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CGA Newsletter



It was great to see so many of you in St Kitts for the recent CGF General Assembly, it was a busy week for us all, and again a heartfelt thanks to our hosts for a brilliant week. Our presentation and report to the General Assembly are saved in the CGF Members Area for you to access at any time. We covered a number of topics at the CGA Workshop Day in St Kitts, and updates are provided again for you in this newsletter, and for the benefit of your colleagues that were not able to be there.

As we come to the end of 2011, we reflect on a year of growth here at the Organising Committee, and continue to count down the number of days until our own Games in 2014 – today is only 935 days until the soft opening of the Village! We are now a team of over 100 full time staff, including the newest recruit in the Games Family team, CGA Relations Coordinator, Joanna Peill.

Our very best wishes to you and your families for a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2012, but in the meantime, as always, please don't hesitate to be in touch if you need anything from us.

Kate

Key CGA Dates

2012	July	Team Size Calculator (TSC) circulated to all CGAs
2012	September	CGF General Assembly, Kampala Uganda
2012	November	CGAs submit TSC v1 to Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee
2013	June	CGAs submit TSC v2 to Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee
2013	July/August	CGF General Assembly, Glasgow Scotland
2014	January	CGAs submit TSC v3 to Glasgow 2014
2014	February	Chefs de Mission Seminar
2014	11 June	CGAs submit TSC v4 (Entries by Name) to Glasgow 2014
2014	8 July	Soft Opening of Commonwealth Games Village
2014	13 July	Official Opening of Commonwealth Games Village
2014	23 July	Opening Ceremony
2014	3 August	Closing Ceremony
2014	6 August	Closing of Commonwealth Games Village



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Commonwealth Games Village Update

The Commonwealth Games Village (CGV) is of critical importance to us and will be a cornerstone in ensuring these Games are a success.

Designed for Athletes in consultation with Athletes, the OC aims to provide a true 'home from home' experience ensuring a safe, comfortable environment which will enable our Athletes to perform at their very best.

In order to develop, plan and operate a CGV that meets the Athletes' and Team Officials' expectations, a Working Group has been established. This includes representatives from Commonwealth Games Scotland and from key OC Functional Areas. It works closely with the Athletes' Advisory Committee and will monitor, review, coordinate and feedback any issues which will then inform the planning department. In addition, feedback and suggestions provided by all CGAs will be incorporated into the process.

The CGV will have seven Resident Centres which will operate in a way similar to the front desk of a hotel. They will resolve any accommodation issues, provide information and other services such as laundry facilities, wi-fi and meeting rooms.

Based on our experiences and learnings from Delhi 2010 and direct feedback from Athletes and CGAs, we have decided to split the services typically contained in a Resident Centre and create three separate Recreational Centres. These will be spread evenly across the Village site and will provide recreational activities and facilities including a Refreshment Centre, TV Lounge, Games Room and Internet Café no more than a few minutes walk from the Athletes' accommodation.

Work continues on refining the Games Village Masterplan and this will be submitted to the CGF two years out from the Games.

The final areas of the site have now been largely cleared and since September, house bases, main utility services and roadways continue to be installed across much of the site and over the next six to 12 months the site will really take shape.

Simultaneously the prefabricated housing, which will provide the Athletes' homes is being made in off-site factories with the first delivery on site expected in early 2012. Overseeing all of this is our Head Of Village Operations, Kostas Zafeiropoulos, who joined the OC in June this year.



Sport Programme Update

Glasgow 2014 notes the recommended changes to the CGF sport programme, approved at the CGF General Assembly in November. While these changes apply from 2018 onwards, over the coming months Glasgow 2014 will consider all aspects of our sports programme including the possible inclusion of one or more of the newly endorsed events. This assessment will consider a range of sport technical, operational and financial impacts to ensure that we are able to deliver our ambition to stage an outstanding athlete centred and sport focused Games.

The finalisation of the sport programme is a priority for Glasgow 2014, as we appreciate the potential impact any outcomes may have on the preparation of each CGA. Following assessment over the coming months, the Glasgow 2014 Board will give consideration to available information in March 2012; wherever possible, identifying any changes to the Glasgow 2014 sports event programme, which will be communicated to stakeholders once confirmed with the CGF. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we undertake this important assessment process.

Para Sport Programme

Yesterday, the CGF made available via its members area the Para Sport events for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, as was selected by the General Assembly in St Kitts & Nevis on the 11th November 2011. Please refer to the members area for the document outlining specific events. Glasgow 2014 will continue to work with the IPC to ensure a quality programme is delivered.

Competition Venues	
Venue	Sport
East End	
Celtic Park	Opening Ceremony
Glasgow Green Hockey Centre	Hockey
National Indoor Sports Arena	Badminton
Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome	Cycling - Track
Tollcross Aquatics Centre	Swimming
West End	
Clyde Auditorium	Weightlifting
Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls Centre	Lawn Bowls
Scotstoun Sports Campus	Squash & Table Tennis
Scottish Exhibition + Conference Centre	Boxing, Gymnastics, Netball, Judo & Wrestling
Scottish National Arena	Gymnastics & Netball
South Side	
Cathkin Braes Country Park	Mountain Bike
Hampden Park Stadium	Athletics & Closing Ceremony
Ibrox Stadium	Rugby Sevens
Satellite Venues	
Barry Buddon Shooting Centre	Shooting
Royal Commonwealth Pool	Diving
Strathclyde Country Park	Triathlon



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Sport Development Grant Process

In St Kitts recently during the CGA Workshop Day, we discussed the process for CGAs accessing the Glasgow 2014 Sport Development Grant, in order to make sure the applications stand up to scrutiny in relation to the key terms and conditions of the grant award, i.e to equip, train and prepare athletes specifically for participation in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Glasgow 2014 has now paid all sport development grant monies in full to the CGF who manage and administer this process. The applications from all CGAs, no matter what their size, must outline how the funds will be used and not how they might be used. This clear plan must include timelines, specifics in relation to items of expenditure and association budgets.

CGAs will be held accountable to this proposal which will form the basis of each CGAs post Games formal report which must include a detailed financial summary of actual costs incurred. The application should evidence a specifically targeted proposal following a planning process within your own CGA. Grant applications (including your detailed budget and associated timelines) should be submitted to John Eades at the CGF jeades@thecgf.com

CGA Relations Coordinator, Joanna Peill



We are very pleased to introduce to you the newest member of the CGA Relations team, Joanna Peill. Joanna will work very closely alongside Kate to ensure we continue to keep you informed of our work and progress. Joanna was previously working at The Football Association in a similar role within the International Relations Department, managing and coordinating relations predominantly

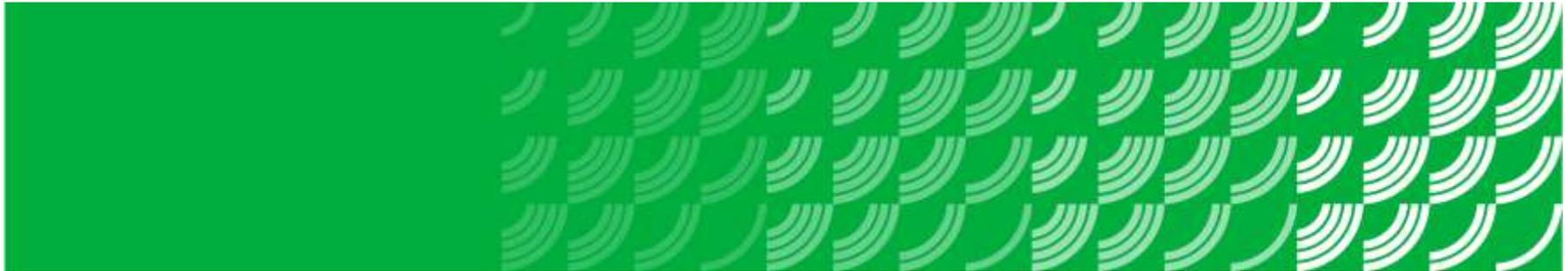
within the Caribbean, Americas and Asia regions. She is experienced in delivering the high standards of service required in her new role and is looking forward to working with you all.

Head of Village Operations, Kostas Zafeiropoulos



Kostas joined the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee in June 2011 as our Head of Village Operations. Kostas brings us a wealth of Games experience in a variety of roles. Some of you may already be familiar with Kostas from Delhi 2010 where he headed up the CGA Relations team. His vast Games experience also includes working on the Beijing 2008 Olympics as Transport Operations

Manager, and at the Doha 2006 Asian Games and Athens 2004 Olympics as Head of NOC Services.



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Survey Results from the CGA Workshop

As mentioned at the CGA workshop, a digital focus will be at the heart of the Glasgow 2014's marketing approach. We want to make the 'Friendly Games' the 'Social Games'.

Our website already enjoys large amounts of traffic from all over the world, and we believe the opportunities for using digital tools to develop grass-roots support, amongst ticket buyers, residents, volunteers and Athletes, are immense. We have already seen the benefits of this whether it's engaging locals and celebrities to support us, or communicating with Athletes.

We know that through speaking to us at the recent Commonwealth Youth Games in the Isle of Man, some CGAs have now established their own Twitter accounts and are now receiving regular tweets from us. The social media aspect of what we are doing is a crucial element of our aim to become a truly digital Commonwealth Games.

During the CGA workshop in St Kitts and Nevis we asked CGAs a number of questions and the results of that survey are published here for your information:

- **Does your CGA currently have a facebook page?**
 - Yes 19, No 31
- **Does your CGA currently have a twitter account?**
 - Yes 7, No 42
- **Do you communicate with your athletes via twitter?**

- Yes 7, No 42

- **Is your CGA planning on attending the Sport Opening period of the Village?**
 - Yes 34, No 16
- **What do athletes do in their down time?**
 - Recovery sessions 5
 - Internet browsing 23
 - Watch other sports/support team mates 9
 - Visit the city 5
 - Visit recreational centres 12





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Did You Know?

- ◇ Glasgow's population is approx 616,430.
- ◇ Hampden Park Stadium is the oldest international football stadium in the world and until the Maracana in Rio was built in 1950 it was the largest stadium in the world. It dates from October 1903, though there are few if any vestiges of that original structure. As well as being the base of Scotland's national football team it will play host to both the Athletics and the Closing Ceremony of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.
- ◇ Charles Macintosh, inventor of the waterproof coat, lived and worked in Glasgow where, in 1824 he was responsible for the first commercial manufacture of the waterproof material.
- ◇ Glasgow had a professional Police Force formed in 1789, 40 years before London.
- ◇ Glasgow has recently been voted as the safest city in the UK in the latest Quality of Living Survey. <http://www.metro.co.uk/news/883399-glasgow-safest-city-in-uk-according-to-merciers-2011-quality-of-living-index>

Mascot Competition

On our 1,000 days to go mark, we launched in conjunction with the BBC, a competition to find the official Glasgow 2014 mascot. Mascots play an integral part in the identity of any Games and schoolchildren across Britain have taken advantage of a once in a lifetime opportunity to design this mascot. Entries have now officially closed, and the judging process has begun! The official mascot will be announced in September 2012.

Photo: proximity of Celtic Park (Opening Ceremony), National Indoor Sports Arena (Badminton), Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome (Track Cycling), Commonwealth Games Village, and new East End Regeneration Route (EERR)

