

opportunities for *Mission and Service Teams*



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- Performing solo or as part of band, dance, or drama group
- Working with children and young people as part of the outreach programme of a local church
- Entertaining kids with face painting and balloon sculpting
- Trading Olympic and Paralympic pins (badges)
- Taking part in Community Festivals

When will this all happen?

London's Olympic Games take place from 27 July – 12 August 2012. The Paralympics follow from 29 August – 9 September 2012.

Three blocks of time are available for Mission and Service Teams to volunteer. Each lasts ten days, starts with training and orientation and ends with a celebration. Teams are welcome to register for more than one block

The dates are:

Block 1: Tuesday 24 July through Friday 3 August 2012

Block 2: Friday 3 through Monday 13 August 2012

Block 3: Tuesday 28 August through Monday 10 September 2012 (Paralympics)

What costs are involved?

All team members and leaders meet their own travel and living costs. On application they pay a non-refundable fee of £75 (US\$120). For those from the Developing World it is £25 (US\$40).

Team members receive free of charge –

- A branded backpack and t-shirt
- A lanyard with identification card

Churches across the United Kingdom are getting ready for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics – and counting on hundreds of Mission and Service teams to help them seize the moment.

Teams are needed in and around the Games venues – which are wider than just London. And to work with local churches as they reach out to their communities.

Teams are made up of between five and twenty members who register through their team leader.

What will Mission and Service Teams do?

The big picture is that Mission and Service Teams will help international visitors and UK communities experience the reality of God's love. The role each volunteer plays depends on their skills and experience.

Opportunities are as varied as –

- Serving water and food near Games venues and big screen sites
- Sharing in leading in sports clinics and holiday clubs for children and teens



- Training materials
- Induction and orientation
- Administration and support during their mission trip

Registration fees are non refundable. However, teams do not have to pay in full when registering. The payment schedule is set out on the 'Essential Instructions' form accessible at www.morethangold.org.uk/outreach/mission-and-service-teams

Where will teams stay?

Teams are welcome to arrange their own accommodation. However, *More Than Gold* has negotiated the following options –

Gold: Cost £67 - £75 per person, per night. This is three star accommodation with individual rooms and private bathrooms (en-suite bathroom). The price includes breakfast, packed lunch, all linen and high speed internet access.

Silver: £25 - £65 per person, per night. This is two or three star accommodation with individual rooms and shared bathroom facilities. The price includes breakfast, packed lunch, all linen and high speed Internet access.

Bronze: £10 - £25 per person, per night. This is mostly a dormitory style set-up in a hall, school or camping facility. You will have access to a shared bathroom and will need to provide your own bedding and towels. The cost includes breakfast and a packed lunch.

Full details of the above are at www.morethangold.org.uk/accommodation

What is More Than Gold?

More Than Gold is the banner UK churches are using to make the most of the 2012 Games. It has the support of all the main denominations and over sixty mission and resource agencies.

This same banner has been used for the world's major sports events since the 1996 Atlanta Games – as a flag for united faith-based outreach, hospitality and service, as well as an interface between the events organising committee and the churches.

Mission and Service Teams are a key component of the *More Than Gold* initiative.

What's the next step for those interested?

Now is the time to tell us about your team's skill, passion, experience and availability. To do so, fill in and send back the online registration form at <http://www.morethangold.org.uk/outreach/mission-and-service-teams.html>. Please be sure you first read through the Supporting Document.

If you have specific questions please address them to missionteams@morethangold.org.uk

Bringing a mission team to the London Olympics?

Mission Team Leaders Ahead of the Game Conference

11am Tuesday 13 March – 2pm Friday 16 March 2012 at Denmark Hill College and across London

Leave equipped to maximise your mission experience through a full orientation and briefing, a visit to the Games Park, meeting with key leaders and more. For details email missionteams@morethangold.org.uk