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Habia to launch beauty register

The Habia Skills Academy is to develop a professional register for the spa, nails and beauty industries to help raise professional and quality standards and boost consumer confidence. The public will be able to access the voluntary register to identify industry professionals who have met a range of criteria.

An independent technical group and Habia's forums are currently developing a set of universal standards.

Employers will be able to use the register when recruiting and industry professionals will be able to update their qualifications and experience.

The beauty, nails and spa register will be based on the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS) model, which is run by Habia's parent company SkillsActive. REPS currently has more than 30,000 members.



The register will be the first of its kind for beauty and spa therapists

The cost for individual membership of the register is still being finalised, but is expected to be around £35 per annum.

Rob Young, Habia MD, said, "This is what the industry wants and needs to take it to the next level." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E4O7Q>



London hotels did well during the Olympic year

London hotels see profit grow thanks to Olympics

London hotels have had their third successive year of profit growth thanks to the Olympics, however, regional hotels had their fifth successive year of profit decline, according to the HotStats UK Chain Hotels Market Review.

The survey of 560 full-service hotels across the UK revealed August saw a 90 per cent increase in profit in London, led by the Games, though across the year hotel performance remained unpredictable. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p6S8f>

UK Sport merger called off

Sports minister Hugh Robertson has officially axed plans to merge elite performance body UK Sport with grassroots organisation Sport England. Robertson said the two would still be required to develop a shared strategic approach on issues such as sports governance and talent management – but ruled out a full merger.

Making the announcement, Robertson also announced that a search has begun for new chairs of UK Sport and Sport England, to take over from current incumbents Sue Campbell and Richard Lewis – who are set to step down later this year.

Baroness Campbell has served the maximum term (10 years) in line with



The outgoing UK Sport chair Sue Campbell CBE

requirements set for public appointments, while Richard Lewis has announced his intentions to leave the role to concentrate on his role as CEO of the All England Club. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=u5C7Z>

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SPORT

Campaign to utilise 2012 volunteers

Local sports clubs will be encouraged to host volunteer open days and events on the anniversary of London 2012, in an effort to continue the volunteer legacy of last year's Olympics and Paralympics. Join In – set up last year to maximise volunteering opportunities following the Games – launched the campaign last week, urging local clubs to sign up for the summer event.

Join In 2013 will run from 27 July to 9 September marking the one-year anniversaries of the Olympic opening ceremony and the Paralympics closing ceremony, with a matchmaker service linking volunteers to clubs.

A Join In survey revealed seven out of 10 local clubs need more volunteers, and despite 82 per cent of Olympic volunteers stating they are interested in sport, only 15 per cent



More than 70,000 Games Makers were recruited for London 2012

currently volunteer with local sports clubs. During the Olympics and Paralympics Join In worked with local sport clubs to stage over 6,000 events across the UK, which saw 300,000 attendees and created over 30,000 volunteers. Prime Minister David Cameron said Games' volunteers were one of the highlights of London 2012. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=05f6p>

Aberdeenshire to get multi-million pound sport centre

Aberdeenshire Council has agreed to invest in a multi-million pound community sports facility at Hill of Banchory.

The project will be a partnership between North Banchory Community, Bandswin and Aberdeenshire Council.

Building work is expected to begin in 2016, which will see the creation of a sports facility based on a six-lane swimming pool with extended dry sport facilities, replacing the existing pool and sports hall at Banchory Academy. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e4Moj>

Government 'failing on school sport legacy'

Most parents believe the government has not capitalised on an Olympics and Paralympics legacy of increasing sport in schools and communities, a poll has found. Forty eight per cent of people questioned in the Opinion/Observer poll felt the government had neither increased nor decreased its support for sport in schools and local communities since London 2012.

A further 11 per cent thought it had decreased, 24 per cent thought it had increased and 17 per cent did not know.

The Guardian reported former Olympics minister Dame Tessa Jowell had called for urgent cross-party talks to halt the decline in school sport. In 2010 education secretary Michael Gove withdrew £168m in funds for the School Sports Partnership programme and abolished the target of two hours physical education each week for every pupil.

