant for Life and 2,012 trees for 2012 projects encouraged residents to roll up their sleeves and dig deep to make the borough beautiful. In Manor Park, more than 350 residents held a tree party, planting almost 400 trees in one day.

Greenway
The 4.5-mile walking route, stretching from Beckton to the Olympic Park received a modern day makeover in preparation for the Games.

Parks and leisure
To ensure that children inspired by the Games could get active in sport, a massive £15m council-led investment in parks and leisure facilities began in 2008. Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) can now be found in ten of our parks. The versatile, flood-lit venues can be used for a range of Olympic and other sports. Improvements at Newham Leisure Centre in Plaistow included a new indoor multi-sports centre and football pitches.

East Ham
The town centre received a £3.7m makeover, bringing improved roads, better street lighting and more benches, litter bins, trees and shrubs. This was in addition to £24m boroughwide improvements that began in 2009.

By 2025, at least £22bn will be invested in Newham
The 2012 Newham Carnival saw 2,400 children welcome the Olympic Torch Relay to East Ham.
Taking inspiration from our finest residents

In October 2011 the council launched its Inspiring People campaign. Residents were asked to nominate people who had made a difference in their community. From hundreds of nominations 50 people were chosen to receive a very public thank you and a pair of tickets to some of the most sought after Games events.

“The Inspiring People campaign was one way of ensuring that residents had access to the Games, as well as acknowledging our community’s unsung heroes.”

Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham

Lianne Jameson who received tickets for the athletics finals has been volunteering at West Ham Amateur Boxing Club since she was 16. She said: “When I started volunteering, women in boxing were unheard of. Well, 2012 has definitely changed that.”

Grace Fayose was nominated for her work with deaf and hearing impaired children in Newham. She received tickets for swimming finals. When she heard she’d been nominated she said: “I’m shocked! I really didn’t expect this.”

Katie Blake received tickets for her work volunteering at more than 500 events over the past ten years. This culminated last year when she helped bring the World Skills event to ExCel, the venue she also helped showcase as a Games venue during the days of the bid. She received tickets for super saturday athletics, featuring Newham and Essex Beagles Mo Farah.

1 Lianne Jameson. 2 Sivakumar Renganathan. 3 Alison Skeat. 4 Katie Blake. 5 Daniell Hambrook. 6 Tasnim Quddus. 7 Simon Reddcliffe. 8 Lianne Jameson. 9 Barbara Landey.
Athletes inspire Newham

Right from the early days of the bid through to the Games themselves athletes and sports people have been keen to support Newham and make sure that young people across the borough were involved and inspired by the Games.

“It’s been brilliant spending time with the kids at New City Primary. I hope that there might be a young Olympian amongst them! I’m thrilled that we will be hosting the Games in 2012 – they’re bound to bring real hope, inspiration and excitement to everyone living in Newham.”

Dame Kelly Holmes

“We want to get people talking and begin the journey of normalisation for people of all disabilities. The Paralympics are already inspiring a new generation of athletes. Everybody needs heroes and the Games will produce lots of them.”

Ade Adepitan

“It’s vital that kids all over the UK get the opportunity to be inspired by sports and sporting education – as I have been.”

Daley Thompson

1 Boxer Nicola Adams, TV presenter Gethin Jones, cyclist Dani King. 2 Stratford’s Christine Ohuruogu and netball star Chioma Ezeogu. 3 Paralympian Ade Adepitan. 4 Canoeist Helen Reeves. 5 Daley Thompson, Denise Lewis, Shirley Robertson, Emily Pidgeon, Danny Crates. 6 James Hickman. 7 Linda Strachan. 8 Linford Christie. 9 Andy Turner, Christine Ohuruogu, Roger Black, Dianne Thompson, Sir Robin Wales, Lord Seb Coe, actress Tazmin Outhwaite, Hannah England, Danny Crates. 10 Dame Kelly Holmes.
Residents in Newham were given more opportunities to visit the Olympic Park and enjoy Games-time events than any other borough.

As part of the 2011 Newham London Run, residents joined almost 5,000 runners to be among the first to compete in a sporting event in the Olympic Park. In 2012, 500 residents were cheered on by friends and family when they made history by being some of the first to compete in a sporting event in the Olympic Park at the National Lottery Olympic Park Run.

Nearly 50 Newham young people gave the Aquatics Centre the seal of approval during a gala with other youngsters watched by Olympian Liam Tancock. More than 150 residents cheered them on thanks to free tickets from the council.

Almost 25,000 opportunities were secured for residents to access the Olympic Park before the Games through free test events and priority ticket offers.

