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Welcome to the M25's annual report for 2011-12. Alongside the usual reports from officers and updates from M25 groups and activities, we thought it would be of interest – in this Olympic year – to review how we all pulled together to support possibly the greatest show London and the country have ever staged.

So, read on to see the part that the M25 Consortium played in inspiring a generation...

**Ann Cummings**

*M25 Steering Group Champion for Marketing  
Director of Library Services, Brunel University*





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# Chair's Report

Annual reports tend to skate over the core business as usual work that is essential to the life of a Consortium. For this reason, at the outset, I would like to extend thanks to the M25 Support Team, to M25 and cpd25 Steering Group members, and to all colleagues in member libraries who have made so many contributions to the work and services of the Consortium and who are its lifeblood. It is only with your support and contributions that we are able to deliver our aims and objectives.

## External Funding

During the year the Consortium has been successful with two applications for JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee) funding in the key strategic areas of resource discovery and e-books.

## Resource Discovery

As reported in the 2010-11 Annual Report, the review of the InforM25 service was successfully completed in June 2011 and was followed up almost immediately with a bid to JISC for the Search25 project (Strengthening Electronic Access to Research Consortial Holdings in M25). This will deliver a fast, flexible and simple new search tool to provide access to the combined library records of M25 Consortium members. The project, described in more detail on page 6, also enables the Consortium to take important steps forward in the Discovery open metadata landscape.

## E-Books

During summer 2011, a joint M25 Consortium and Museum Librarians and Archivists Group (MLAG) survey on e-book procurement identified a consensus around the importance of Patron Driven E-book Acquisition (PDA) at a consortial level. This led to a second successful bid under JISC's Digital Infrastructure call. E-BASS25 (E-Books Acquisition as a Shared Service in

M25), described in more detail on page 10, runs from August 2012 until February 2013 and should pave the way for a collaborative purchasing service.

## WATER (Walk-in Access to Electronic Resources)

Through the WATER project (see page 11), the M25 Consortium linked up with SCONUL and its Task and Finish Group on Access Issues to identify best practice for walk-in access provision. The Consortium will host a regional workshop on project outcomes in autumn 2012.

## Customer Services

In April 2012 an exciting new strand of work was launched under the guidance of Erin Caseley (King's College). The Customer Services Group fills a gap in M25 service and provision and will seek to deliver activities and initiatives of benefit to us all. (For more information, see page 9).

## Communications

Good progress has been made in raising the profile of the Consortium. Two articles appeared in *CILIP Update*, one in March 2012, an interview with Antony Loveland on "cpd25 – fertile ground for development" and another, a month later, on the M25 Consortium's wider remit and objectives. In March 2012 *The Inspire Newsletter* devoted a whole supplement to the M25 Consortium. The Consortium's third annual conference, held in the wonderful Ravensbourne building, was also a great success. 117 delegates attended including 26 non-Consortium participants.

## Staffing

During the year the Consortium said goodbye to its administrator, Vicky Falconer, after more than four years of service and to Steering Group members Mary Nixon, Julie Brittain, Anne Murphy and Pete Ryan. In their place the Consortium welcomed Lydia Parsonson (for a brief spell) and then Nikki Randall to the administrator post and Antony Loveland, Erin Caseley, Ann Cummings, Martin Scarrott, Cathy Walsh and Rupert Williams as new Steering Group members.

The Consortium has enjoyed the 2012 Olympics year (see pages 16-37) and now looks forward to its 20th anniversary in 2013. Plans are in progress for affordable celebratory events!

### John Tuck

*M25 Chair*

*Director of Library Services*

*Royal Holloway, University of London*







## cpd25 Report

I have been involved with cpd25 since 2003 so it was a real honour to take over from Mary Nixon as Chair.

As ever, it has been a busy year with a total of 54 events and visits. Whilst the programme is built around an identifiable core of events which run every year such as the Professional Qualifications workshop series, there's still plenty of scope to deliver events which cover the latest practice and thinking in the profession. Examples from 2011-12 include "Mobile technology: lending it, using it and what to do next" and "Convergence and the changing roles of library and information departments".

### Expanding cpd25's Reach

Whilst cpd25's main "market" remains the member institutions of the M25 Consortium, its geographical reach seems to be expanding, with events now attracting delegates from around the country. It's a development which is obviously to be welcomed and is a real endorsement of the quality of the training on offer. However, we shouldn't assume that people automatically know about cpd25, even within the M25 region, so it's still important to think of ways of getting the message out. This is why the M25

Consortium Chair and I were interviewed in *CILIP Update* and we also launched the cpd25 Twitter feed (@cpd25\_M25).

### Challenging Times

Although these challenging economic times look set to continue for the foreseeable future, cpd25 remains well placed to continue doing what it does best – deliver high quality, highly relevant training with a real focus on value for money.

None of this can happen though without the dedication and commitment of the 40-odd task group members who somehow find the time in amongst their day jobs to attend meetings and come up with all these ideas, and the professionalism of the Support Team who help turn the ideas into reality.

#### Antony Loveland

*cpd25 Chair  
Head of Library Services  
Central School of Speech and Drama,  
University of London*

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## Treasurer's Report

Income from subscriptions in 2011-12 amounted to £144,723. There was also £5,800 income from sponsorship and bookings at the M25 Conference.

Consortium costs included: salaries for the Support Team; space charges at LSE, charges for the annual financial review and associated financial advice, the highly successful M25 Conference, production of M25 bags and the M25 annual report.

At the end of the 2011-12 financial year the reserves stood at £113,000. Taking possible risks into account it is estimated that the Consortium needs to have reserves of approximately £120,000 in the 2012-13 year. Should the full amount be required then the shortfall would be met from savings in the 2012-13 budget.

As a charitable company the Consortium undergoes an independent examination of its financial accounts each year. Kingston Smith has carried this out for the last three financial years and was appointed to continue with this activity at the AGM in April 2012. The full financial report that they will prepare for 2011-12 will be made available to members in time for the AGM in April 2013.

#### Caroline Lloyd

*M25 Treasurer  
Head of Library Services  
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and Tropical Medicine*







Search25 Team

Back Row – Graham Seaman, John Gilby, John Tuck  
Front Row – James Riding, Amy Warner

# Search25

## London and the South-East on your Bookshelf!

Search25 is the new regional resource discovery tool providing one stop access to the library catalogues of over 50 world-renowned institutions and specialist collections within the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries. Its development was funded by JISC under the Resource Discovery Programme and cost £128,500 to complete over nine months. The project mainly involved M25 Consortium staff with added work undertaken by the University of Sheffield Information School and Sero Consulting Ltd. The project is of significant benefit not only to members of the M25 Consortium but also further afield nationally

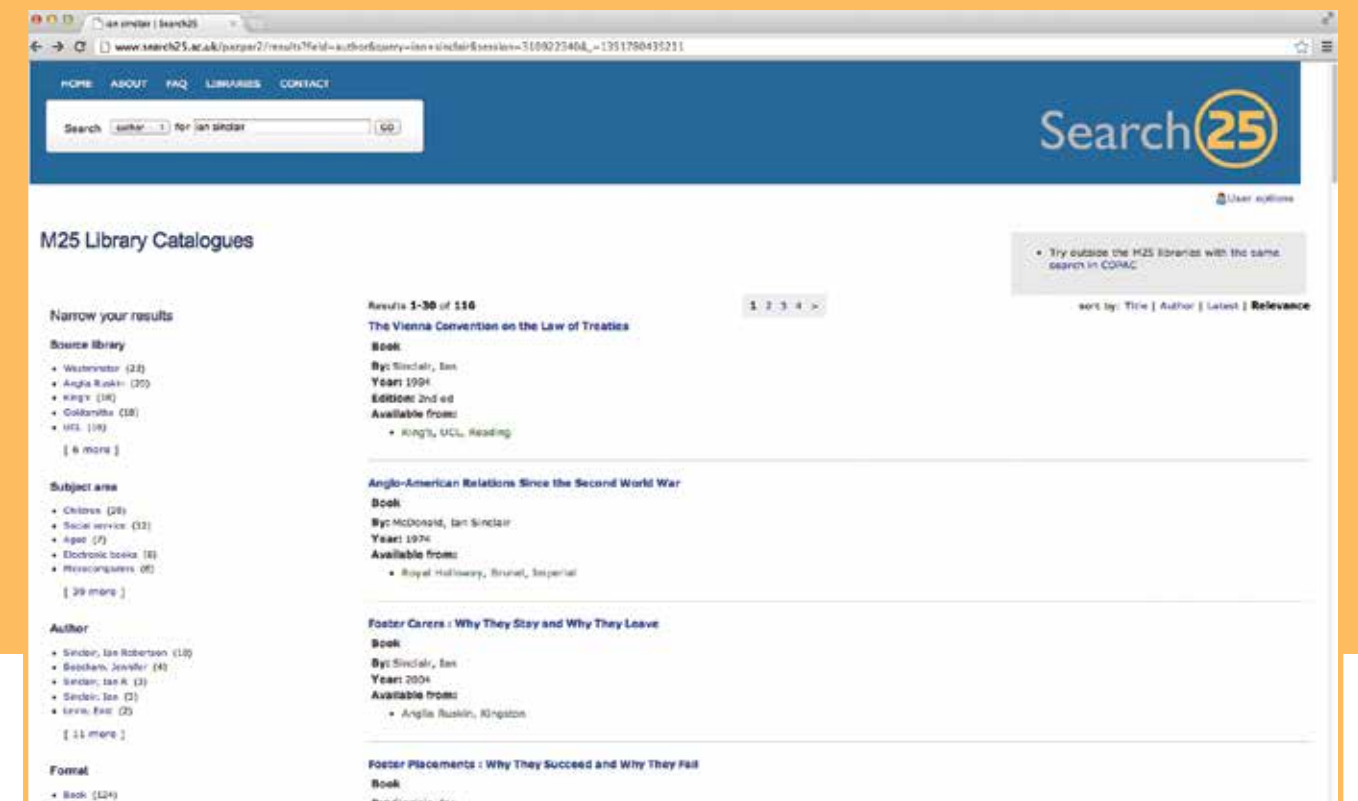
and internationally. Search25 harnesses open source technology to deliver enriched collection data – single search and speedy access in real-time to quality records deliver efficiencies for the user, and the potential for linking to related data. The combination of quality bibliographic records, enhanced with local holdings, availability and access details, transforms the resource discovery experience for M25 library users. The practical guidelines linked to open metadata principles provide clarity for institutions seeking to make their data available for innovative reuse by the M25 Consortium and the broader academic community. In line with the national agenda, this paves the way for exciting cross-sectoral collaborations and linking of resources across a range of formats.

Search25 makes it easier to search and locate resources at any library in the Consortium, enabling users to benefit from the wealth of materials available to them. As a regional union catalogue, focused in and around the capital, Search25 provides librarians, students and academics with an exciting new research tool. It allows users to hop between a vast range of world-renowned large academic institutions and rare specialist collections densely packed in to South-East England, like no other service available.

Why not try library hopping today?

**James Riding**

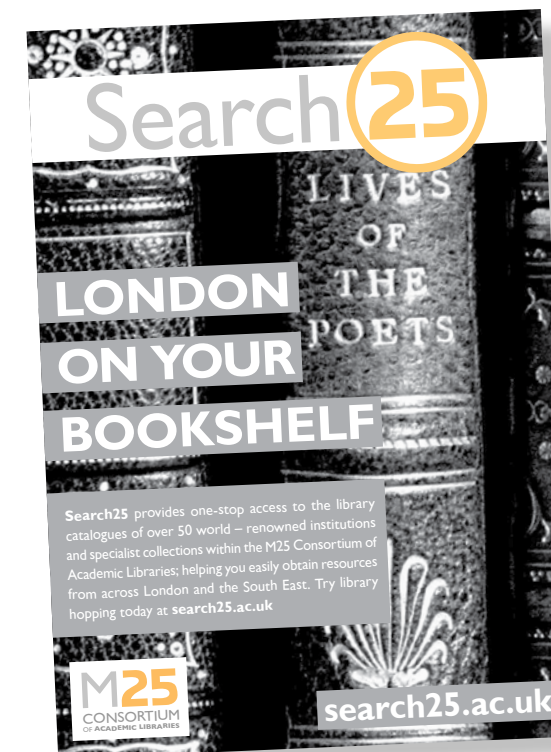
Search25 Project Officer  
M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries



Check out the new Search25 website: [www.search25.ac.uk](http://www.search25.ac.uk)

Search25 promotional material – ask your Library Team about these today!

## Posters



## Bookmarks



## Oyster Wallets





# M25 Annual Networking event



An important part of the M25 calendar is the opportunity to meet friends and colleagues and to greet new ones in the welcoming atmosphere of the networking event. On this occasion the event was kindly hosted by Senate House Libraries in the prestigious Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature on 10 November 2011. This room designed to house the collection was built by the architect of Senate House, Dr Charles Holden with the generosity and support of the Goldsmiths' Company. The nucleus of the collection was formed by Professor H S Foxwell who described the Library as:

"a collection of books and tracts intended to serve as the basis for the study of the industrial, commercial, monetary and financial history of the United Kingdom, as well as of the gradual development of economic science generally".

In addition to showcasing one of the many significant collections made available to researchers and scholars, staff of Senate House Library were on hand to provide tours of the recently refurbished spaces.

John Tuck, Chair of the Consortium, reflected on its successes and the ongoing collaborative work in exploring shared services options to enhance support for our students and researchers.

**Sandy Leitch**  
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# M25 Customer Services Group

2012 saw the launch of the M25 Customer Services Group. The group was formed because of the increased awareness of the importance of the customer experience in libraries and the huge scope that there is to work together in many areas. Along similar lines to cpd25, the group has its own steering group and a series of task groups reporting through to the main M25 Consortium Steering Group.

The group's aims are to:

- Discuss and share knowledge of new developments in customer service generally, and within libraries more specifically
- Share knowledge and techniques used around measures already implemented at member libraries
- Discuss and develop methods for improving customer service, especially where there is potential for active collaborative working.

All M25 institutions were invited to a well attended and lively kick off event in April 2012. The background and vision of the group was discussed, the task groups were refined and there was even speed networking to get everyone talking and making new contacts.

Since the event, the task groups have been formed and have all met to define their first objectives. The groups are:

## Benchmarking

One of the main tasks of this group will be to construct a benchmarking repository and facilitate the submission of data, leading to a wide range of useful information being available to all.

## Communication and Events

This group has broad aims to assist us all in knowledge sharing via the M25 Staff Room, events and conferences. The group will also work closely with cpd25 to plan relevant training courses.

## Quality in Customer Service

This group will focus on providing mutual support for libraries applying for recognition via customer service standards, as well as investigating a range of methods for achieving quality in service provision.

## Service Improvement

This group will deliver on measures where we can work together to improve Customer Service, such as Mystery Visiting. They are also considering developing some case studies with examples of best practice.

The steering group is as follows:

**Erin Caseley**, King's College (Chair)

**Libby Homer**, SOAS (Vice chair)

**Jan Haines**, Oxford Brookes (Secretary)

**Lis Hannon**, UCL (Chair, Benchmarking)

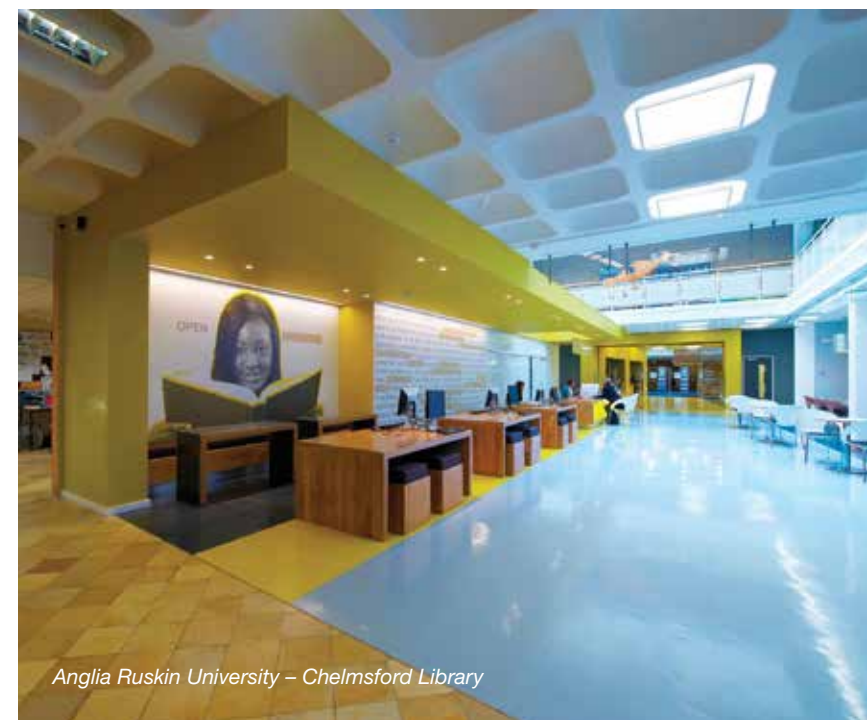
**Angus Brown**, Imperial College (Chair, Communication and Events)

**Christina Lewis**, University for the Creative Arts (Chair, Quality in Customer Service)

**Matthew Brooke**, Royal Holloway (Chair, Service Improvement).

**Erin Caseley**

M25 Steering Group Member  
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King's College London



Anglia Ruskin University – Chelmsford Library



# E-Books as a Shared Service in M25 (E-BASS25)

Following the joint M25 Consortium and MLAG (Museum Librarians and Archivists Group) e-books survey of summer 2011, the M25 Consortium was successful in a bid for £39,426 from the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) in June 2012. Project manager, Dominic Tate, reports on the progress of the project which focuses on patron-driven acquisition of e-books within a library consortium context.

E-Books as a Shared Service in M25 (E-BASS25) will be led by Royal Holloway, University of London (on behalf of the M25 Consortium), with partners at Kingston University, JISC Collections and the Science Museum (on behalf of MLAG). In addition, the team will work closely with SCONUL, LUPC, SUPC, Sero Consulting and the University of Surrey.

The project seeks to define practical guidelines and tools which will enable libraries to work together with providers and purchasing consortia to deliver the best possible return on investment and the highest level of efficiency in this priority area of library provision.

As e-books continue to develop as an important format and resource in libraries for students and researchers, it has become increasingly important to define best practice and cost-effectiveness in managing their acquisition and delivery in a library context. This project focuses on the purchasing of e-books on a consortium basis and will deliver considerable benefits in terms of engagement with libraries, the dissemination of guidelines around e-book acquisition and a more coordinated approach across the various groups involved.

E-BASS25 has ambitious aims to shape policies and guidelines that will facilitate easy and cost-effective processes around patron-driven e-book acquisition within library consortia.

Updates on the work's progress will be posted to the E-BASS25 blog throughout the project at [ebass25.rhul.ac.uk/](http://ebass25.rhul.ac.uk/)

With work already well underway, M25 Consortium members will soon see invitations to project events and focus groups, and early reports will be available via the E-BASS25 blog. The project commenced on 1 August 2012 and will run until 1 February 2013. Please direct any questions or feedback to the E-BASS25 Project Manager, Dominic Tate, at [dominic.tate@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:dominic.tate@rhul.ac.uk)

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# WATER (Walk-In Access to Electronic Resources)

Matthew Brooke (Associate Director, Academic and User Services, Royal Holloway University of London) represents the M25 Consortium on the SCONUL Access Task and Finish Group and provides the following report on the WATER project which builds on earlier WAM25 work.

In Autumn 2011, the SCONUL Access Task and Finish Group carried out surveys around SCONUL access issues of students, Directors, and the SCONUL access contacts at all institutions. The student survey attracted 3,848 responses and there were also focus groups held in 11 institutions across the country. One aspect of the work of the Task and Finish Group is specifically around walk-in access to e-resources. The Directors' survey had a number of questions relating to this, uncovering 31 institutions responding positively to the question "Do you currently provide walk-in access to e-resources for users who are not your own students or staff?"

Of these, 11 indicated that they would be happy to provide a case study detailing how the walk-in access had been implemented. 83 per cent of those not currently providing walk-in access to e-resources expressed interest in doing so.

Nine institutions returned case studies in Spring 2012 and work has been done to analyse these and extract the most useful parts of the information around the themes of advocacy, licensing, technical solutions and identity management. A draft set of summaries was produced and a workshop was held with the Bloomsbury Colleges to test out how useful the information provided would be to those yet to implement walk-in access and how the guidelines could be further improved.

The project team are now working on a set of guidelines for publication in September 2012, and two regional events will be held in the latter half of October 2012 to promote the guidelines and to allow those yet to implement walk-in access to meet with colleagues from institutions which have done so. One event will be held in York in conjunction with the Northern Collaboration, and one with the M25 Consortium in London. It is the hope of SCONUL and the M25 Consortium that all universities will be able to provide walk-in access by the end of the 2012-13 academic session.

To follow the October events, the team is considering ways in which to allow ongoing sharing of experiences and information relating to the provision of walk-in access via a blog.

**Matthew Brooke**  
Associate Director – Academic and User Services, Library Services  
Royal Holloway, University of London



St George's, University of London



# M25 2012 Annual Conference

The 19 April saw this year's Conference, Bricks and Bytes: Blending Virtual and Physical Space take place at Ravensbourne. This was our largest conference so far with 117 delegates, plus sponsors, and feedback has been very positive. The programme was full to the brim with presentations, but with plenty of refreshment opportunities for networking and further exchanging of ideas.

Next to the O2 the venue itself was a talking point. Winner of a 2011 RIBA Award for London the College's stunning exterior clothes an innovative open plan layout and technological advancements. Tours were held throughout the day and fed back into many conversations – real and virtual with an active Twitter feed (see account M25\_Consortium with #M25Conference2012).

Following on from the M25 AGM, Professor Anthony Smith, Vice-Provost (Education) at UCL, kicked off the Conference and gave valuable insights into library services, and in particular refurbishment, from an academic perspective. Our second academic speaker was Dr Lizzie Jackson, Academic Development Manager at Ravensbourne. Lizzie is an expert in online and blended learning and whilst working for the BBC

launched its social media and in 2004 was named "One of the 100 Innovators of the UK Internet Decade" by NOP World and e-Consultancy. One key aspect of her talk was the effect of buildings and space on communications and learning – the need to "design skill-building environments".

Our first Librarian speaker, Louise Doolan (Head of Reference Services, The British Library) described the BL as a hybrid Library emphasised that physical space is still key, even with the impressive and world leading electronic developments undertaken by our national library.

The early afternoon session concentrated on project updates. Phil Sykes's (Chair RLUK and University of Liverpool Librarian) presentation on the successful RLUK Affordable Subscriptions for Periodicals Initiative struck a real chord with the audience. Anna Vernon (Licensing Manager, JISC Collections) filled us in on e-book purchasing models and future opportunities, whilst Rupert Williams (MLAG Chair and Head of Science Museum Library and Archives) detailed the M25/MLAG Collaborative E-books Purchasing Project. The survey from the latter has proposed PDA



on a consortia basis as a way forward, on the understanding that a pilot scheme and further investigations are needed. This session was completed by Graham Seaman who as the Search25 Developer discussed the JISC-funded project Strengthening Electronic Access to Research Consortial Holdings in M25, which is developing an exciting tool to enable users to search for an item across all catalogues and discover how to access it in one simple search. Demonstrations of the upcoming system were available throughout the day, with opportunities for delegates to input into the changes. For more information on the Project go to [www.search25.ac.uk](http://www.search25.ac.uk)

The final session of the day was a packed one, with four speakers presenting on three refurbishments. Emma Bull (Director of Library Services, Queen Mary, University



of London) and Ann Cummings (Library Services Director, Brunel University) described the challenges of meeting researchers' needs in terms of study space in libraries. In response to these needs, and a desire to create an "aspirational space" as well as a practical one, the Mile End Library recently opened a Research Reading Room and at Brunel the Research Commons study space was launched last year. Our final speakers, Elaine Cooper (Drill Hall Library Manager, Universities at Medway) and Virginia

Malone (Learning Services Manager, Avery Hill and Greenwich, University of Greenwich) talked us through the impressive conversion of a historic Royal Naval Barracks building into a state-of-the-art award winning Library.

We were very grateful for sponsorship from six companies: 2CQR, Adept Scientific, Dawson Books, EcoSpace, Reassurance Security Services and Thomson Reuters. The resulting exhibition area provided more opportunities to network with suppliers and hear their latest developments.

Many thanks must go to our speakers, the M25 Administration Team, staff at Ravensbourne, the Conference organising team and of course our delegates, who made the event a success. Please do get in contact with Michelle Wake ([m.wake@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.wake@ucl.ac.uk)) if you have any further thoughts on the 2012 event or any ideas for our 2013 Conference.

## Michelle Wake

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Conference Organising Team – Nikki Randall, Michelle Wake, Vicky Robertson, Jean Harris, Carley Deanus and Sarah Maule. Missing from image: April Yasamee





# M25 Steering Group Members 2011-12



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Caroline Lloyd



Antony Loveland



Bethan Adams



Angus Brown



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Cathy Walsh



Rupert Williams

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University of London

Secretary: **Sandy Leitch**, Kingston University

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of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

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**Angus Brown**, Imperial College London

**Erin Caseley**, King's College London

**Ann Cummings**, Brunel University

**Louise Doolan**, British Library

**Kitty Inglis**, University of Sussex

**Martin Scarrott**, St Mary's, University  
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**Michelle Wake**, School of Pharmacy

**Cathy Walsh**, University of East London

**Rupert Williams**, The Science Museum

# M25 Support Team

Funded by M25 subscriptions, the M25 Support Team's full and part-time staff work closely with the M25 Steering Group to help realise the aims and objectives of the Consortium. The LSE continue to provide space for the Support Team for which we are grateful. In November 2011 the Team bade farewell to Vicky Falconer (M25 Administrator) who moved to a new role working more directly in an M25 art library. Vicky had been part of the Team for over three years, initially as the cpd25 Administrator and then as M25 Administrator, and brought much skill and innovation to the administrative procedures including assisting with the implementation of the new M25 finance system.

Other team members over the year have been:

John Gilby (M25 Administration and Project Manager) managed the team overall and had specific responsibilities for all technical elements of the Consortium's services such as the websites and InforM25 service. A key activity for this year has been the successful bid and project managing the JISC-funded Search25 project (see page 6).

Claire Hackshall (cpd25 Administrator) has worked closely with the cpd25 task groups to implement a wide range of events and visits. Claire also helped configure the new M25 finance system so that cpd25 data could be efficiently recorded contributing to the successful financial audit.

Lydia Parsonson and Nikki Randall (Temporary M25 Administrator) worked with the Consortium Officers and Steering Group covering all organisational issues and day to day operations of M25. Lydia, though only with the Team for a month in January 2012, provided strong support for the Steering Group Planning Afternoon and related meetings. Nikki followed this for the remainder of the year organising a successful M25 Annual Conference in April, facilitating cpd25 events, providing secretarial support to the steering group and undertaking other administrative and financial work.



John Gilby



Claire Hackshall



Nikki Randall



Vicky Falconer



# Olympic Links



**It has been a remarkable summer of British sport with wins in the Champions League, Tour de France, and the US Open plus the Olympics and Paralympics with huge medal tolls in both.**

However, much of the celebrations seem to have been justifiably centred on the volunteers who made it possible, the Games Makers. With this in mind – and in an effort to make you all read the annual report this year – it seemed appropriate that we libraries should attempt to “get in on the act” and talk about how we have played our part. There has been a lot of talk about the legacy of the games; over the next few pages we will look at some of that legacy in terms of the collections we hold and the memories we will take away of the volunteering we did, the teams we hosted and the part we played in “inspiring a generation”.

**Ann Cummings**

*M25 Steering Group Champion for Marketing  
Director of Library Services, Brunel University*

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# Middlesex University Hosts Star-Studded Olympic Torch Celebration

Thousands of Londoners lined the streets to see the oldest female torchbearer, 100 year-old Diana Gould, carry the torch to the University where Middlesex students, staff and local children cheered her on as she entered the building.

Later, Harry Potter star Rupert Grint emerged from the University and took the torch for his own leg of its 8,000-mile journey.

The 100-year-old torchbearer Diana Gould said it was a great privilege to carry the torch into Middlesex University. "It's wonderful all these people have turned out, it's really fantastic. Everyone has been so kind."

Actor Rupert Grint was staggered by the reaction and said he was amazed at the excitement for the Games. "I don't really feel worthy of it (carrying the torch), because it's such a big honour. To be part of it is really special to me."

Middlesex Vice-Chancellor Michael Driscoll said: "It was a great honour for Middlesex to play our part in the Olympic celebrations. We welcome students from London and all over the world with many of them really excited to be in the Capital to witness this once in a lifetime event."

Staff and students will be looking forward to cheering on taekwondo star Lutalo Muhammed and fencer James Davis, both currently studying at the University and competing for Team GB at the Games. Both James and Lutalo have been training intensively for the Games and Middlesex is helping them manage both their studies and training. The University has opened its doors to the rest of the Team GB fencing team as well.

Mel Parker, Head of Sport and Recreation at the University, said: "We've been lucky enough to have an amazing year of sport at Middlesex and, on behalf of the University, I would like to offer my congratulations to all our athletes who have been chosen to compete at such a prestigious event."

**On 25 July 2012, the eyes of the world were on Middlesex University as the Olympic Torch made a lunch time stop at the University's Hendon Campus, with Mayor of London Boris Johnson welcoming the torch relay party.**



"It was a great honour for Middlesex to play our part in the Olympic celebrations. We welcome students from London and all over the world with many of them really excited to be in the Capital to witness this once in a lifetime event."



# 1936 Berlin Olympic Games



Courtesy of The Wiener Library

## Vane Ivanovic Collection at Kingston University Archives and Special Collections

The Vane Ivanovic Collection at Kingston University Archives and Special Collections holds a wide range of items, reflecting the fascinating life of Vane Ivanovic himself. Ivanovic was born in Yugoslavia (in present-day Croatia) in 1913, into a family immersed in Serb-Croat politics. He was educated in Britain and became something of an Anglophile. After graduating from Peterhouse, Cambridge, he worked in his father's shipping company office in London. During the Second World War he was able to use his wealth and connections on behalf of the Allied Forces in a number of ways, persuading other Yugoslav shipping owners to make their ships available to the allies and also working for SOE, the Special Operations Executive. By the end of his life Ivanovic was highly respected as a political activist, diplomat, writer and philanthropist. A perfectionist in everything he did, he was also a high achiever as an athlete, competing for Yugoslavia in the high hurdles at the 1936 and 1948 Olympic Games.

The Collection contains a number of items relating to the Olympic Games – day event programmes, glossy publications including the souvenir programme for the 1936 Games. A particular gem in the Collection is a picture of Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Germany, with the mount signed by 123 athletes and other visitors to the 1936 Games. Amongst those who signed are:

- Jesse Owens, the most successful athlete at the Games and winner of four gold medals.
- Great Britain's 4x400 relay team which won gold at the Games – Godfrey Brown, Godfrey Rampling (father of actress Charlotte Rampling), Freddie Wolff and Bill Roberts.
- Arthur Porritt, New Zealand team manager, later to become Surgeon to King George VI and our present Queen and in 1967 he was appointed Governor-General of New Zealand.
- A number of past athletes featured in the film *Chariots of Fire* and attending the 1936 Games in other roles, as team officials or press reporters. These include:



A particular gem in the The Vane Ivanovic Collection is this picture of Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Germany, with the mount signed by 123 athletes and other visitors to the 1936 Games

- Harold Abrahams, gold medal winner at the 1924 Olympics and one of the two main characters featured in *Chariots of Fire*, who continued to be involved in athletics throughout the rest of his life.
- Evelyn Aubrey Montague who attended the Games as a press reporter, and went on to become the *Manchester Guardian's* acclaimed war correspondent.
- David, Lord Burghley, a member of the International Olympic Committee for 48 years.

The picture was discovered by chance in the Vane Ivanovic Collection and its significance was not realised for some time, so covered in grime was it. It is not known how Ivanovic came to have the picture autographed. There are no female athletes' signatures so the assumption is that the names were collected in the male-only Olympic village. After cleaning by a conservator, it is now much easier to read

its 123 signatures. The majority of signatures have been identified but we are continuing to research the names in the hope of identifying others.

An online version of the picture is now available, and a zoom tool allows the signatures to be studied in some detail, with biographical information attached to some of the signatures. This is a work in progress; we aim in time to get all the information we have discovered regarding those who signed attached to the picture, while requesting more information on those signatures we cannot identify. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the individuals who signed the picture and be reminded of their great achievements in an era when sport was still viewed by many as an amateur pastime.

**Katie Giles**  
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# Olympic Egham

**Royal Holloway University of London (RHUL) has an Olympic tradition. Sophie Christiansen (dressage) and Helene Raynsford (rowing) are two RHUL students who won gold at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. Sophie won three more golds at the 2012 Games and Royal Holloway now has a gold-painted pillar box on its campus.**

On 10 July 2012, as part of the nationwide Olympic torch relay, a group of Royal Holloway Library staff braved torrential rain to watch the Olympic torch pass through Egham, Surrey. A combination of competitive instinct and team

spirit enabled the group to position itself well at a torch hand-over point and to have a good view when the relay went past.

The visit to Egham formed part of a pretty hectic day for the Olympic torch relay. It started at

the Iffley Road Stadium in Oxford, where the flame was carried by Sir Roger Bannister, who first ran the mile in under four minutes there in 1954. It then went via Henley to Windsor, where the torch was greeted by the Queen at



*Sophie Christiansen strikes gold again!  
Photo: Royal Holloway, University of London*

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Windsor Castle and was carried down the long walk in Windsor Great Park. After its visit to Egham, the torch made a stop off at the offices of Proctor and Gamble (a corporate sponsor of the Games) before going to Ascot racecourse, where it was carried round the course by Frankie Dettori.

Tina Carter, a PhD student from Royal Holloway's Department of Drama and Theatre Studies, was behind the aerial display that formed part of the Paralympic opening ceremony. Tina Carter, a practising aerialist for 20 years, spent four months training the performers for the ceremony. “I have worked with a diverse range of people with varying levels of disabilities”, she explained, “which is how I met the Aerial Director of the Paralympics ceremony. He started asking me lots of

questions and I was asked to get involved. It has been the experience of a lifetime. I have learned so much from this and will take so much away from the experience.”