In an interview with *The Daily Telegraph* Shadow education secretary Stephen Twigg claimed the proportion of children



School sport is 'still struggling' despite 2012 legacy

doing two hours sport a week had dropped from 90 per cent, under the Labour government, to 50 per cent since the coalition government was elected in 2010. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=BoZzk>

Increase in disabled participation

One in 10 sports clubs have reported an increase in the number of people with disabilities joining their club following the Paralympics, according to a new report.

The survey, carried out by Sport and Recreation Alliance, found that 14 per cent of sports clubs have noticed a change in the number of enquires received from disabled people wanting to take part.

The research also revealed, however, that 96 per cent of the 475 respondents noted no change in disabled people volunteering at their clubs. Sports clubs were also asked how they were set up to provide for disabled people, with half (51 per cent) saying that they had suitable facilities. Two thirds (64 per cent), however, said that they did not have suitably trained staff and three in five (61 per cent) saying they lacked the appropriate equipment.



14 per cent of clubs saw an increase in the number of disabled athletes

Andy Reed, chair of the Sport and Recreation Alliance said: "There are around 10m disabled people in this country and these are only half as likely to access sport as others, our mainstream sports clubs run by volunteers up and down the country will have to be open and accessible to potential disabled athletes to grow participation rates significantly. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=S4e7S>

Sport England invests £1m in Sporting Equals

Sport England is to invest £1m in Sporting Equals, an initiative aiming to help get more people from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities involved in sport.

The funding will help Sporting Equals to join activities up locally between sports governing bodies, county sports partnerships and BME communities including faith groups, ethnic media and ethnic businesses

Sport England's Director of Sport, Lisa O'Keefe, said: "Sporting Equals has a vital role to play in helping sport providers to engage BME communities and encourage more people to get involved. The Cultural Event and Faith Centre are examples of how their approach is delivering impact in local communities."



The funding will be used to increase sport participation of BME groups

BME communities account for around 20 per cent of the population in England and Wales. In London, ethnic minorities make up 55 per cent of the population and nearly 50 per cent in Birmingham. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e6B8R>

Turnover up at exclusive Wentworth Club in Surrey

Private golf and tennis club Wentworth, in Surrey, has reported turnover of £19m for the year ending March 2012, up 13 per cent on the previous year.

The club, owned by restaurateur Richard Caring, offers full and golf memberships

through a "rigorous admission process". Its turnover in 2011 was £16.78m. The WGA (UK) Holdings Limited report and financial statements for the period ending March 31 stated the business is in a mature stage of its lifecycle. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=boe7K>

Plans revealed for £2.56m sports academy in Burnley

Plans have been submitted to build £2.56m sports academy on Burnley's Prairie playing fields in Lancashire.

Burnley Borough Council has received plans to redevelop the council-owned site, into a new artificial "3G" pitch, revamped pavilion and a golf driving range.

The 3G pitch is to be used by American football team Burnley Tornadoes and for rugby league. The golf range will feature a coaching academy, a new changing pavilion a gym, sports studio and a golf shop. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Z9k7G>



The new complex will replace an existing facility

£4m sports complex for Stoke-on-Trent College

A new £4m sports complex is being built to replace an existing facility at Stoke-on-Trent College in Staffordshire.

The new complex, which will be located at the Caudon Campus on College Road, is being built by Aspect Construction and is expected to open in September 2013.

It forms part of a £6m plan to enhance the college's campus facilities. The building will feature an indoor sports hall, a fitness suite, cricket facilities and aerobics facilities. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=y7z1j>

Sport Wales CEO Huw Jones to retire

Sport Wales chief executive officer Huw Jones has announced that he will retire later this year after 15 years in the post. Jones will remain in the role until the summer, when a new CEO will be announced.

Jones said: "I have been fortunate to work in such a fast-moving, passionate environment for the last 25 years, having met and worked with some truly inspirational people. As we enter a period of change, I am wholly confident in the collective strengths of my senior management colleagues, the Chair and our Board to lead the organisation to the next level." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=x355M>

Gym expansion at Devon leisure centre opens

Torbay Leisure Centre in Devon has opened its £200,000 gym extension this month, following three months of construction.

Completely refitted with Precor equipment, the gym was extended by 50sq m (538sq ft) and now offers 75 stations.

General manager Jeremy Wright said since the 2 January opening there had been an increase in casual use and membership sales, and feedback had been positive.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E7Zai>



Plans for Ruthin include a new fitness suite

Green light for £1.3m Ruthin Leisure revamp

Plans for a £1.3m revamp of sports and leisure facilities at Ruthin Leisure Centre in Denbighshire, North Wales have been given the go ahead by the council's planning committee.

Located on the grounds of Ysgol Brynhyfryd bilingual school, the redevelopment will see the addition of a fitness suite equipped with Technogym kit, a new reception area with viewing into the swimming pool and a new changing area. Alliance Leisure will manage the centre on behalf of Denbighshire County Council.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w7A3D>

Revamp plans revealed for Carn Brea Leisure Centre

Carn Brea Leisure Centre, the first in Cornwall to be run by a leisure trust, could be in line for refurbishment, financed by selling off parcels of land.

The communities overview and scrutiny committee have been asked to approve the sale of parking areas and the running track to raise funds needed for modernisation. This will allow the relocation of the running track and leave some money in the pot.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=goM4I>

First phase completed at Wavelengths

The first phase of an extensive redevelopment at Wavelengths Leisure Centre has been unveiled. The revamp, which was undertaken by Fusion Lifestyle in partnership with Lewisham Council, includes a 80-station gym with cardio and resistance equipment and an exercise studio for fitness classes. An indoor cycle studio and café are due to open in the coming weeks, with all phases expected to be complete by March 2013.

The final stages of the redevelopment will involve the unveiling of a new health suite with a sauna and steamroom as well as improvements to the swimming pool and an additional group exercise studio.

Tim Mills, Fusion's Business Development Director, said: "This work represents a commitment to redevelop the centre to ensure it caters for the increasing demands of our



Improvements include an 80-station gym with cardio and resistance

customers. We've been planning this project for some time and are delighted to have the first phase completed.

The investment we are making at Wavelengths demonstrates our passion for providing modern leisure facilities for Lewisham residents." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E7M3P>*

Parkwood centres to receive £3m upgrade

Two leisure centres owned by Vale of Glamorgan Council have received a £3m upgrade as part of a new 10-year partnership between the council and Parkwood Leisure, which operates the sites.

At Penrath Leisure Centre the gym has more than doubled in size and has been kitted out with new Precor fitness equipment and dedicated weights training area.

The old gym has become a studio for fitness classes.

The Barry Leisure Centre gym has been converted from a U-shape to a wide, open gym, and the Easyline suite has been relocated to a new room overlooking reception. Investment of £1m was made on gyms, studios and cafes, while £2m was spent on new equipment and



The Barry Leisure Centre gym has been upgraded and relaunched

essential maintenance. Parkwood's regional director for Wales Simon Hughes said customer feedback has been positive and record numbers are signing up for the gym's New Year promotion. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=6k3y9>*

New gym extension opens at Jesmond pool

Jesmond Swimming Pool, a community managed pool in Newcastle Upon Tyne, has opened a £250,000 extension featuring a new health and fitness suite and treatment rooms. Built alongside the pool hall, the new extension

provides an additional 30 exercise stations supplied by Precor and a functional training zone. The centre is managed and operated by charitable trust Jesmond Community Leisure. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d1X3B>*

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easyGym gets personal with Precor

Budget club operator easyGym has partnered with fitness equipment supplier Precor to offer its members the option to buy a personalised entertainment package at its new Birmingham and Cardiff health clubs.

The packages will be delivered by Precor using its networked fitness software Preva and its 880 line of CV equipment. Members at Birmingham and Cardiff will be offered the chance to upgrade their membership to include the Preva Media Package, which includes access to a wide range of media - including TV, iPod connectivity and internet access - while exercising.

easyGym's new £1.5m Birmingham club covers 20,000sq ft and adding to the Precor kit also houses large free-weights, cardio and resistance areas. There is also a full group exercise studio offering an extensive class timetable.

easyGym Cardiff is a 18,000 sq ft site based in the city's Capitol Shopping Centre, which opened at the end of December. Birmingham and Cardiff are the third and



The new 880 line of Precor equipment installed at the easyGym club

fourth easyGym sites to launch, following the success of its other gyms in London and Slough, with ambitious growth plans to open a further 10 gyms per year for the next five years in the UK, as well as additional plans to expand throughout Europe.