During the Games, Newham had more chances for residents to go to events or visit the Olympic Park than any other borough, with almost 70,000 residents taking part in activities in Games venues.

- **Almost 70,000** took part in activities in Games venues
- **5,500** Olympic Park day passes issued to Newham residents
- **Almost 25,000** went to events before the Games
Inspiring culture

The Cultural Olympiad is a nationwide celebration of art and culture. From a pop up ice rink to awe-inspiring public art and open air films, Newham offered residents and visitors the chance to experience something different, well before the starting pistol of the Games was fired.

5,621
Games-inspired events took place this year

Athletes weren’t the only people to visit the borough. The changing face of the area was charted in a special exhibition by photographer David Bailey. The former East Ham resident who rose to fame in the 1960s, working for magazines like Vogue and Vanity Fair, returned to his roots to showcase Bailey’s East End. David also kicked off the council’s inaugural Ideas Olympiad. The series of inspiring lectures saw some of the country’s finest speakers take to the lectern to discuss subjects including history, science, religion and law enforcement.

To help mini minds blossom, the council arranged for all under 11s to have the chance to explore their inner superhero at Stratford Discover Story Centre’s special exhibition and workshops.

3,500 people who live or work in Newham enjoyed free entry to Discover

Previous host city Beijing gifted a specially commissioned sculpture to Newham. The China-UK Friendship Polo Match shows two Chinese ancient polo fans and two British modern polo lovers who travel through time and space to gather in the Olympic Park for a polo game.
More than 475,000 people attended Newham’s events during the Games.
Celebrating good times

Newham has a proud history of bringing people together for a good time. The Mayor’s Newham Show, Under the Stars music nights, Guy Fawkes’ Night and Waterfront festival are all firm favourites with residents but in the run up to the Games the celebrations have been the biggest ever seen.

From the community events of Let’s Get the Party Started to the Newham London Run, there have never been more opportunities for residents to get to know each other and enjoy themselves.

In 2006 more than 32,000 people flocked to ExCeL for the Big Sunday event to learn more about the Games and how they could get involved.

In 2008 the Beijing Torch Relay came to Newham and we celebrated with our first Sunday Fun Day. In 2009 we held the Newham Classic 10k Run, which became the Newham London Run with 3,700 runners enjoying a sneak peek at the Olympic Park in 2010. The following year runners took in the stunning Olympic backdrop of the Olympic Park and Athletes’ Village.

Also in 2010, the final stage of the prestigious Tour of Britain wheeled into the Royal Docks, with hundreds of residents taking the opportunity to test the track ahead of the main race in the Prostate Cancer Charity Tour Ride.

This year’s Newham Carnival welcomed the Olympic Torch when it came to the Mayor’s Newham Show, with 2,400 children taking part to bring a flavour of Rio to East Ham.

This year, 63,000 attended the Mayor’s Newham Show
X factor star Chico at the Big Sunday
Showing the world how to party

The festivities that took place to celebrate St George’s Day and the Royal Wedding in 2011 served as a warm up to the biggest community-led celebration the borough has ever seen. The 2012 Let’s Get the Party Started campaign funded thousands of get togethers celebrating the Games and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

Thanks to the council, Newham residents had more than 1,000,000 Games related experiences this summer.

Streets, schools, community groups, sports and activities clubs or anyone with an idea for bringing people together to enjoy themselves could apply to the council for up to £500 to make their event happen. These ranged from a Mad Hatter’s tea party through to a mini Olympics and hundreds of street parties.

The oldest person to apply for a grant was aged 84 and the youngest was 17.

1 Earlam Primary School, E7. 2 New City Primary School, E13. 3 Chandos Road, E15. 4 Staples House, E6. 5 Memorial Park, E15. 6 Montpelier Gardens, E6. 7 Bonny Downs Baptist Church, E6. 8 Central Park Road, E6. 9 Newham Town Hall, E6. 10 Cow Leaze, E6.

To find out how to host your own event visit www.newham.gov.uk/party
Halisville School, E16

Abraham Male

Colegrave School pupil Tasneem Ahamed at the Olympic opening ceremony
Inspiring a generation

From volunteering to watching some of the biggest events at the Olympic Park, a whole generation of young people were inspired this summer.

Newham’s young mayors past and present, worked hard to make sure young people were involved in the Games. In 2010, Kaycee de Belen persuaded Games organisers to lower their volunteering age from 18 to 16. Ali Mohammed travelled to New York to present the Olympic Truce to the United Nations in 2011, calling on nations to use sport to promote peace and inspire young people. During the Games, Abraham Male represented Newham, welcoming athletes and VIPs from all around the world in the Athletes Village.