Royal Holloway was fully involved in the 2012 Olympics as the official Olympic Village for Rowing and Flat Water Canoeing. More than 170 athletes and coaches also stayed at the Paralympic Village on campus, including athletes from Brazil, China, Estonia, Russia and USA. Residents included Paralympic and World Champion Tom Aggar along with the team of seven other Paralympics GB rowers.

The security presence on campus was considerable (numerous security guards later afforded by the army and armed police). Despite all the preparations, the heightened security and

the disruption to some aspects of normal life, it was wonderful to feel part of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Experience.

Over 65 medal winners stayed at Royal Holloway and their presence will be commemorated by erecting plaques on the Halls of Residence and in the flats in which they stayed. As a legacy, the astro turf that was installed on the Hub terrace to create a garden effect will remain in place along with an enhanced surface of porous tarmac to car park 4. As a thank you from the Games organisers Royal Holloway will receive a de Coubertin oak tree at a planting ceremony in November. Kew Gardens have been growing the oaks which are from acorns from an oak tree planted in 1890 during the visit of the founder of the modern Olympic movement, Pierre de Coubertin, to the Wenlock Olympic Games.

A special legacy was unveiled on 14 Friday September, when Royal Holloway alumna, Honorary Fellow and paralympic triple gold medallist Sophie Christiansen put the finishing touches to a gold post box on campus. Sophie was a member of the college's Student Talented Athlete Recognition Scheme before graduating in 2011, having competed in the Beijing Paralympic Games where she won two gold medals.



*Kim Coles, Dace Rozenberga, Annabel Gill, Adele Allen, Toni-Ann La-Crette, Amy Warner and Anna Grigson  
Photo: Matthew Smith*



# London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine: Olympic Showcase 2012

**The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Olympic Showcase aimed to highlight the early advances made in connecting health and exercise.**



Professor Jerry Morris

also had a major influence on government health policy through his involvement in various committees on smoking, air pollution and inequalities in health.

In 1996, Professor Morris was awarded the first international Olympic medal and prize in exercise science.

Our exhibition also featured Sir Ronald Ross, who was present at the Athens Olympic Games in 1906 whilst advising the Lake Kopais Company on reducing malaria in the country. We even have a postcard from the Games in our Ross collection.

Additionally we looked at current research projects being undertaken at the school, including the Olympic Regeneration in East London (ORIEL), a longitudinal study on young people in the host boroughs.

*All images courtesy of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Archive Service*



The main figure was Professor Jerry Morris the "inventor of exercise" whose publication "Coronary Heart-Disease and Physical Activity of Work" in *The Lancet* in 1953 marked a turning point in our understanding of the factors behind chronic diseases. Jerry saw the link between physical exercise and the prevention of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and even depression

and essentially proved that exercise helps to lengthen lives.

From 1967 until his death at the age of 99, he was based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. As Professor of Community Health he used epidemiology to explore disparities in health provision. He

# Olympics and the LSE Library

**The Olympic and Paralympic Games gave a chance for LSE staff and students to make the most of the Olympic spirit while at the Library.**

Students were able to watch live-streaming of events from many of the public display screens, while still being able to make the most of library facilities, despite predictions of severe travel and staffing disruptions.

LSE Library staff (those who weren't volunteering at the Games!) made the most of the "Olympic Zone": the Library's largest staff meeting space, which had been converted into a venue for Olympic spirit, including live-streamed events on the projector screen, comfortable seating, and Olympic-themed fun and games, with international flags, banners

and regularly updated photographs from staff attending events. It also hosted the Olympics-themed pub-quiz, and staff were provided with up-to-date information by email about the staff Olympics sweepstake and possible travel disruptions.

Staff were even provided with all the equipment to play table tennis and indoor croquet allowing people to express their competitive spirit and begin in earnest their own training for Rio 2016. However, the charity cake sale that was held may well have counteracted some of the benefits that the exercise brought.

Despite concerns over logistical difficulties faced by institutions during the Games, the LSE Library was able to make the most of the time and Olympic spirit, to the enjoyment of students and staff, while continuing to provide services and facilities with a minimum of disruption.

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Photo: Nikki Randall



# The University of Reading Struck Gold Twice at the 2012 Olympic Rowing Regatta

**University of Reading PhD student Anna Watkins and her partner Katherine Grainger, put in a tremendous performance to win the Women's Double Sculls, beating the Australian pair by over a length.**

The result means Anna, who is studying for a PhD in maths, now has two Olympic medals after her bronze in Beijing.

On the final day of the Regatta, Reading graduate Alex Gregory raced in the Men's Four and despite pressure from the experienced Australian crew, the oarsome foursome led their final from the start to become Olympic Champions.

Their stunning victories followed Zoology graduate Ric Egington and current Henley Business School MBA Alex Partridge's fine performance earlier in the week. The duo formed part of the Men's Eight crew who won a bronze medal in one of the rowing races of the Games. The Eight bravely went all out for the gold medal and were leading three-quarters of the way through the race but just faded in the last 250 metres.

Anna, Alex Gregory, Ric and Alex Partridge are four of the ten University of Reading alumni/students that made the GB rowing squad, the highest number from any UK university. All the rowers say they have

benefitted from the University of Reading's strong support and world-class facilities.

Gold medal winner Anna Watkins said: "Reading had a really good reputation and I knew it was the right choice for me too as it has the right combination of academic excellence and passion for rowing. I've been able to take time out of my PhD to focus on the Olympics and the University has been positive and helpful throughout my time there."

Iain Akhurst, Director of Sports and Recreation at the University of Reading, said: "Many congratulations to all our rowers who represented the GB team. The University is proud of the support it offers student athletes and of the facilities we have that help them achieve their goals. But of course it takes commitment as well as talent to reach Olympic standard and we are delighted their hard work has paid off."

Past Olympic legends James Cracknell OBE (BSc Geography, 1993), Garry Herbert MBE (BA History, 1993), and honorary graduate Sir Steven Redgrave CBE DL (DLitt, 2001), who also brought the Olympic flame to the opening ceremony and passed it on to the future talents in sport, have been providing commentary for the UK's Olympic coverage.

Another University of Reading graduate who watched all the medal ceremonies with pride was Professor David Watkins. David is a leading British artist and sculptor in metal who graduated with a BA in Fine Art in 1963 and designed the 2012 Olympic medals.

"I was of course absolutely delighted, and surprised too, because I don't normally do this kind of work," said Professor Watkins when he was chosen as the official designer of the medals. "We decided quickly on the main focus. My ideas developed a little and I did a lot of work tweaking dimensions through computer modelling. Never once was a sketch produced - the medal design was developed using computer software. This way I could see what I was doing from every dimension, and ensure that I was not exceeding the manufacturer stipulations."

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*University of Reading members of the Team GB rowing squad in their Olympic tracksuits*





# London 2012 – Stories from the University of East London

UEL's Docklands Library is the temporary home of the British Olympic Association Collection and Archive until 2013 and in partnership with the London Borough of Newham we have run a series of workshops for school students on the legacies of both the 1948 and 2012 Games, based around the archive and collection. In addition we created a mobile exhibition for local libraries and schools.

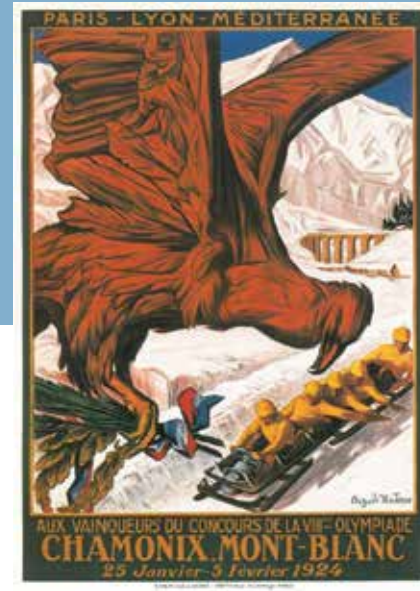
The Olympic torch relay passed both our campuses on Saturday 21 July – at Stratford and Docklands, a truly exciting moment heralding the start of a very busy week as more of our "Games time" visitors arrived on campus.

A veteran of the 1948 Games symbolically handed over one of the original torches from the previous London Games. Ron Cooper, who represented Great Britain as a lightweight boxer at the 1948 Olympics, passed on the torch to Astijus Kazlauskas, a UEL law student and up-and-coming boxer at West Ham Boys Amateur Boxing Club.

Gemma Gibbons, postgraduate student at the University of East London (UEL), won a silver medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Gemma, an Exercise Science and Health student and one of UEL's elite athletes, reached the final of the 78kg category in women's judo.