Precor is part of Finland-based Amer Sports Corporation, which owns a portfolio of other internationally recognised sports equipment brands such as Wilson, Atomic, Suunto and Salomon. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w6D4z>

Gym owner fined over underage sunbed user

A gym owner in Lancashire has been fined £500 for failing to prevent a 15-year-old girl from using a sunbed.

Stewart Hall, owner the Olympic Power Mill gym in Bury, didn't check the age of the teenage student who developed severe burns and was hospitalised after using an onsite sunbed. In addition to the £500 fine, Hall was ordered to pay court costs of £1,500. He has since sold the gym.

The case has been seen as a landmark as it is the first successful prosecution under the Sunbeds Regulation Act 2010, which came into effect April 2011.

The act prevents businesses from allowing under-18's to use sunbeds. Owners must also prevent youngsters from entering 'restricted zones' around the sunbeds. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w6D4z>



The new space includes 100 new stations

Women 'train harder' with gym buddies

Almost two thirds of women work out harder when they exercise with a friend, according to new research by Virgin Active.

A study of 1,000 women found that 64 per cent of women that run, go to the gym or attend group classes with friends will push themselves harder than if they go alone. Women, who have an exercise partner train for longer, burn more calories and workout more regularly.

More than 30 per cent of women said their friend provides the motivation they need to stay in good shape. The study shows that during the average exercise session, women who exercise with friends burn up to 236 calories, compared to 195 for those that workout alone.

A spokesman for Virgin Active, which carried out the research, said: "We all have a need to socialise and be with other people, it's written into our DNA. Sometimes having



Women who exercise at a gym with a friend burn up extra calories

an exercise partner is the difference between sitting on the couch in the evening and getting up and out of the house."

The average workout for friends at a health club lasts for 42 minutes - with the average run taking around 31 minutes.

For women who attend the gym alone, sessions last for 36 minutes, and runs just 29 minutes. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=5y1q4>

100-station Cybex gym for Liverpool University

University of Liverpool's Sport & Fitness Centre has reopened with more than 100 new pieces of equipment as part of a £5m project to improve the university's sports and fitness facilities.

The revamped fitness centre features more than 100 new pieces of Cybex cardio and strength training equipment as well as an advanced strength training area.

The training area includes Cybex power racks, adjustable, incline and decline benches, alongside plate-loaded equipment including chest press, overhead press and squat press.

Cybex's Bravo Functional Trainer was also installed and 770A lower body and 770AT total body Arc Trainers and Personalised Entertainment Monitors with iPod connectivity. The first phase of the project was launched last March and included a £2.5m refurbishment of the university's 33m six-lane swimming pool. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d4N1W>



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Museums Sheffield faces 10 per cent cut in funding

Museums Sheffield has received confirmation it will face a reduction in council funding for the next financial year, and has said it will reduce core expenditure and focus on income generation as a result.

The 10 per cent cut will amount to a £200,000 reduction in budget annually and will be effective from April 2013. Museums Sheffield is a charitable trust responsible for the Millennium Gallery, Weston Park Museum, Graves Gallery and Bishops' House. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p6j7A>*



An artist's impression of the Story Museum

Oxford's Story Museum lands Art Council grant

Children's storytelling and literature attraction the Story Museum, in Oxford, UK, has received Art Council England funding for the modernisation of its facilities, due to open in 2015. The museum - which aims to inspire learning, improve language skills and build confidence in children - currently occupies a dilapidated building, which it is using for "atmospheric" events.

The museum received £465,000 towards its planned upgrade as part of Art Council small grants funding, announced on 22 January. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h4X2l>*

National Glass Centre set for £2.5m revamp

Work will begin this month on a £2.25m redevelopment of the National Glass Centre at the University of Sunderland following a successful fundraising campaign.

The latest funding came from the Arts Council England's Large Capital Programme (£750,000), the Heritage Lottery Fund (£337,000) and the Foyle Foundation (£50,000).

The University of Sunderland also contributed £975,000 towards the project, which is due for completion in Summer 2013. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y8D7W>*

Aerospace attraction for Bristol

Bristol mayor George Ferguson has announced his support for a proposed aerospace attraction at the Filton airfield that would showcase aircraft, helicopters, aero-engines and missiles, and also provide a home for a decommissioned Concorde.

In a letter to Iain Gray, chair of the Bristol Aero Collection Trust, Ferguson said he saw the Bristol Aerospace Centre as a "key legacy project".

"The Bristol Aeroplane Company was one of the first and most important British aviation companies and Bristol's links to the history of flight forms an integral part of the city's unique identity."

In December BAE Systems pledged £2m to the project as well as £400,000 worth of design, construction consultancy and project management support. The attraction, expected



The attraction is set to house one of the decommissioned Concordes

to cost around £13.65m and open in 2016, is forecast to attract 80,000 visitors a year.

In February the charity will seek around £4.5m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and additional money will be sought from corporate players, charitable trusts and foundations, major donors and a public appeal.

Financial boost for Dundee's V&A museum

Plans for a new Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum at Dundee have received a financial boost after securing £4m in private donations.

The Scottish government has already invested £15m in capital funding and the Heritage Lottery Fund has given a first-phase pass on a bid of up to £9.2m towards the project's £45m cost.

The latest £4m investment was received from individuals, trusts and foundations.

Officials behind the project said that the latest donations mean the project is well on its way to achieving the £45m fundraising target.

Sandy Richardson, development director of V&A at Dundee, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be able to make this announcement and are extremely grateful to those



The museum is scheduled to open to the public sometime during 2015

individuals and organisations who are supporting the project."

The announcement comes as the project displays its latest building plans as part of a new exhibition open to the public between the 17th and 19th January at University of Abertay, Dundee. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d5B4O>*

Restructuring plans at National Museum Wales

Staff at the national heritage body that overlooks some of Wales' most significant museums will be consulted about a proposed restructure early next week. Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales confirmed it would embark on a period of consultation with staff and key

partners, including unions, over the coming weeks before definitive decisions are made.

The organisation's financial report for 2011-12 revealed it employed 571 full time equivalents with a median salary of £21,088. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Cok2t>*

Council support for Tate plans

St Ives Town Council in Cornwall has put its support behind a £10.5m extension and refurbishment of the local Tate gallery, which overlooks Porthmeor Beach. The extension, presented to the council planning committee on 10 January, will add 300sq m of extra floor space to the gallery's current footprint of 500sq m.

It will create three zones for exhibitions and displays, enabling three seasons of international contemporary art each year, more displays drawn from the wider Tate collection, and a 12-month display of the St Ives modernists.

A new loading bay, art handling area and art lift will provide a secure environment for the gallery to receive artworks.

Improved visitor facilities will include new circulation routes, including stairs and a lift, and new public toilets.

Staff offices will also be added in the extension. The design team, led by Jamie Fobert



The plans include expanding the gallery's exhibition space by 300sq m

Architects, includes mechanical and electrical engineer Max Fordham, structural engineer Price & Myers, and Swett Group as the cost consultant.

The Tate St Ives opened to the public in 1993 and attracts more than 200,000 visitors a year. In 2009 the gallery brought approximately £12m into the Cornish economy. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h7col>

Theatre to replace Derby leisure centre

A dance studio and theatre will replace part of Queen's Leisure Centre in Derby, which has been deemed not fit for purpose.

Art Council funding, announced on 22 January, gave local dance academy Déda - which currently neighbours Queen's Leisure - the means to go ahead with the expansion, due to start April 2014. Derby City Council's leisure strategy, signed off in 2010, deemed the Springwood Leisure Centre the only facility in the city still fit for purpose,

and Queen's Leisure is due to be decommissioned in 2015. An investment of £50m has been signed off for replacement leisure facilities across Derby, including two major sports hubs and satellite facilities in the city.

A groundbreaking ceremony for a multi-use sports arena was held in November and will include a velodrome, 12-court sports hall, fitness and wellness facilities and a sports infield. Derby City Council director of leisure and



Work on the new theatre and dance school is expected to start in 2014

culture Claire Davenport said the significant investment in leisure facilities mean there are likely to be new job opportunities for people currently employed at Queen's Leisure.

Déda's expansion, due to open September 2014, will include a new dance and production studio, conference facility and glass atrium.