Newham had more Young Games Makers than any other borough

Our Young Games Makers represented Newham through flag bearing, giving medals to the Olympians and even getting the chance to chat with Usain Bolt.

Newham Council gave young people from schools, colleges, community and sports organisations a chance to experience the Games.

More than 8,000 children and young people received free tickets to the Games

Every school in the borough was part of the Get Set Network and received high profile visits by athletes and Games organisers. Two hundred and thirty children from seven Newham schools took part in opening ceremonies along with 1,100 of our residents.
A sporting chance

From neighbourhood sports programmes to free swims, the activities you can enjoy in Newham are as diverse as our community.

Whether you want to somersault into cheerleading with the world famous Ascension Eagles or swashbuckle your way to success with the Newham Swords you can find this and much more just a stone’s throw away from your door.

Newham has the biggest range of free sporting activities in the country

We were the first London borough to offer free swims to residents under 16 and over 60. The council is committed to continuing free swims despite the government cutting the funding that supports them.

Newham has one of the biggest sport and activity programmes in London for people of all ages and abilities and our young people were among the first to use the Aquatics Centre. The council has also secured a future share in the Olympic Stadium. This will give residents the chance to get jobs in the stadium, receive tickets for events, use the venue for athletics, meetings and school sports days.

1 Olympic Stadium. 2 Ascension Eagles. 3 East London Gymnastics Club. 4 Newham Swords. 5 Bowling in Central Park, E6. 6 Newham Shoujin Karate Club at Newham Leisure Centre. 7 West Ham Boxing Club. 8 Disability sports at Newham Leisure Centre. 9 Newham All Star Sports Academy at Newham Leisure Centre. 10 Free swimming at East Ham Leisure Centre.

To find out what’s happening near you visit www.newham.gov.uk/whatson
14,863 Newham residents saw the London Prepares test events for free
Every child a musician

In 2010 Mayor Sir Robin Wales, supported by cellist Julian Lloyd Webber, launched Every Child a Musician (ECaM). The groundbreaking programme gives two years free tuition and a free instrument. So far, 6,500 children have benefitted.

“I believe that access to music is a birthright and I am living for the day when this opportunity is available to every child in Britain.”

Julian Lloyd Webber

In the run up to the Games the programme caught the attention of film maker and director of the Olympic opening ceremony, Danny Boyle and world famous jazz saxophonist Courtney Pine.

“With music there are no limits to what you can achieve.”

Courtney Pine

ECaM has given our young people more than music tuition. Newham youngsters have performed alongside some of the best musicians in the world.

As part of a Games partnership between Newham and Barnsley councils, ECaM students played alongside the renowned Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band, who were made famous in the film Brassed Off. At this year’s climax to Under the Stars, pupils took to the stage with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra to play their specially composed take on the classic Chariots of Fire, cleverly renamed Chariots of Farah.

“The middle classes do it for their kids. Why shouldn’t we do it for all our kids? Music should be about access for all — not only those who can afford it.”

Mayor Sir Robin Wales

Ask at your child’s school for details about ECaM.
Newham athletes lead the way

It is no surprise that some of the heroes of the Games have Newham roots.

Stratford’s Christine Ohuruogu MBE famously won gold at the Beijing Olympics and the World Championships. She took up athletics when she was 17, joining Newham and Essex Beagles. In 2012 she won silver in the 400m, but she will always be Newham’s golden girl.

“The Olympics have brought a lot of inspiration and has shown people what can happen if we all pull together. I think it’s worked wonders for the community.” Christine Ohuruogu (1)

Mo Farah’s first proper athletics club was Newham and Essex Beagles. He was the first British athlete to win a European gold at 10,000m and a World Championship gold at 5,000m. He was the first athlete representing Britain to win Olympic gold at 10,000m, adding to his 5,000m Olympic gold at the 2012 Games.

“This is my country and when I put on my Great Britain vest I’m proud. I’m very proud.” Mo Farah (2)

Forest Gate born Mark Hunter MBE began rowing at 14. 2012 saw him add a silver medal to his two previous golds at Athens and Beijing.

“I’m overwhelmed by the positive changes I’ve seen happen here. It has really helped to regenerate the area.” Mark Hunter (3)
Five time Olympic gold medalist Sir Steve Redgrave prepared for the 1984 Games right here on the Royal Docks.

“If you want to be good at anything it’s all about hard work. The effort you put in, you get out.” Sir Steve Redgrave (4)

Newham’s Ade Adepitan MBE is a giant of Paralympic sport. The well known TV presenter and champion wheelchair basketball player won bronze in Athens and gold at the 2005 Paralympic World Cup in Manchester. He headed TV Channel 4’s coverage of the Paralympic Games.