UEL hosted Team USA with 1,000 competitors, coaches, medical staff and journalists based at the university throughout July and August. The USA Men's Basketball Team – the "Dream Team" – used our brand new, state of the art £21m sports facility, SportsDock, for training. Team USA funded a brand new free weights training facility and enabled UEL to benefit from big discounts on treadmills and fitness equipment, which were used by Team USA athletes this summer.

Stars of USA men's Basketball, LeBron James and Kobe Bryant, invited one young East End local to watch them train at SportsDock and Team USA's training camp for the London 2012 Olympic Games. Sam Kato, 12, who plays for Newham All Star Sports Academy (NASSA),



Poster from the BOA collection at UEL

was selected along with his teammates to watch his idols train as part of Team USA and UEL's commitment to Olympic legacy, and developing sports stars of the future.

In early August Team USA's taekwondo stars invited the University of East London's taekwondo club into their training session at the University's SportsDock. The team of four, comprising Terrence Jennings, Diana Lopez, Steven Lopez and Paige McPherson went through various drills, while the UEL students looked on in awe.

250 local schoolchildren from Newham also benefited from using the very same sports facilities for their own training just over a week before the Games began. The Every Child a Sports Person (ECASP) programme, a special pilot project in Newham, is designed to offer year seven students the opportunity to work with community sports clubs in a world class training facility.

Gemma Gibbons, Olympic silver medallist and UEL postgraduate student



UEL students watch a display by Team USA taekwondo stars



First Lady Michelle Obama pictured with UEL's Pro Vice-Chancellor Dusty Amroliwala and members of Team USA on her visit to their UEL base



Newham schoolchildren enjoy the facilities at SportsDock



Ron Cooper, veteran of the 1948 games, passes an original torch to UEL student Astijus Kazlauskas



The Olympic torch passes the Docklands campus...



...and the Stratford Campus on the same day



# Faster and Fairer: Science and Sport at King's College London

[kingscollections.org/exhibitions/archives/sport](http://kingscollections.org/exhibitions/archives/sport)

The fact that London is the Olympic city in 2012 offers an ideal opportunity to assess the importance of sport for King's College London, physically and intellectually. Sport has been central to student life at King's since its inception. Sporting clubs have also been active at Guy's Hospital Medical School and other institutions with which King's has now merged. At the same time key discoveries at King's have led to important advances in the science of sport. This online exhibition celebrates these breakthroughs – focusing first on the science underlying the concept of fitness: understanding how muscles function and the physiology of the human body, thereby enabling athletes to run faster. Fairness, too, has a scientific side understood by examining the ethical implications of the drug testing of athletes and the legal side of sporting competition.



*Unveiling of the anti-doping lab for 2012 Olympics with Hugh Robertson, Minister for Sport and the Olympics (left) and Professor David Cowan, Director of King's College London's Drug Control Centre (right) on 19 Jan 2012*

*Image Courtesy of GlaxoSmithKline and King's College London*

As long ago as 1978, in association with the Sports Council, King's College established its Drug Control and Teaching Centre, the first

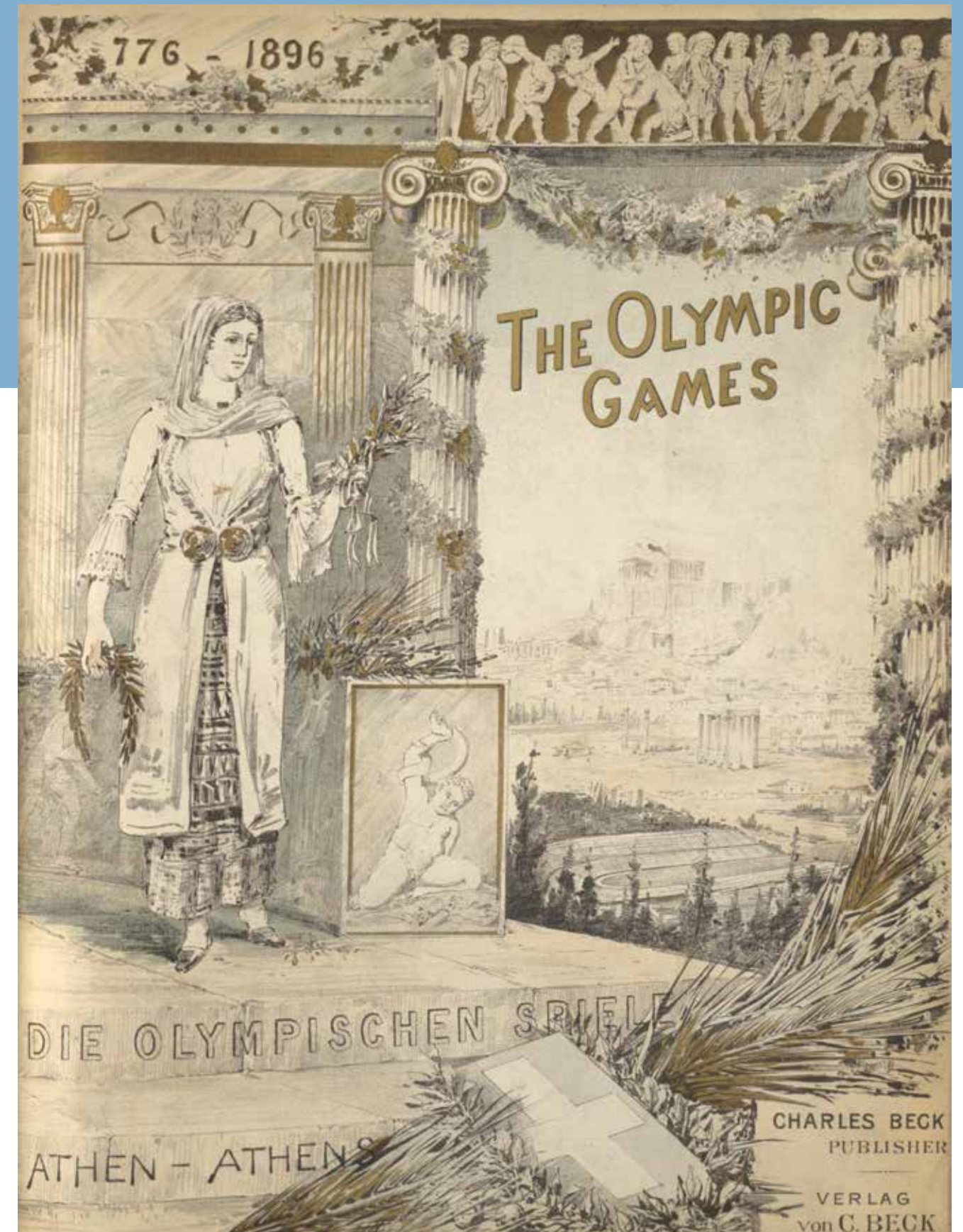
ever human sports drug-testing laboratory set up outside an Olympic Games.

## Ceremony and celebration: a summer exhibition for London's Olympic year

As London celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and hosts the 2012 Olympic Games, the city finds itself, not for the first time, the focus of world attention.

In our summer exhibition we look at other occasions when the world has come to London to join in ceremony and celebration: coronations, international exhibitions and

earlier Olympiads. The exhibition runs until late September in the Weston Room, Maughan Library on Chancery Lane.



*Official poster for the 1896 Olympic Games, the first of the modern Olympiad, held in Athens  
Image courtesy of King's College London, Foyle Special Collections Library*



# The Wiener Library Hosts Exhibition on the 1936 Olympics and Paralympic Movement

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The exhibition is the fourth temporary exhibition to take place in the Library's new exhibition space which gives the Library the opportunity to display a fascinating collection that includes propaganda, photographs, books and archival material. Some of the highlights of *The Nazi Games* include pamphlets designed to entice foreign visitors to the Summer and Winter Olympics in Germany, a souvenir autograph book with athletes' facsimile signatures and propaganda images of German athletes.

The 1936 Berlin Games left a deep impression on history. The first Olympic torch relay took place in 1936 as did the first live television broadcast of a sporting event. At the same time, the Nazis used the international event as an opportunity to display their political power and they exploited the mass media to create images of the body that promoted their message of racial purity and superiority.

However, the 1936 Olympics also featured athletes who did not fit in to the Nazis' version of the ideal sporting body. The exhibition highlights the stories of Jesse Owens, the African-American athlete who won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, and Helene Mayer, the half-Jewish fencer who competed for Germany despite being expelled from her local fencing club on racial



grounds. Remarkably, Nazi persecution was also a trigger for the creation of the Paralympic movement, as it was a Jewish refugee in Britain, Ludwig Guttman, who pioneered international sporting competitions for disabled people while working at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Archival material related to Guttman's efforts is on view in the exhibition.