Déda currently hosts 50 classes a week, and will be the base for a new degree in dance developed by Déda. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=1w2y7>

Leeds brewery to become contemporary art gallery

A contemporary art centre being built in a former Leeds brewery has been granted £225,500 Arts Council funding ahead of its opening in autumn this year.

Project Space Leeds will use the grant to transform three floors of The Tetley building into exhibition space, event and retail space, learning and community facilities and a café and bar.

Work to convert the 1930s building, situated on Leeds' South Bank, began in September last year, including the refurbishment of the period glass roof, and the addition of new exterior stairs and a lift.

The redevelopment of the space, which is owned by Carlsberg UK, will preserve heritage features of The Tetley including the original boardroom and war memorials in the building.

Director of Project Space Leeds Kerry Harker said: "For years in Leeds there has been a gap in provision for contemporary visual art and it is fantastic that, at long last, the city will have its own interpretation of brilliantly inspiring, thriving places such as Glasgow's Centre for Contemporary Arts." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Z3o5b>



The iconic Plymouth venue will receive an upgrade

BAM Construction wins £5.3m Plymouth contract

BAM Construction has secured a £5.3m contract as part of a £7m project to redevelop Plymouth's landmark Theatre Royal. The Devon-based contractor will re-clad the building's curtain walling and refurbish the front-of-house area including the box office and restaurant. New catering facilities will be introduced and the capacity of the restaurant increased.

The project will also involve work on the backstage and basement areas, as well as new mechanical and electrical plant.

A creative learning space will be created in the basement for use in community outreach programmes. Construction will begin in mid-April and the theatre will reopen in September. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h2f3d>

Join us for The Big Conversation



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is chief executive
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Hospitality Association

In my first comment piece for this year I talked about the need for our industry to join together to invest in our best resource – our young people. Youth employment is one of the BHAs central campaign areas and our research shows that the industry has the potential to create over 200,000 jobs in the UK by 2015.

This is why I want to share some news about what The Big Conversation – an events-led initiative between senior leaders and young people. The concept was started by Business in the Community – one of the Prince of Wales's charities and it's aimed at promoting talent and skills leadership across every industry sector and every region of the UK. Together with the BHA, Patrick Dempsey, managing director of Whitbread's hotels and restaurants, is taking this initiative to our own industry and helping to lead the Big Conversation for hospitality jobs.

Patrick and I are challenging hospitality businesses to pledge to employ more young people aged between 18-24 years old. The Big Conversation for Hospitality Jobs provides a unique forum for industry leaders to meet directly with a group of young people to talk about tackling youth unemployment, the importance of work experience and apprenticeships.

Coupled with the Big Conversation, the recently signed agreement between the BHA, the Minister of State for Employment and the Department of Work & Pensions to 'better serve the needs of the hospitality sector while giving those people who wish to pursue a career in hospitality a recognized route into work' will be an important step in ensuring the industry receives the support needed from government to realise its full job creating potential.

By joining together, we can pledge thousands of new jobs for young people. The first of our Big Conversations is being held in London on 8th February. There are events being planned all around the UK between now and June. If your business can find just one or more work experience places, internships, apprenticeships or a new job for someone under the age of 25, please join the campaign and let us know: pr@bha.org.uk

HOTELS

Regional hotels may struggle in 2013

Hotel consultancy HVS says this year hotel transactions could improve in London in 2013, though regional hotels outside the city are likely to struggle. HVS says trading in luxury hotels across the UK and Europe is likely to remain strong, boosted by wealthy guests from Brazil, China, India and Russia.

HVS London chairman Russell Kett said 2013 could see an improvement for hotel transactions as buyer interest remains strong and some debt becomes available.

"Outside London is a different matter, apart from a handful of locations such as Edinburgh, many UK provincial hotels will struggle through 2013 in need of both customers and investment," Kett said.

"Several owners, whether individuals or banks, will seek to sell their distressed



HVS predicts hotels outside London will find 2013 another hard year

businesses, but buyers will find it hard to secure meaningful levels of debt, which may cause price reductions in some cases."

Despite strong demand London's hotels are unlikely to achieve the premium rates they did during last year's Olympics and Paralympics. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=f4p3g>

Travelodge to invest £223m during 2013

Travelodge will invest £223m in its brand this year, including 14 new hotels at an investment of £141.5m, and the rollout of a new room designed partly by the hotel group's customers.

Twelve new hotels will open in the UK this year and two will open in Spain, in Barcelona and Madrid.

All new hotels will incorporate a new room design, overseen by in-house designer Frances Whitley and based on feedback from customers, featuring Sleepeeze king sized beds with 800 pocket sprung mattresses – a bed used predominantly in luxury hotels. A chromotherapy expert has been consulted for the development of a sleep-inducing colour scheme, with feature walls painted a tranquil blue, and remaining walls painted a calming cream colour. To attract customers £12m will be invested in digital and online marketing, and £1m will be spent refreshing the Travelodge website.

Chief executive Grant Hearn said: "The UK at less than 20 per cent remains a growing market for branded budget accommodation, as it is still well behind matured markets such as the USA and France."



The new design of the Travelodge interiors was influenced by guests

"This capital expenditure will help us to grow our business, strengthen our product offering and make Travelodge the best value hotel chain in the UK."

More than 400 new positions will be created with 371 in new hotels, 30 through the hotel's apprenticeship programme, and 19 more in the head office. New UK locations will include Bethnal Green, Hounslow, Vauxhall and Walthamstow, in London, and across the rest of the country, Liverpool, Cambridge, Aylesbury, Southport, Kings Lynn, Sittingbourne, Manchester and Chertsey.

Global tourism arrivals reach 1bn

The number of annual international tourist arrivals worldwide reached one billion for the first time last year, with Asia and the Pacific showing the strongest growth in foreign visitor numbers.

The UNWTO World Tourism Barometer figures revealed an additional 39m tourists travelled internationally last year, reaching 1.035bn compared with 996m in 2011. Japan showed recovery following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, with receipts from international tourism increasing 37 per cent, and across Asia and the Pacific there were 15m more visitors, an increase of 7 per cent overall. Other international destinations that saw increases by 15 per cent or more included India and South Africa (+22 per cent), Sweden and Korea (19 per cent), Thailand (18 per cent) and Poland (16 per cent).



More than one billion people now travel abroad as tourists each year

Among the top ten tourist destinations, receipts were significantly up in Hong Kong (+16 per cent), the US (+10 per cent), the UK (+6 per cent) and Germany (+5 per cent).

Secretary-general Taleb Rifai said despite economic volatility, particularly in the Eurozone, international tourism is expected to expand in 2013. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e1a5d>

Scotland to take lead on accessible tourism

The inaugural Accessible Tourism Conference will be held in Edinburgh next month as part of efforts to attract more disabled visitors to the country. Organised by VisitScotland, the conference will look to inspire the Scottish tourism industry to think about the numerous

innovative ways in which they can make their businesses more accessible.

The conference will feature a number of demonstrations, including teams from Guide Dogs showing how the dogs provide invaluable support to people with impairments.

Britain's image as destination improves

An international survey has revealed Britain's image as a tourist destination has improved following last year's Olympics and Paralympics.

The Nation Brands Index research by Anholt-GfK Roper rated 50 of the world's leading nations around six core categories. It was carried out in July 2012 – before the London Games – and again once they had finished.

Its purpose was to reveal how the international image of a nation can change before and after a sporting event.

Britain's rating as a welcoming country jumped three spots from 12th to ninth place following the Games.

Overall the UK was ranked among the top 10 countries by 14 of the 15 panel



UK has improved its position in the minds of tourists as a destination

countries, and nine – including key source markets like the US, China, Japan, Russia and India – put the UK in the top three post-Games. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=T3k2S>

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Plans for the site include a six-lane swimming pool

Willmott Dixon wins £11m South Tyneside contract

Construction firm Willmott Dixon is working with South Tyneside Council in the early development stages of a new £11m leisure centre in Hebburn. The new centre is being developed by the council and forms part of a masterplan to regenerate the town centre.

The leisure hub will comprise a 25m, six-lane swimming pool as well as a learner pool, sports hall, dance studio, library and customer service facilities. Construction on site is due to begin late summer 2013, with completion due 18 months later. Willmott Dixon has signed Mott MacDonald as its civil and structural design engineers.