“The Paralympics will change people’s perceptions of disability, and not just able-bodied people.” Ade Adepitan (5)

University of East London student Gemma Gibbons won Team GB’s first judo medal for 12 years at the London Games, despite the fact that she had broken her thumb in the second bout of the day.

“Deep within... I always knew I could do something special, and that is what drives you on.” Gemma Gibbons (6)

Also flying the flag for Great Britain were Newham and Essex Beagles stars Robbie Grabarz who won high jump bronze, long jumper Chris Tomlinson, pole vaulter Steve Lewis, marathon runner Lee Merrien, sprinter James Ellington and discus thrower Abdul Bahari. In the Paralympics Jane Campbell, who trains at Newham Leisure Centre, won wheelchair table tennis bronze while Newham born Amy Marren (7) sponsored by London City Airport, competed in swimming.
A flaming good time

The Olympic Torch Relay was one of the biggest celebrations the country had ever seen. When it arrived in Newham on 21 July more than 200,000 people lined the streets to welcome it. The torch made a special appearance at the Mayor’s Newham Show where it joined 63,000 residents and the biggest carnival ever seen in the borough.

Home or away, Newham residents were at the forefront of the Games, with East Ham’s Alex Loukos the first Briton to carry the flame after the lighting ceremony in Olympia, Greece.

“I have grown up with London 2012 – from helping with the bid in Singapore when I was 12 to witnessing the incredible regeneration of my home in east London and now with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be one of the first to carry the torch for the London Games.” Alex Loukos

On home soil, 84-year-old former 1948 Olympic boxer Ron Cooper began the torch’s eight mile journey around the borough on 21 July, followed by fellow residents Samuel Berhanu, Sheikh Sheikh, Natasha Hart, Lianne Jameson and triple jumper Phillips Idowu.

On 29 August, residents once again came out in their thousands to support the Paralympic Flame. It was greeted by Olympic rower Mark Hunter when it made a pit stop in Stratford Park before heading straight to the Olympic Stadium.

More than 200,000 people saw the Olympic torch relay in Newham, more than any other borough. 10,000 people greeted the Paralympic flame.
People flock to Newham LIVE

The thrilling atmosphere of the Games wasn’t limited to the Olympic Park. More than 212,000 visits were made to the next best thing to the Games themselves – Newham LIVE. During the Games, giant screens erected by the council in Central Park, East Ham, and Stratford Park beamed sporting action to fans. Both sites offered live entertainment and activities every weekend. Almost 2,000 tickets to the Olympic Park and Games events were given away to residents at LIVE sites.

More than 212,000 people visited Newham’s LIVE sites

“We’re from Norwich originally, but we live in Stratford now. We heard about the live sites through the Newham Mag. The atmosphere here has been really good. You can bring your own food and drink – it’s a nice place to be.” Hannah Millwood, Tim Stokes and friends (1).

“This is where I went to school, this is where I grew up. Newham is my roots. Newham has so much more to offer than any other borough. We’re spending the evening at Stratford Park, let’s have some fun.” Lamore Tulloch and family (2).

“I’m here with my family. We came down here to watch the closing ceremony. It’s nice to hang out and watch it somewhere other than home.” Indie and family (3).
Newham Transformed

Our superb transport links helped us secure the 2012 Games. No other place in the country can boast an airport, excellent Tube links, national and international rail connections, an expansive bus network, a cable car, convenient road links, a network of waterways and a ferry. This infrastructure is attracting investment to the area and gives residents easy access to jobs in other parts of the capital – a legacy that will benefit generations to come.

Up to **450,000** people visited Newham each day during the Games

Since the bid was announced there have been massive improvements to Newham’s transport links including the Stratford International Station, home to the bullet train, Britain’s only high speed commuter service, which links Newham with Paris and Brussels. New Docklands Light Railway (DLR) stations opened across the borough. Stratford Station now boasts new Overground and DLR services.

“The Games put Newham under the gaze of the world and as they say in this manor: ‘we done good’. We did Britain proud. Thank you Newham.”

**Mayor Sir Robin Wales**

Wider environmental improvements have been seen across the borough, from resurfaced roads and improved street cleansing to community-led street decoration.

The pace of change initiated by the Olympics has also fuelled projects like Westfield, the SportsDock at the University of East London’s Docklands campus and the Siemens Crystal in Royal Victoria Dock.

For more information about regeneration in Newham visit [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk)