



making the best choices for your church



There is no one-size-fits-all programme for *More Than Gold*. Each church is different – in location, in outlook, in resources. And so needs a response that is the best fit for them.

Thinking through the issues

To make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, churches are encouraged to –

Start early with talking, praying, planning and dreaming – late adopters will miss out on many opportunities

Involve every section of the church – youth and children, evangelism coordinators, teachers, mission committees, social responsibility activists, and more

Start with what is there already – what is the church already doing that can be given an Olympic overlay? Alpha? Holiday clubs? Schools outreach? Guest services?

Identify how the local community is engaging – and look for ways to join in rather than compete

Join with other churches to plan major initiatives for the community like Community Festivals with a big screen, children's holiday clubs, etc

Appointing a Gold Champion – Church Representative

The way for a church to make informed decisions about the 2012 Games and



- ▶ *More Than Gold* is by having their own Gold Champion who will –
 - Receive their own dedicated eNews update, *On Track*, and invitations to special briefings
 - Link with Gold Champions in their area to share ideas, plans and opportunities

Registration, which is free, is at www.morethangold.org.uk/goldchampion

Key calendar events

In planning their diary churches are encouraged to consider the following opportunities –

2011

Spring – Training for Sports Mission and Community Festivals

May – FA Cup Final and Champions League Final – opportunity for big screen community festival and sports quiz

Summer holidays – holiday clubs, sports clinics

July: A year to the Games – join with community events or hold a *More Than Gold* weekend, or a Sports Thanksgiving Service

September - Sports Resources Catalogue available

Autumn - Training for Sports Mission and Community Festivals

Autumn half-term – holiday clubs, sports clinics

2012

Easter holidays – holiday clubs, sports clinics

Spring – Athlete Family Homestay applications open

Spring – *More Than Gold* vision casting tour

Spring – *More Than Gold* dedication celebration event in London

May-July – Torch Run taking the Torch in reach of almost every community

June 9 to July 1 – European Football championships

Summer holidays – holiday clubs, sports clinics

July 27 – Olympics opening ceremony

August 12 – Olympics closing ceremony

August 29 – Paralympics opening ceremony

September 9 – Paralympics closing ceremony



Receiving support and advice

Centrally and regionally, *More Than Gold* is establishing a network of advice and support available to churches.

This is designed to help churches make the choices that will best suit their strengths and situation. And to help them identify the resources and help they need to make the most of the activities they have chosen.



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