

Go Local at the Olympic Park



Volunteer Travel Ambassadors were on hand during the Games

LIVE music, comedy and entertainment will take centre stage at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Friday for a festival celebrating volunteering.

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McFly, The Feeling and Eddie Izzard are among the acts that will be performing at the Go Local event, which will be compered by Tess Daly.

The Pandemonium Drummers, who wowed the world with their performance at the Olympic opening ceremony, are set to get the show off to a rousing start, while the Games Maker Choir will help to evoke the team spirit and excitement that captured the imagination of the UK last summer.

Other acts on the billing include Spelbound, BOND Quartet, The James Riley Band, Robbie Boyd and Greatest Hits of the West End, plus stars from ITV's Britain's Got Talent. A host of Team GB Olympians and Paralympians will also be appearing.

Go Local hosted by the Mayor of London's volunteering programme Team London and the community charity Join In.

They aim to inspire even more people to take up volunteering following on from the success of the Games.

The event starts at 4.30pm, although doors open at 1pm. Tickets cost £7.50. For more information and to buy tickets, go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk/go-local

■ Tube and rail lines are likely to be busy after the event. If you need to connect with other services, don't forget to check

when the last train leaves to your final destination. Plan ahead by visiting tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner

Win Go Local tickets

MetroTravel is giving away 50 pairs of tickets for Friday's Go Local festival. All you have to do is answer the following question:

What colour was the uniform worn by volunteers at the 2012 Games?

- a) Yellow
- b) Black
- c) Magenta

For your chance to win, email your answer, name and contact number to metrocompetitions@tfl.gov.uk by 8pm tomorrow evening. The winners will be picked at random. For terms and conditions, go to tfl.gov.uk/competitions

► Travel Ambassadors – spirit of volunteering

SOME of the most visible volunteers during last summer's Games were the Transport for London's (TfL's) Travel Ambassadors.

During the sporting spectacle, the ambassadors worked across the capital helping visitors from around the world to find their way to venues and assist commuters who had to change their journeys to avoid travel hot spots.

Easily spotted in their white polo shirts and magenta tabards, Travel Ambassadors boosted the numbers of public-facing staff on duty everywhere from rail, Tube and bus stations to river piers and taxi and private hire stands.

TfL is currently assessing how the ambassadors work to determine how best to provide improved assistance to passengers in future.

Tube disruption down

THE number of Tube disruptions caused by crime on the network has fallen by more than 35 per cent over the past three years.

Trespassing, graffiti, cable theft and stone throwing are the main causes of disruption.

From June 2010 to June 2011, there were 1,264 crimes that caused delays to services. This was reduced to 940 in 2011/12 and to 811 in 2012/13.

Initiatives such as introducing fast-response medical teams and a specialist cable theft unit have contributed to this fall in delays.

London Underground's chief operating officer Phil Hufton said: 'We are redoubling our efforts and have put measures in place to help bring down the number of disruptions to our service and passenger journeys.



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