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Olympic Museum plans revealed

A new Olympic Museum will be built at London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in order to provide a permanent legacy from the 2012 Games.

Located adjacent to the ArcelorMittal Orbit viewing tower, the British Olympic Association (BOA) said the museum will become a major tourist attraction for the capital when it opens in 2014.

The British Olympic Museum will allow visitors to relive the 2012 Games, with the aim of creating an interactive experience for people to share Olympic values and inspire future generations.

Among the elements proposed for the new museum is London and the Olympics - a look at how the capital became the first city in modern history to stage three Olympic Games. Media and the Games will provide a behind-the-scenes look



The museum will be located adjacent to the ArcelorMittal Orbit (left)

at the London Games, while the Gallery of Champions is planned to provide inspiration for the next generation of athletes.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=o6j6A>



St James Theatre includes a 312-seat auditorium

New theatre to open in central London

St James Theatre is set to become central London's first newly-built theatre for three decades when it opens on the site of the former Westminster Theatre in September.

The new venue, which has been designed by Foster Wilson Architects, is located in Victoria and has been entirely funded through private sector investment.

A 312-seat auditorium, a brasserie and a bar will be included among the facilities, along with a 100-seat or 150-standing studio for comedy shows and live music.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=PrT7D>

CGF to undertake 'major strategic review'

International leisure consulting firm pmpgley has been appointed to undertake a "major review" of the Commonwealth Games Federation.

The launch of the review process comes after HRH Prince Imran was named federation president and will provide a framework for the future development of the organisation.

It is also hoped that the strategic review will help to ensure that the federation's activities remain sustainable in the global sporting sector over the next 10 years and beyond.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=gpiik>

Les Mills buys back UK business

Les Mills International (LMI) has launched a new company - Les Mills UK - which will become the exclusive distributor for Les Mills group fitness programmes in the UK.

The move follows LMI's acquisition of the division of Fitness Professionals (FitPro) which had been responsible for distributing Les Mills programmes for the past 15 years. Jill Tattersall, former CEO of LMI, has been appointed CEO of Les Mills UK to manage the transition.

Phillip Mills, CEO of LMI, said: "With this move, we'll be able to offer an excellent package directly to our UK club partners, including access to the latest marketing material and resources to maximise class attendance."



LMI will distribute its UK group fitness programmes

Les Mills programmes are delivered by 90,000 trained instructors at 14,000 clubs around the world. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=e7N2m>

• Les Mills is currently running a programme of Future of Fitness events. To take part, go to: <http://lei.sr?a=B8K5t>

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SPORT

Artificial pitch consultation to start

A formal consultation process is to be launched by the Football League (FL) into the use of artificial playing surfaces for first team matches.

The consultation will be open to governing bodies such as the Premier League and Football Association, as well as range of football stakeholder groups and clubs.

Artificial surfaces were used at four Football League clubs during the 1980s, before a 1989 inquiry banned their use in top flight matches – extended to the top four divisions in 1995.

However, governing bodies FIFA and UEFA have permitted the use of artificial surfaces for more than seven years now as a result of "significant advances" in pitch technology.

The move has been welcomed by the Sports and Play Construction Association (SAPCA), which said it will take part in the consultation



QPR was among four clubs to use an artificial surface during the 1980s

and has encouraged its members to do so too. SAPCA chief executive Chris Trickey said: "It is important to remember that synthetic surfaces have come a long way since the 1980s."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=JiZt>

To read more on SAPCA's reaction to the Football League's planned consultation, see the Leisure Media Blog: <http://lei.sr?a=LoW9j>

£2.6m Rossendale leisure scheme commences

Kier Construction has started work on a £2.6m worth of improvements to leisure facilities at Marl Pits in Rawtenstall, Lancashire, on behalf of Rossendale Borough Council (RBC).

Part of a wider £5.6m local authority investment in local provision, the Marl Pits project

will widen the range of sports on offer at the venue and enhance the swimming pool.

Four five-a-side pitches and a 45-station gym also form part of the work, with floorspace to increase to 1,694sq m (18,234sq ft).

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=g3j6z>

Deal paves way for Belfast venue revamp

Belfast's Windsor Park is set to benefit from a major redevelopment after Linfield Football Club (LFC) confirmed a new agreement for its continued use as Northern Ireland's national football stadium.

LFC has been involved in talks with the Irish Football Association; Sport Northern Ireland; and the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) and the deal paves the way for £110m of funding to be made available for the revamp of the province's three main venues – including Windsor Park.

The ground will be transformed into an 18,000-seat venue by 2015 and will boast new facilities for players, supporters and staff.

LFC chair Jim Kerr said in a statement: "The successful outcome of this, pending final sign



Renovation work will see Windsor Park become an 18,000-seat stadium

off, will now allow local football to have its share of the £110m provided by government.

"We know that a brighter future for Linfield and for football in Northern Ireland will result from this vital development."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=H7g6j>

Durham Uni unveils new facility

A new £6.7m sports facility at Durham University's Maiden Castle site, located on the outskirts of the city, has been unveiled by minister for sport Hugh Robertson.

Built by construction firm ISG, the new building houses a 1m powered indoor rowing tank – one of only three such facilities in the UK – and a purpose-built boat house.

The indoor tank will be used to teach sculling and crew skills and is designed to simulate the feel and movement of a boat in water. The water flow can be adjusted electronically.

An extended sports hall for increased indoor cricket provision; a performance analysis suite; physiotherapy treatment rooms; and a 28-station rowing Ergo gallery are also included.