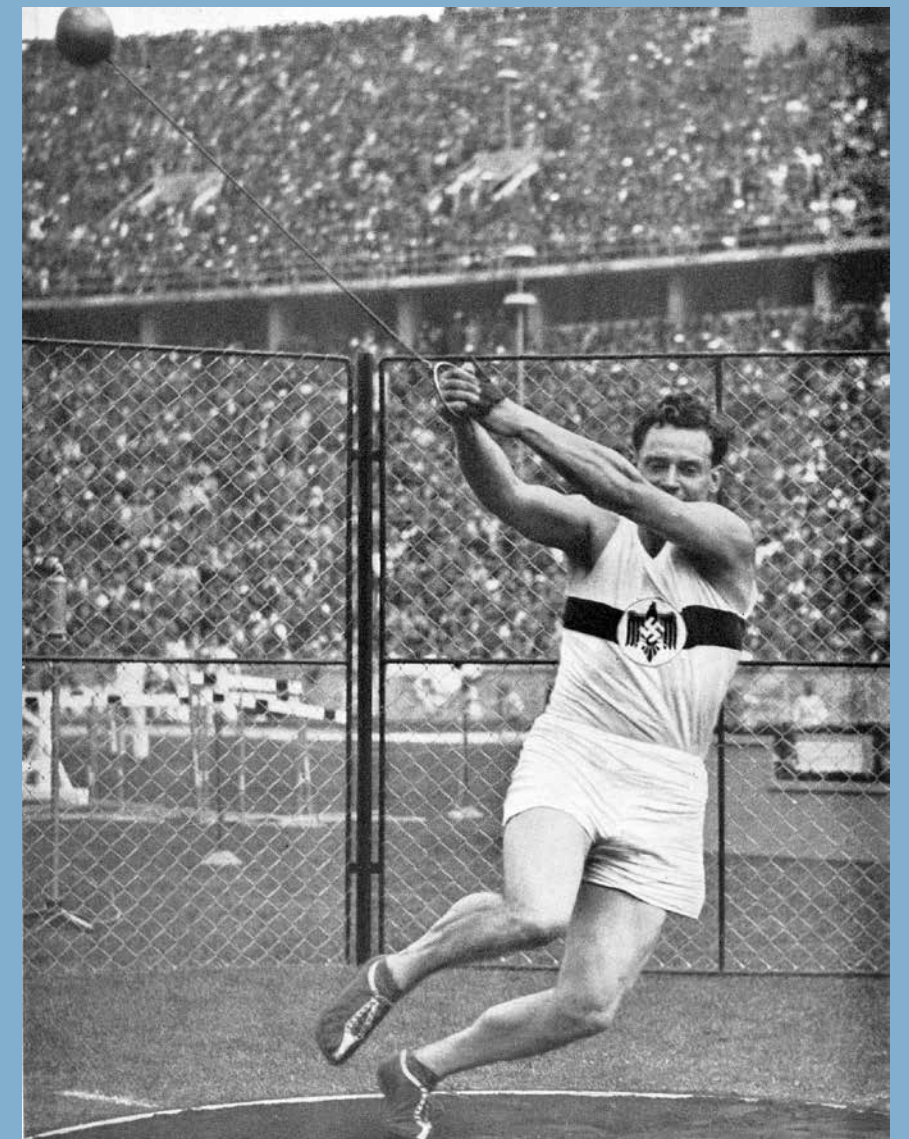


The Wiener Library developed *The Nazi Games* in collaboration with the Holocaust Educational Trust and the Wellcome Library, London, and received support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in London.

*The Nazi Games: Politics, the Media and the Body* and the Wolfson Reading Room are open to the public from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and until 7.30pm on Tuesday. Admission is free. The exhibition runs until 3 October 2012.



Fencer Helene Mayer saluting Hitler on the podium despite being expelled from her fencing club in 1933 on racial grounds



Karl Hein, gold medallist in the hammer throw



# Usain Bolt at Brunel University

**For the fourth consecutive summer Usain Bolt and the Racers Track Club from Kingston, Jamaica used Brunel University as their European competition base.**

Up to 40 athletes coaches and masseurs stayed at the University and used the world class indoor and outdoor athletics facilities.

At the Olympic Games they won four gold, two silver, and 2 bronze medals including a clean sweep in the men's 200m and a world record in the men's 4 x 100m relay.

Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake publically praised Brunel in their BBC interview following the relay win. Speaking to the BBC, Bolt said: "Brunel is awesome! The University has done great for us. We come here every summer and we get a lot of support from everybody there, so thank you guys."



*Usain Bolt with Sports Scholars Junior Ejehu, Stephanie Gaynor, Ashley Bryant and Shakira Whight inside the Indoor Athletic Centre at Brunel University*

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# The Brunel Library is Now the New Home for Brunel's Collection of Olympic Prints

For the 1972 Olympic games held in Munich, 28 artists of international reputation were commissioned to design and produce prints that were made into a series of "Cultural Posters" to promote the Olympics, but with an emphasis on the artistic and cultural significance of the games. Artists were asked to depict the relationship between sport and

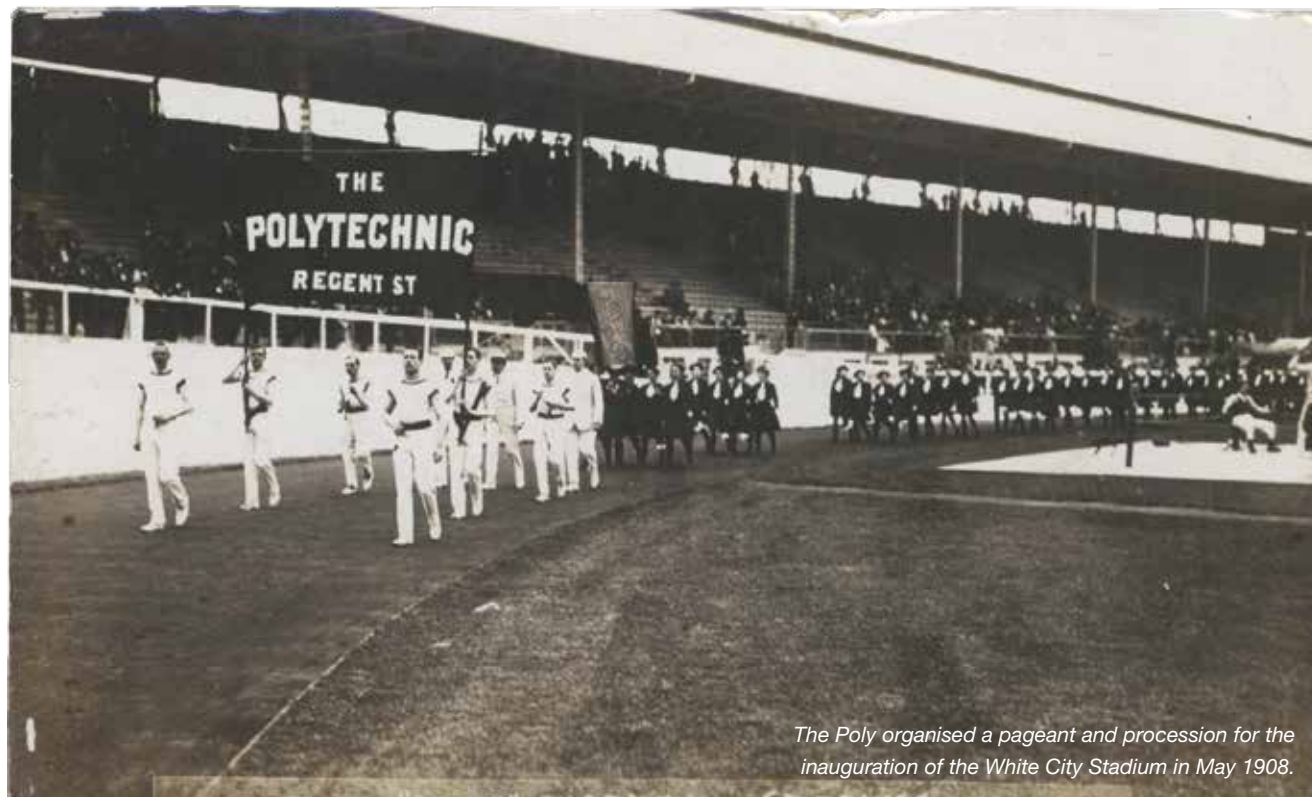
art, and many significant artists were involved including David Hockney, Joseph Albers, Max Bill and Oskar Kokoschka. This was the first instance of artists' direct involvement with the Olympic Games, and producing cultural posters designed by artists has been a feature ever since.

Brunel holds a collection of these Olympic Prints, which are displayed around the walls of the Library supporting our physical collections in the areas of sport and art.





