

## **BIG IDEAS Cultural Olympiad Consultation**

Deloitte has been commissioned by the **Arts Council** to take forward a Northern Ireland wide consultation programme for the Cultural Olympiad of the London 2012 Games. The Arts Council, working in collaboration with the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) and its Cultural Coordinator has responsibility for progressing the Cultural Olympiad in Northern Ireland.

The "**Cultural Olympiad**" is a unique opportunity for people in Northern Ireland to discover new ways of fulfilling their creative potential and will provide a chance to forge new relationships and partnerships.

Our task is to enlist your help by sharing your ideas regarding the nature of Cultural Olympiad activity that would be most beneficial in Northern Ireland. We are inviting a wide variety of people, to include representatives from the arts, sports, community, business, cultural and youth sectors, to attend **BIG IDEAS** workshops at a variety of locations throughout Northern Ireland.

Each workshop will provide you with the **latest information about the Cultural Olympiad, its themes and project criteria. Detail of UK Legacy Trust Projects will also be provided. Most importantly workshops will give you a chance to get involved in generating BIG IDEAS to showcase Northern Ireland over the next 4 years** and to suggest ways of inspiring and involving young people.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at the session of your choice **on 028 9053 1040**, or via email to [culturalolympiad@deloitte.co.uk](mailto:culturalolympiad@deloitte.co.uk) along with your name, organisation and contact details by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. Should you have any queries or comments about any of this information please contact Stephanie MacManus on 028 90 531359.

Sessions are as follows:

Area	Venue	Date	Time
Antrim	Antrim Forum Leisure Centre, 20-30 Lough Road, Antrim, BT41 4DQ.	16-Apr-08	10am - 12.30pm
Belfast	Ormeau Baths Gallery, 18 Ormeau Avenue, Belfast, BT2 8HS.	17-Apr-08	10am - 12.30pm
		17-Apr-08	2pm - 4.30pm
		18-Apr-08	10am - 12.30pm
		18-Apr-08	2pm - 4.30pm
Newry	Newry Arts Centre, 1A Bank Parade, Newry BT35 6HP.	21-Apr-08	10am - 12.30pm
Lisburn	Island Arts Centre, The Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL	22-Apr-08	10am - 12.30pm
Derry/ Londonderry	Millenium Forum, Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry BT48 6EB	23-Apr-08	10am - 12.30pm
Coleraine	Flowerfield Arts Centre, 185 Coleraine Road, Portstewart, BT55 7HU	24-Apr-08	2pm - 4.30pm
Ballymena	Braid Museum & Arts Centre, 1 - 29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.	25-Apr-08	10am-12.30pm
Enniskillen	Ardhown Theatre, Dublin Road, Enniskillen	25-Apr-08	2pm-4.30pm
Cookstown	Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DN	28-Apr-08	2pm-4.30pm

You may wish to look at these websites for further information - [www.london2012.com/beinspired](http://www.london2012.com/beinspired) ; and <http://www.legacytrustuk.org/aims>.

Please note that it is not essential for participants to read this material in order to take part.

This is a unique opportunity to be involved in planning what Northern Ireland's Cultural Olympiad will look like – please come along and share your ideas!