Robertson said: "This fantastic facility will provide world-class sports facilities for elite



A 1m powered indoor rowing tank is among the facilities at the venue

athletes and community users alike and help more people to take up sport."

Durham University vice-chancellor Professor Chris Higgins, added: "We are immensely proud to be able to contribute to the sporting legacy of the 2012 Games."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=S4j6l>

£25m for Scotland's national sports centre

Plans for the development of a National Performance Centre for Sport in Scotland are set to benefit from up to £25m from the Scottish Government's Young Scots Fund.

Stewart Regan, chief executive of the Scottish Football Association, will chair a steering group for the project, which will be responsible for setting out criteria for bids from local authorities looking to locate the facility in their respective areas, as well as a timetable for completion.

A National Football Academy to be delivered over the next four years will be at the heart of the venue, which will also cater for other sports under Scottish Government plans.

Robison said: "Football is Scotland's national game and, building on our record investment



It is hoped the centre will support Scotland's future footballing success

in the sport, we want to build the foundations of future success for our national sides.

"One of the key recommendations of the McLeish Review into Scottish football was the establishment of a national football centre."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=OgY5W>

£600,000 funding for Scottish sports legacy projects

More than £600,000 will be invested in a series of events designed to get more communities involved in sports activities ahead of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

The Scottish Government and EventScotland will work together on the Games for Scotland

programme, which will see events take place across the country in 2012 and 2013.

Taster events of 17 Commonwealth Games events will be provided as part of the initiative, which aims to increase physical activity.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m5y9R>

Bay Leisure to run Swansea watersports facility

Bay Leisure, the operator of Swansea's L.C. complex, has secured a contract to manage the city's new water and beach sports centre when it opens later this year.

The group said it will be working in partnership with Swansea University to run the facility after it opens in the autumn and aims to offer a year-round destination.

Windsurfing, kayaking, kite surfing and open-water swimming are among the activities that will be on offer at the centre, while facilities will also include changing areas.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=t2080>



The new centre will offer 647sq m of water space

Roof in place at St Albans's Westminster Lodge centre

St Albans City and District Council has welcomed the latest milestone in work to construct a new £24m leisure centre for the city, following the installation of the roof.

S&P Architects have designed the new Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, which will comprise a 500sq m (5,382sq ft) spa area; 647sq m (6,964sq ft) of water space; and a 200-station gym when complete. Willmott Dixon is the lead contractor.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b1b7f>

To read about S&P's work on *The Pods in Scunthorpe*, see *Leisure Management Issue 1 2012*, p.26: <http://lei.sr?a=m2V3A>

GLL to run new central London sports centre

Camden Council has revealed that operator Greenwich Leisure (GLL) is to run a new sports facility to be built as part of a new development in Kings Cross, London.

GLL already operates leisure facilities across the London borough on behalf of the council but has agreed to add the new centre to its portfolio when it opens in 2014.

A 25m pool and 'lagoon' fun pool; a 100-station gym; and a spa area including a sauna and steamroom are among the facilities earmarked for the sports centre.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U3V7l>

Nuffield Health reopens new-look London centre

A new-look Nuffield Health fitness and wellbeing centre has opened its doors to the public in south London, following the completion of a £1m refurbishment.

Facilities at the King George's Park club in Wandsworth were revitalised and new equipment and classes are on offer, such as a fitness scheme for five- to 15-year-olds.

More than 100 pieces of new equipment have been installed, most of which have been supplied by Life Fitness. TRX and Reebok boxing equipment also feature.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=t3moP>



Shapemaster equipment is on offer at the facility

BH Live to launch new 'Feel Good Factory'

Leisure and cultural trust BH Live is to launch a 'Feel Good Factory' exercise and toning studio at Pelhams Park Leisure Centre, Bournemouth.

The facility will include 12 Shapemaster toning tables and chairs and is designed to offer customers to the centre a combination of supported movement and exercise.

BH Live said the facility will provide an area for female customers to achieve inch loss and tone up in small classes within a women-only environment.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=L6m4o>

New leisure centre opens in City of London

A new 38-station gym and exercise studios equipped by Life Fitness have opened at a refurbished facility in the City of London.

The renovation of Golden Lane Sport and Fitness has been undertaken in partnership between Fusion Lifestyle and the City of London Corporation, with Cartwright Pickard Architects creating the designs for the Grade II-listed building.

The site's sports hall and 20m, four-lane swimming pool are due to open as the second phase later this month (March).

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X5U7l>

Anytime enters central London

Anytime Fitness, the health and fitness club franchise, has announced the opening of its first location in central London to further expand its presence in the UK market.

The new facility is located on Pentonville Road, Kings Cross, and has been developed in partnership with Life Fitness to boast a 3,500sq ft (325m sq m) fitness suite.

Open 24 hours a day, the Anytime Fitness venue caters for more than 1,000 members and offers cardiovascular and strength equipment.

It is the latest club to open as part of Anytime Fitness' UK roll-out plans, which recently saw a second Bristol site open. It aims to have a 50-strong estate by the end of the year.

Anis and Jay Suterwalla, owners of Anytime Fitness Kings Cross, said: "With the fitness suite being in constant use, it was vital that



The Kings Cross site is Anytime Fitness' first to open in central London

we chose a supplier who would be able to offer us strong support and service."

Life Fitness account manager Antony Morrison added: "[The equipment] offers consumers a really wide spectrum of exercises that can be performed across all muscles groups." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=t4eoD>

Eco-friendly Redditch project completed

A Worcestershire leisure centre is to see its energy bills cut dramatically after work was completed on a project to allow it to use waste heat from a nearby crematorium.