# University of Westminster Celebrates London 2012 with a Cultural Triathlon



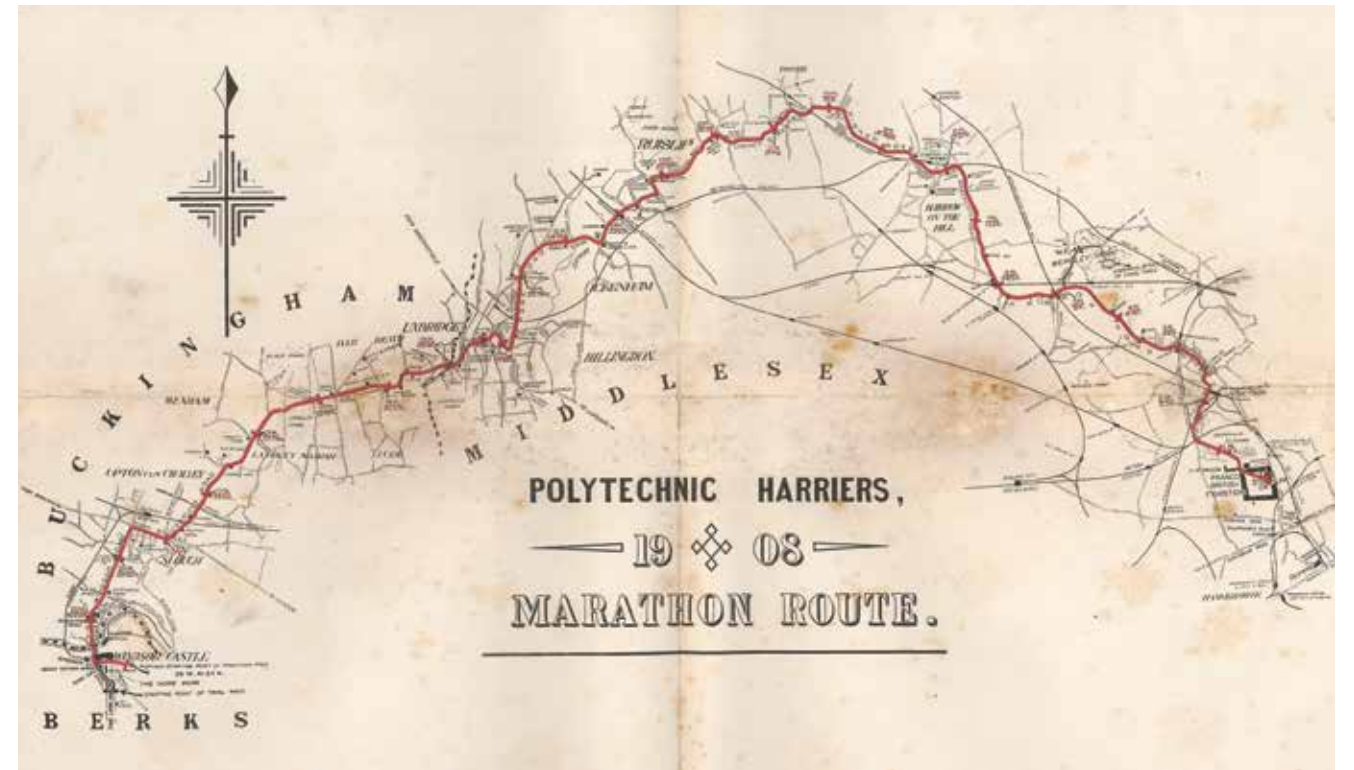
*The Poly organised a pageant and procession for the inauguration of the White City Stadium in May 1908.*

**With London hosting the Olympic Games for an unprecedented third time, summer 2012 gave the University of Westminster an opportunity to celebrate its role in previous Olympic Games with a book, exhibition and film screening.**

The celebrations began in April with the launch of *An Education in Sport: Competition, communities and identities at the University of Westminster since 1864* by Mark Clapson, Reader in History. The book draws upon the University's extensive

archives to celebrate a unique and ground-breaking sporting heritage that began in the nineteenth century, and is still very much alive today. The book is the second in a planned trilogy of publications, ahead of the University's 175th anniversary celebration

in 2013. To coincide with the launch, the University hosted an international conference on the theme of Sports and the City. Copies of the book can be purchased from [bpccam.co.uk/education-in-sport.htm](http://bpccam.co.uk/education-in-sport.htm)



*Map of the route for the 1908 Olympic Marathon Trial organised by the Polytechnic Harriers*

In July the University opened an exhibition highlighting the role that its predecessor, the Regent Street Polytechnic, held in organising the opening and closing ceremonies for the 1908 Games. The exhibition included information and pictures of the route for the 1908 marathon, which was organised by the Polytechnic Harriers athletics club and was the first to be run at the now standard distance of 26 miles and 385 yards. Members of the Polytechnic Harriers won medals for Great Britain at every Olympics between 1908 and 1952, with the exception of the 1936 Berlin Games.

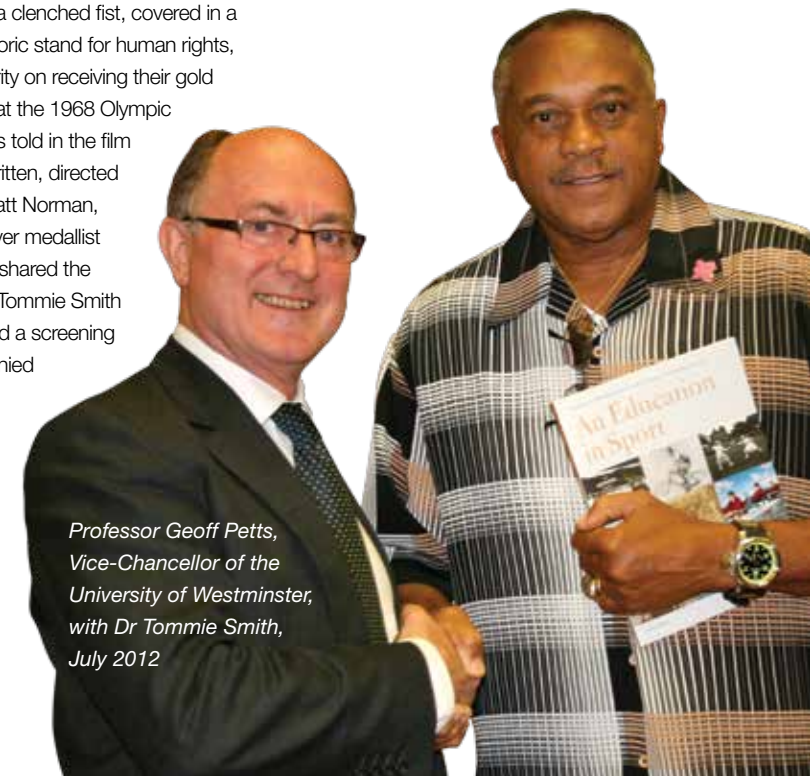
The exhibition also told the stories of the Polytechnic's sports clubs and facilities that have long been at the heart of London life, producing more than 30 Olympic medal winners and over 100 Olympic competitors. Olympians such as Arthur Wint, who ran for Jamaica and received a gold and silver; Johnny Wright, a medal weight boxer who won silver; David Ricketts, who achieved bronze as part of the British 4,000m pursuit team and Dame Mary Glen-Haig, who was the only British finalist in the women's fencing in 1948. Alan Pascoe MBE, a member of the Polytechnic Harriers athletics club, won silver in the 4 x 400m relay at the 1972 Games in Munich and more recently, as Vice-Chairman to Lord Coe, he played a

key role in the successful British bid to host this year's Games. Images and information from the exhibition are still available online at [westminster.ac.uk/about-us/facilities-and-services/archive-services/online-resources/online-exhibitions](http://westminster.ac.uk/about-us/facilities-and-services/archive-services/online-resources/online-exhibitions)

The day after the exhibition opened, the University was proud to host a Q&A with Dr Tommie Smith who, along with his teammate John Carlos, raised a clenched fist, covered in a black glove, in a historic stand for human rights, liberation and solidarity on receiving their gold and bronze medals at the 1968 Olympic Games. Their story is told in the film *Salute* which was written, directed and produced by Matt Norman, nephew of 200m silver medallist Peter Norman, who shared the victory podium with Tommie Smith and John Carlos, and a screening of this film accompanied the Q&A. The event took place in the University's historic cinema which has recently received a £1.5 million Heritage Lottery Fund grant to enable

its restoration and re-opening to the public. You can learn more about this project at [birthplaceofcinema.com](http://birthplaceofcinema.com)

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*Professor Geoff Petts, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Westminster, with Dr Tommie Smith, July 2012*



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