Heat generated from the flue gas cleaning process at the Redditch Crematorium will be reused throughout the Abbey Stadium Leisure Centre under the innovative, yet controversial, project.

Redditch Borough Council (RBC) is behind the scheme – completed by Drivers Jonas Deloitte alongside ISG – and aims to create one of the greenest leisure centres in the UK, with the process providing 42 per cent of the facility's yearly heat demand.

Julian Record, director of Driver Jonas Deloitte, said: "The Abbey Stadium project



The innovative project will significantly reduce the centre's energy bill

is an innovative development that has enabled the council to reach two key objectives – reducing the energy demands of the centre and the crematorium emissions."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p5N3u>

£4.2m revamp for Bridgend's largest facility

Bridgend Recreation Centre, the South Wales town's largest facility, is to undergo a £4.2m revamp as part of a management deal recently awarded to Halo and Greenwich Leisure.

The social enterprises were appointed by Bridgend County Borough Council last month

to run leisure centres for up to 15 years, with the agreement to come into effect on 1 April.

Plans for the overhaul include new health and fitness areas and a revamp of the dry-side facilities, which date back to the mid-1970s.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y8P8B>

£32m complex opens in Bristol

Bristol City Council (BCC), along with operator Parkwood Leisure have opened a new £32m flagship leisure facility as part of the regeneration of the Hengrove Park area.

Lead contractor Kier built Hengrove Park Leisure Centre, which was funded using £35.06m worth of private finance initiative credits from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

The LA Architects-designed building boasts a 10-lane, 50m swimming pool and a teaching pool – both with moveable floors. A Precor-equipped gym with 150 stations and a free weights area; a spin studio fitted with 25 spinning bikes; an indoor climbing wall; and a spa area with a hot tub, a sauna and steamroom are also among the facilities.

BCC deputy leader and cabinet member for capital projects Simon Cook said: “[The centre]



A 50m pool and a 150-station gym are among the new centre's facilities

demonstrates the council's commitment to invest in sports and health promotion.

“It also marks another step forward in the regeneration of south Bristol and the investment in Hengrove Park bringing with it new opportunities for local people.”

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X9O7s>

Swindon 'nightclub-style' gym work starts

Createability has started work on a “nightclub-style” club in central Swindon for budget operator Kiss Gyms, which is due to open in April.

The 14,500sq ft (1,347sq m) club is housed in a former bank and is to become the group's second 24-hour location, following the 2011 launch of its first location in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

A 13-week build process has now started at the building, which will comprise a 150-station gym fitted by Matrix, as well as Dynamic Activity's bodycore functional training platforms.

Meanwhile, an acoustic barrier will be installed to separate the fitness suite from two floors of residential apartments above and will add to the nightclub feel of the facility.



Kiss Gyms' new Swindon health club features a 'nightclub-style' design

Kiss Gyms chief executive officer Rupert Mackenzie-Hill said: “It's a super space in an old bank with lots of nooks and crannies and even basement vaults.”

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U5v1f>

Renovation for Oxfordshire leisure centre's gym

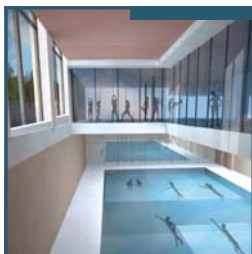
South Oxfordshire District Council has started work on a £360,000 refurbishment of the gym at Thame Leisure Centre.

The local authority-funded project will include the creation of a studio for spinning and low-impact classes. A new vibration plate

training and exercise room is also planned with three PowerPlate stations.

Meanwhile, existing equipment will be complemented with the addition of seven new machines from Technogym and Concept2.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=A7YoA>



Sneak preview of new sports centre in Kings Cross

Camden Council has approved plans for a brand new, environmentally friendly, public sports facility as part of the Kings Cross development. The new centre will provide much needed opportunities for accessible sports and physical activity in the Kings Cross and Somers Town area.

The leisure facilities include a 25m swimming pool and a small 'lagoon' fun pool with water features for children and their families.

The Spa area will appeal to adults as a place to relax and unwind after a vigorous workout. The 100 station, state of the art fitness gym will have superb views over the pool and two spacious exercise studios will enable a wide range of group exercise, dance and relaxation classes.

Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), who already run Camden's other sports facilities, has agreed to run the new Centre at Kings Cross. They expect the centre to become very popular and have in excess of 4500 members and 500,000 customer visits by 2015 – a year after it opens in 2014.

The building will also include a new library, office space and public café.



Olympic demand applies to all sectors



UFI IBRAHIM
is chief executive
officer of British
Hospitality Association

Claims that London hotel rooms during the Olympic Games are overpriced are now appearing in national newspapers, but it's surely not surprising that the capital's hotel rates are at a premium level when the world's largest sporting event comes to town?

People forget pricing is demand-led and tariffs will grow when demand rises. A recent survey in one newspaper compared Olympic prices with those of 23 December last year – when most London hotels have such low occupancies that some are nearly closed – this is clearly not a valid comparison.

London will be very busy during the Olympic period. A recent BHA study of 33 hotels representing 10,000 London rooms shows they are already 78 per cent full for the period and expect to be no less than 95 per cent full. At least eight are already 100 per cent full. With such demand, rates inevitably increase but they will eventually find a level commensurate with the demand.

Will there be some displacement of normal visitors who want avoid London because of the Games? Yes, there will. Some commentators even suggest that prices charged this year will deter visitors in subsequent years. But there is no evidence to suggest this. The 'high prices' allegedly charged by Beijing hotels for the 2008 Games have not stopped more visitors than ever from visiting China. The Games will also introduce new visitors to the UK who would not otherwise have come and who may revisit later.

However, comparison with Beijing is not realistic. London has more than 110,000 rooms, with a further 75,000 in the south east – all within easy commuting distance. This is more than any other Olympic host city has ever been able to offer; although central London will be full, there is clearly plenty of capacity outside the capital.

The Games are a highly commercial event and the hotel sector is a commercial industry. The rates charged will ultimately depend on the strength of demand, as they do with the pricing of airline or rail tickets, package holidays and every other area of commercial activity. The law of supply and demand applies to all industries.

HOTELS

European transactions increase

International consulting firm HVS has revealed European hotel industry investment activity showed signs of improvement last year, following a 9 per cent growth in total transaction volume.

HVS London's *European Hotel Transactions* study saw total volume grow to €7.1bn (£6bn) compared with €6.5bn (£5.5bn) in 2010. However, the report also found activity continued to remain well below the 2006 peak of €20bn (£17bn), as well as the 10-year average of €9.9bn (£8.4bn).

The increase in activity last year has been attributed to improved demand in both the leisure and business markets, which has made the sector more attractive to investors.

Meanwhile, a number of distressed assets came up for sale over the past 12 months, such as the von Essen portfolio of 28 properties.



Thornbury Castle Hotel was one of von Essen's properties sold last year

Charles Human, managing director HVS Hodges Ward Elliott – the group's hotel brokerage and investment banking arm, said: "In 2011 there was a growth in both trading performance and hotel values across Europe indicating that recovery is under way." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=f3y2h> (PDF)

Accor, Millennium and Copthorne report 2011 results

The Amersand Hotel, one of London's original Victorian boutique properties, is to reopen in South Kensington following an extensive redevelopment and renovation programme.

Dexter Moren Associates have overseen the exterior and interior design of the 111-bedroom

property, which spans 5,665sq ft (526sq m) and will boast a Technogym-equipped gym.

Elsewhere, the Apero dining concept will also be among the facilities. The Amersand Hotel will open ahead of the 2012 Games. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=i3Z3L>

IHG unveils wellness-focused hotel brand

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has launched a new wellness-focused hotel brand designed to meet consumer demand for "healthier travel at a mainstream price".

EVEN Hotels, which IHG says is a first for the global hotel industry, aims to provide guests with solutions that cater for all their wellness needs, such as exercise, food, work and rest.

The brand will benefit from an investment of up to US\$150m (EUR111.5m, £94m) over the next three years to support the roll-out, with the first location to be announced in Q2 2012.

Bedrooms will be designed for in-room workouts, with amenities to include a coat rack that doubles as a pull-up bar.



The EVEN brand focuses on areas such as exercise, food, work and rest

IHG analysed emerging trends and undertook research over an 18-month period to shape its new holistic wellness travel experience. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q1T2y>

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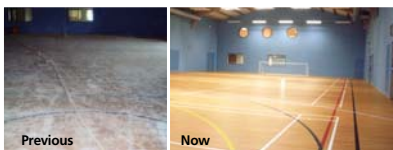
John Havill also added "Our customers love it, in particular the badminton club, some even hinting this is the best sports hall they have ever played in".

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TOURISM

Ireland outlines tourism goals

Leo Varadkar, Ireland's minister for transport, tourism and sport, has outlined a new Action Plan for how the department will continue to promote job creation over the coming year.

Under the proposals, tourism agency Fáilte Ireland will allocate capital funding for schemes to create new and improve existing tourism attractions from a EUR21m (£17.8m) fund.

Fáilte Ireland has operated its Tourism Capital Investment Programme for a number of years and has contributed to projects such as the Tralee Eco Park, County Kerry, and Westport Greenway, County Mayo.

A spokesperson for the tourism agency said it will continue to work with projects as they near completion, while seeking out new projects to partner with over the coming year.



Westport Greenway was one initiative to receive Fáilte Ireland funding

Meanwhile, Varadkar has published a progress report covering the last 12 months, with a cut in VAT for tourism firms among actions taken. The last year has also seen Fáilte Ireland investing in attractions such as Malahide Castle and the Book of Kells.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=t2soG>

UK businesses target Indian visitor potential

VisitBritain has revealed that a "record number" of UK businesses have joined the tourism agency in India as part of a bid to capitalise on one of the world's fastest growing markets.

India Mission 2012 is to feature representatives from the tourism, sport and retail sectors,

with 250 key Indian buyers to meet with the group at a number of briefing sessions.

In 2010, the UK accounted for just 3 per cent of outbound trips by Indian residents, which was worth £363m to the economy.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=y9t6h>

Scottish growth targets 'raise concerns'

A new Scottish parliamentary committee report has raised "concerns" about the country's ability to achieve 50 per cent growth in tourism set by the Scottish Government.

The report from the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism committee has looked at the issues currently affecting the tourism sector.

Among those to give evidence to the committee as part of the report process was the national tourism agency, VisitScotland, which said the target set in 2006 was unrealistic in the current climate.

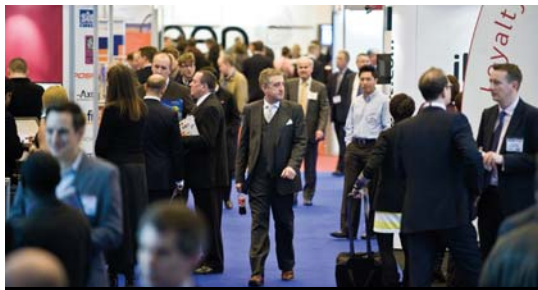
The agency has now been asked by the committee to produce annual statements outlining the progress made towards the target, as well as its plans to address any shortfall.



Scotland's bid to increase tourism by 50 per cent is no longer "realistic"

Committee convener Murdo Fraser said: "We are concerned about the apparent lack of clarity around the ability to meet this target."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X5XoQ>



The event is aimed at helping retail, hospitality and leisure operators to run more successful businesses



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Retail Business Technology Expo returns to Earls Court!

Retail Business Technology Expo and Cards & Payments Solutions, Europe's fastest growing retail event, will take over Earls Court for two days this month. We take a quick look at the show highlights

Retail Business Technology Expo 2012 and Cards & Payments Solutions, the co-located business solution exhibition created for the retail market in the UK and mainland Europe is set to double in size for 2012. The event will showcase – via an educational programme and exhibitors – the whole range of technology and multichannel solutions available to help retail, hospitality and leisure operators run more successful businesses, covering every sort of hard and software solution.

The sectors covered at the show include EPoS, multichannel, supply chain, logistics, ecommerce, payments, ERP, loss prevention, mobile, CRM, workforce management, signage, home delivery, cash management, franchise systems, printers, merchandise and assortment planning, self-checkouts. Nick Field, event director, Retail Business

Technology Expo and Cards & Payments Solutions, said: "The event was launched in March 2011 to great acclaim. The 2012 show will feature more than 300 exhibiting technology solution providers including many leading global companies, as well as an extensive educational programme of seminars, keynotes and panel discussions – and of course a full networking schedule."

Field added that the seminar programme would be a particular highlight this year, as it will boast a number of sessions featuring European and global content.

"There is a strong demand for an event of this nature from mainland European retailers," he said. "There are no comparable events within Europe where retailers can get an overview of the international retail landscape. With retailers having to look to overseas territories to grow their market

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Vaizey: Arts in line for Lottery funding boost

A projected growth in National Lottery ticket sales could raise £200m of extra cash for the arts sector over the next five years.

According to latest estimates, arts minister Ed Vaizey said Arts Council England (ACE) is to net £1.25bn of Lottery income in addition to its grant-in-aid funding.

Lottery funding is used by ACE to support additional projects outside its National Portfolio. However, ACE still faces an overall cut in public funding due to a 29.6 per cent reduction in grant-in-aid support.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Z3Gm>



The new facility will house indoor performances

£1.5m gift for Globe's Jacobean Theatre plans

Shakespeare's Globe has received a £1.5m gift from an anonymous private donor towards its plans to open the London venue's Indoor Jacobean Theatre next year.

The £1.5m donation will be used to match every pound raised by the Globe and it is hoped the match-giving scheme will encourage more people to contribute.

Allies and Morrison were chosen to work on the £7m scheme, which aims to fulfil Sam Wanamaker's bid for the Globe to stage both indoor and outdoor performances.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=f7H3w>

Latest Fourth Plinth commission unveiled

Elmgreen and Dragset's large sculpture of a child on a rocking horse has become the latest artwork to occupy the Fourth Plinth in London's Trafalgar Square.

The duo's Powerless Structures, Fig 101 replaces Nelson's Ship in a Bottle by Yinka Shonibare, after it was commissioned by London mayor Boris Johnson last year.

Elmgreen and Dragset said: "The boy on his rocking horse will have a fascinating viewpoint throughout 2012 as Trafalgar Square will host all kinds of events."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N6e6i>

ACE arts funding to 'go green'

Arts Council England (ACE) has revealed it is to become the world's first arts funding agency to place environmental sustainability at the heart of funding agreements.

National portfolio organisations and Renaissance major partner museums will be asked to measure and improve their water and energy usage as a minimum requirement for support going forward.

It is part of a commitment outlined by ACE chief executive Alan Davey at the recent Tipping Point conference in Newcastle to 'embed' environmental sustainability into all programmes.

"Investing to improve the environmental performance of arts organisations makes head-banded financial sense," said Davey.

"The simplicity of these solutions matches the simplicity of the economics. It's a message



Davey: "Improving environmental performance makes financial sense"

we've been bombarded with for years – small changes can make a big difference."

Davey also confirmed a new partnership with arts environmental specialists Julie's Bicycle, which is designed to offer practical support and advice to funded organisations.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=P7E4K>

UK City of Culture competition 'to continue' for 2017

The government has announced that the UK's City of Culture competition is to continue, with a nationwide contest to launch later this year to find who will hold the title in 2017.

Culture minister Ed Vaizey said that another UK location will have the opportunity to follow

Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland, which was named 2013 City of Culture in July 2010.

Vaizey said: "Derry-Londonderry has taken up the challenge and promises a first rate programme of world-class culture in 2013."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=u8a9g>

£10m Greenock arts complex topped out

Renowned musical theatre composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has helped mark the topping out of a new £10m arts complex being developed in Greenock, Scotland.

The LDN Architects-designed Beacon Arts Centre will open this summer to replace Greenock Arts Guild Theatre, which has been open for more than 60 years.

Part of the wider regeneration of industrial land along the Inverclyde waterfront, the new venue will include a 500-seat main auditorium and a 130-seat studio theatre.

Three large rehearsal rooms and a bistro overlooking the river will also be included as part of Beacon Arts Centre, which is being delivered by Graham Construction.



Beacon Arts Centre contributes to a revamp of Inverclyde's waterfront

Last summer, the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation announced that it had awarded a £100,000 grant towards the project.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=L4i6l>

£100m Antrim resort approved

Alex Attwood, the Northern Ireland environment minister, has approved planning permission for a new £100m golf resort development on the North Antrim coast.

Located near the villages of Bushmills and Portballintrae, Bushmills Dunes Golf Resort and Spa will incorporate a 120-bedroom hotel with conference and spa facilities.

An 18-hole championship golf course; a golf academy; and 75 guest suites/lodges are also included in the plans

Attwood said his decision to approve the R Robinson and Sons-designed scheme will offer "significant benefits" to the area's tourism economy, while creating jobs.

It is believed a US-based consortium led by Dr Alistair Hanna is behind the project, which contributes to the executive's Draft Programme for Government to boost visitor numbers.



The new £100m resort will be located at Runkerry on the Antrim coast

Announcing his decision, Attwood said: "The development is an important one for the Causeway Coast and for Northern Ireland, will help to grow tourism, create new job opportunities, enhance our golf product and continue to protect our natural heritage."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=T2i6m>

July reopening for London's Café Royal

London's Café Royal will reopen in June as a member of The Set, a newly-unveiled hotel collection from Alfred and Georgi Akirov, following an extensive renovation.

The comprehensive redevelopment of the Regent Street property has been overseen by David Chipperfield Architects and Donald Insall Associates and has been carried out over the last three years.

Among the new additions to the 159-bedroom hotel is the new 800sq m (8,611sq ft) Akasha Holistic Wellbeing Centre day spa, which spans two floors and has a dedicated entrance from Piccadilly Circus.

A 19m indoor swimming pool will be at the heart of the lower floor of the wellbeing facility, with five treatment rooms also included.



The iconic central London property will incorporate a 800sq m day spa

The lower floor will also offer a wet room; private and public hammams; a dry sauna; and a watsu pool. A yoga studio and a gym will feature on the upper floor of the spa.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=U7M1n>

Suffolk village art gallery to become luxury spa

A new spa including seven treatment rooms and relaxation areas is to open in Suffolk, UK, after plans to convert an existing art gallery were approved by Babergh District Council.

Lavenham's Wildlife Art Gallery is linked to the historic Swan Hotel building and is to be

transformed into the 528sq m (5,723sq ft) spa, with the gallery to move to another site.

The new spa facilities will also include a crystal steamroom, heated loungers, changing areas and an ice fountain.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=m3Y8r>

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TV's Blue Peter garden becomes visitor attraction

Members of the public have been given the chance to visit the Blue Peter garden, after CBBC moved it to a space outside the broadcaster's new Salford home.

The children's television programme has relocated to MediaCityUK in Salford Quays and its garden and pools will occupy a space outside Dock House.

Blue Peter editor Tim Levell said: "We are really excited about being able to open up the garden so Blue Peter viewers can come along and visit it."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d8poz>



Sites across the UK have made the award longlist

Kids In Museums 2012 award longlist revealed

Kids in Museums has announced that 20 attractions are in the running to be recognised for being the UK's most accessible and welcoming to visitors of all ages.

A judging panel will now consider the *Telegraph* Family Friendly Museum Award longlist, before announcing a shortlist.

Kids in Museums director Dea Birkett said: "Visitors have said in their hundreds that they want the whole family, from 15 to a few months, to feel they belong among the Mummies and Old Masters."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=R8NoU>

April reopening for new-look Roman fort museum

Northumberland's Housesteads Roman Fort, one of the most complete Roman forts in the UK, will reopen in April following the first phase of a renovation project.

English Heritage closed the museum last year to carry out a revamp in partnership with the Northumberland National Park Authority and the National Trust.

The first phase cost more than £1m and includes an overhaul of the museum, which will allow visitors to access the barracks with new and improved interpretation.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=16L9A>

KidZania to open first UK location

KidZania, the Mexico-based educational theme park concept, has signed a license agreement with Longshot Kids to open its first location in the UK by 2014.

Longshot Kids is an affiliate of Longshot, led by entrepreneurs Ollie Vigors and Joel Cadbury and former owner of private members establishment, The Groucho Club.

London's KidZania joins a development pipeline featuring sites in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Santiago, Chile; and São Paulo, Brazil - all of which are scheduled to open this year.

The concept provides children between the ages of four- and 12-years-old with a realistic city environment and nearly 100 role-playing activities to cater for a range of abilities.

Children will "work" across a number of jobs and earn kidZos - the concept's own



KidZania already has a number of global sites such as Koshien in Japan

currency - to then spend on services throughout the purpose-built KidZania city.

KidZania chief executive officer Xavier Lopez said: "London is a flagship European market for KidZania, and we have a brilliant and creative partner in Longshot."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e9z4S>

March launch for York chocolate attraction

A new attraction based on the history of confectionery will open on 31 March in York.

Chocolate - York's Sweet Story, which will be operated by Continuum, will offer visitors the opportunity to learn about how the confectionery industry became one of the biggest employers in York.

The 6,400sq ft (595sq m) visitor attraction will occupy three floors in the former Alison Homes Déco building - owned by Oakgate Group.

Design group MET Studio has created the attraction's interactive journey, which will take visitors from the rainforests of Central America to discover how confectionery found a home in York.

Memories from from the families that founded confectionery companies in York



Juliana Delaney, Continuum CEO, (second from left) at the building site

- Rowntree's, Terry's and Craven's - will also be shared for the first time using interpretative techniques and rare objects from the past to bring each story to life.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p2agQ>

Forgan welcomes Smarter Loans initiative

Captain Cook Museum chair Sophie Forgan has backed a new Museum Association (MA) initiative, which is designed to help make it easier for UK attractions to loan collections.

Forgan was speaking at the launch of the MA's Smarter Loans: key principles for loans

in the UK at the British Museum's Hartwell Room in London earlier this month.

MA director Neil MacGregor said: "Smarter Loans is an important initiative, encouraging us all to think more pragmatically."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=f214v> (PDF)





Leisure uses are included in the expansion plans

Green light for Westfield's White City expansion plans

Westfield's plans to expand its shopping centre in White City, west London to comprise a leisure complex have been approved by Hammersmith and Fulham Council.

A report considered by councillors said plans include up to 1,850sq m (19,913sq ft) of leisure space that "could accommodate, for example, an indoor bowling facility". However, its use has yet to be decided.

New eateries will also be included in the expansion, which is part of a major £1bn strategy planned for the next 17 years.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=poD6G>

£11.3m Carshalton leisure revamp moves forward

An £11.3m redevelopment of a leisure complex in Carshalton has moved forward with the demolition of old pools and the removal of asbestos from the 1970s structure.

Sports, gym and office equipment have also been dismantled for use in the new venue, which will offer a 25m, eight-lane swimming pool when complete.

An eight-court sports hall; a 170-station gym; a dance studio; and a group cycling room are also proposed as part of the new Westcroft Leisure Centre.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=D9A4V>

Three stakeholders for Cornwall stadium

Cornwall Council will provide no further financial support towards a new £15m stadium after it was announced that three stakeholders are to fund the project.

Developers Inox Group and Exemplar Projects; Penwith College; and the Cornish Pirates rugby team will lead the development of the new 10,000-capacity venue.

A company created by the three stakeholders – Cornwall Community Stadium Ltd (CCSL) – is expected to meet the majority of the development's cost.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=G1A5v>

More leisure facilities for Chester scheme

Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWCC) is planning "greater leisure content" as part of the Northgate Project, after taking over the scheme.

The council ended its agreement with ING Real Estate Developers for the project, which will complement existing proposals for the city's theatre, Town Hall Square and Cathedral Precinct.

Under the latest plans, CWCC has added a multiplex cinema and an increased number of restaurants. A central market and new, improved library also feature.

CWCC executive member for prosperity Herbert Manley said: "The concept provides a vision for the progress, which Chester so badly needs. A considerable amount of work

remains to develop a scheme which will generate the support and buy in to move forward to the planning stage."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=t6j8Q>



The Northgate area of Chester is to be transformed by the local council

Architects unveil Dreamland vision

Assael Architecture has unveiled its vision for the future of Dreamland Margate in Kent as part of an inquiry into whether Thanet District Council is permitted to compulsorily purchase the site.

The London-based practice has worked up plans to protect and reuse a Grade II*-listed cinema and scenic railway as part of a housing scheme that aims to attract investment for the project.

A cultural and amusement hub is at the centre of Assael's plans, with a new cultural and

artistic hub to be located within the Grade II*-listed Dreamland cinema. Half of the site will house a heritage-based theme park.

Efforts to revitalise the Dreamland site form part of a strategy involving the local regeneration company and the council, which aims to drive forward the regeneration of the resort.



An artistic hub will sit alongside a heritage amusement park at the site

Last year, the £17.4m Turner Contemporary gallery, designed by David Chipperfield Architects, opened its doors to the public.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=joR9O>
For more on the continuing leisure-led regeneration of Margate, please read the 2010-11 Attractions Management Handbook, p.66

Tesco approval paves way for new Kirklees facility

Plans for a new Tesco store on the site of a Huddersfield leisure centre have been given the green light, paving the way for a replacement facility to be built elsewhere in the town.

The planning inspectorate has approved the proposals for the site and a new leisure centre

is planned for Springwood, although its facility mix is yet to be finalised.

Tesco's plans had been called due to its size and complexity, with the scheme to help fund the construction of the leisure centre.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=jsG2L>

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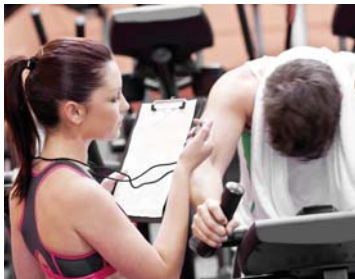
New initiative to target NEETs launches

Deputy prime minister Nick Clegg has launched a £126m programme to create training and employment opportunities for 55,000 young people.

The initiative is to target 16- and 17-year-olds currently not in education, employment or training (NEET) and with no GCSEs above C grade.

Charities and businesses with experience of supporting young people will be invited to bid for contracts worth up to £2,200 for each individual helped. Participating organisations will receive initial payment for taking on a 16- or 17-year-old, before receiving further payments depending on the person's progress.

Suki Kalirai, interim chief executive officer of SkillsActive, said: "This latest initiative



The government hopes to provide more work opportunities for NEETs

offers a much needed career lifeline and helps employers to source enthusiastically, skilled talent for their workforce."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=z3soG>

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Following Springboard Scotland's success last year with events to coincide with Scottish Tourism Week, this year we are co-ordinating a month-long Tourism Careers Festival scheduled to run from 1-31 March. The festival programme will work with Scottish Tourism Week, to encourage links between the industry and potential recruits, key influencers and the community. Activities will aim to widen the appeal, improve access and attract new talent into the industry.

You may be a leisure company with business in Scotland? This is your opportunity to engage with your local community! In a recent survey of students across the UK, The Springboard Charity discovered that the single biggest influencing factor on their career choices was work experience. With this in mind we encourage the industry to open its doors throughout March to the community, inviting them to come and see at first-hand what we do. The festival is a chance to showcase the excitement of the work place with its key target audiences.

Creating the festival buzz last week was the Prestonfield House Hotel in Edinburgh. They set the standard for the March events by opening their doors to local influencers. Alan McGuigan, general manager of the hotel said the industry offered "something for everybody in this world that's full of diversity and flexibility". Diversity. Flexibility. Certainly two words we hear time and time again when describing the careers of the future, which need to adapt to fit with our changing lifestyle demands.

Scottish Tourism Careers Festival's mix of events reflects this, and with a programme designed for everyone. Highlights include the official festival launch event on 1 March - the Ambassadors Networking Event at Gleneagles - to be attended by Scottish tourism minister Fergus Ewing MSP.

But there will be so much more going on, so log on and take a look at our website and see how you, your colleagues, your students or your teachers can get involved!

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w5Mol>

Strong uptake for NPLQ qualification

Nearly 3,000 trainers from facilities throughout the UK have signed up for an update as part of the latest edition of the National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ).

A further 2,000 people are expected to sign up over the coming months, with a number of updates in the UK and Ireland currently at capacity in the NPLQ's 8th edition.

The latest edition has been designed to focus on the role of the lifeguard and aims to follow the route that lifeguards would typically take once they have completed their qualification.

NPLQ content is delivered in a manner that allows the learner to experience the reality of the lifeguard role on the course and to apply knowledge in a working environment.

Julian Bennett, course leader and a Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) UK national trainer



IQL UK "couldn't be happier" with uptake for the NPLQ's latest edition

assessor, said: "The new format encourages the candidate to excel in their chosen career."

IQL UK manages the NPLQ. Executive director Tara Dillon said: "We couldn't be happier with how the updates have been going and how many people have already signed up."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X9v3Q>

New government vision for cultural education

The Department for Education will invest £15m in cultural schemes over the next three years, following a review of cultural education by Classic FM managing director Darren Henley.

Among the initiatives to be implemented

will be a new national youth dance company, which will receive £600,000 over three years from Arts Council England (ACE) and DfE.

Education secretary Michael Gove said: "Cultural education must not be a closed shop for poorer pupils."

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Applicants will have substantial experience in office management or similar, dealing with a range of administration responsibilities including contracts and financial management, experience of successfully dealing with a wide range of people including VIPs and developing and delivering profitable commercial activities.

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Applicants will have substantial experience of maintaining museum AV and object displays along with knowledge of object mounting procedures and basic property maintenance tasks. Experience of operating museum collections management systems is desirable.

This is a full time position working 37.5 hours per week, 5 days out of 7. Evening, weekend and Bank Holiday working will be required. The post can be based at either the Tower of London or Fort Nelson and will require frequent travel between sites, sometimes on an unplanned basis to respond to maintenance needs when they arise.

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BeWILDerwood eyes second site

Bure Valley Adventures, operator of BeWILDerwood adventure park in Norfolk, has lodged plans for a new site at Tatton Park in Cheshire.

Proposals for the attraction were put on show on 23 February as part of a public consultation, which is due to run until mid-March.

It is hoped that the plans – which have already received the support of the National Trust – will be awarded final planning approval in May.

Bure Valley Adventures has liaised with Cheshire East Council and Tatton Park on the project. Tatton Park already receives more than 800,000 visitors a year. The addition of BeWILDerwood is expected to increase the number of visitors to more than 1 million.



BeWILDerwood is planning to add to Tatton Park's existing attractions

BeWILDerwood director Simon Egan said: "These are the very first steps in the process, so time will tell if this dream will happen."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b7A30>

Contractor appointed for Conwy watersports venue

Conwy Council has announced North Wales-based Wynne Construction has been awarded the contract to deliver a new watersports development on Colwyn Bay Promenade.

The firm, which was recently involved with the construction of the £6.5m Parc Eirias Events

Centre in Colwyn Bay, is expected to take nine months to complete the new facility.

A single-storey watersports centre designed by K2 Architects will house a café/bistro and an educational/conference facility.

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Goals reports 'year of progress'

Goals Soccer Centres has reported a "year of progress and change" in 2011 as sales and operating profits both increased by 9 per cent compared with trading for the previous year.

Sales grew from £27.8m to £30.4m and operating profits increased from £10m to £10.9m over the 12-month period, while pre-tax profits climbed 21 per cent to £9.2m.

The operator added four UK sites to its estate in 2011 – at Hull, Sunderland, Liverpool South and Norwich – but it has now postponed additional launches in 2012.

Chester is the only new Goals site due to open this year. It is the group's first modular build venue and will cut capital expenditure to £1.5m and build-time to 14 weeks per site.

Goals managing director Keith Rogers said: "We have added a further four centres to our estate and pioneered an innovative



Goals will unveil its first modular build site this year

new modular build strategy that will not only reduce costs going forward but will also enable us to dramatically cut build-time.

"Our key strategic focus for 2012 is on driving returns from our current estate."

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