Gerry Gray, Mott MacDonald's project director, said: "Our appointment on this project continues a strong relationship between Mott MacDonald and Willmott Dixon in the north east."

Residential project to fund Guernsey fitness plans

A residential development will partially finance the planned refurbishment of health and fitness facility Kings Club, in St Peter's Port, Guernsey.

The club recently revealed details of the £10m investment, to include new changing facilities, gym equipment, a new spa and renovated clubroom - pending planning approval. The profits from a £5m investment in low-rise apartments will help fund the refurbishment.

Tennis courts are to be completely refurbished through supplier Tiger Turf and, pending planning permission, an indoor pavilion will see two courts moved indoors. Life Fitness will supply equipment for the expanded gym, which will more than double in size, and a second fitness studio will cater to strong demand for fitness classes.

Construction is set to begin in the fourth quarter this year and be completed in 2015. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=19g2v>

Council takes court action against Kier

Local Scottish authority Dumfries and Galloway Council will take court action against contractor Kier Northern over a number of problems with the DG One leisure centre, which opened in 2008 at a cost of £17m.

A detailed report by independent technical experts found the cost of addressing defects in the gym, games hall, bar, swimming pool and changing village would total £3.7m. At its policy and resources committee meeting on 22 January the council voted to take court action to recover £6m for remedial works and other reasonable costs and losses.

Work will begin January 2014, with dryside improvements expected to take four months and the wet side facilities taking 13 months.



The DG One centre opened to the public in 2008 at a total cost of £17m

Councillor Ivor Hyslop said he would be receiving a number of reports in the coming months detailing how issues with the building will be dealt with.

"We're all extremely disappointed and frustrated with the situation with DG One," he said. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K8R8U>

Plans submitted for £200m project

Retail developer Capital Shopping Centres (CSC) has submitted plans for a £200m mixed-use development at the Braehead shopping centre in Glasgow. The planning application outlines plans for new leisure and retail facilities including a new 200-room hotel, restaurants and an arena for ice and other sports.

The project would also host an area for concerts, entertainment shows, exhibitions, and conferences

Plans include a proposal for a new department store and additional shops at the western end of the mall. CSC expects the development to create 3,000 direct and indirect jobs in leisure and retail when the project is completed.

Peter Beagley, regional centre director for CSC said: "This will be one of the biggest private investment projects in Scotland for a long



Plans include a wide range of leisure facilities - including a new hotel

time. With planning consent, we will be creating thousands of jobs at a time of economic downturn and it will be a boost not only to Renfrewshire, but also to West of Scotland.

"We hope that the new jobs being created will particularly help young people find employment." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=XoC3b>

New swimming complex planned for Worcestershire

Outline planning permission for a new £13m swimming complex at Perdiswell Leisure Centre in Worcester received council approval last week. The proposed facility would include a 25m eight-lane pool, learner pool, wet changing area, café, soft play area, crèche, party

room meeting room, ancillary stores and staff rooms on the ground floor. The top floor would include a gym, two exercise studios, an indoor cycling studio, dry changing rooms, plant area and viewing area to the main pool. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E8QoR>

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TED SCHAMA, Joint Managing Partner, Shelly Sandzer

Ted will look back at the history of food in shopping centres and put into context their relevance in today's centres and consider that food in the future may even define the experience.

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The appointed organisation will be expected to have a proven track record in managing all these services.

The services consist of a leisure centre, a sports, play and healthy lifestyles service, a sports stadium, an art gallery and museum, two events venues (Town Hall and Pittville Pump Room), and the town's tourism services and tourist information centre. The council reserves the right to transfer additional services to the appointed organisation at a future date during the course of the contract.

To request a copy of the council's pre-qualification questionnaire please contact Jennie Williams at jennie.williams@cheltenham.gov.uk by 14th February 2013.

Following a commissioning review, the Council has established a preference for the creation of a new charitable trust and the council's leisure and culture team will be responding to the pre-qualification questionnaire.

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New year, new opportunities



IAN TAYLOR
is chief executive
of SkillsActive

The New Year is an exciting time for our industry; as we all strive to fulfil our resolutions, many choose to join gyms and get involved in leisure activities. By working with our employer groups we can ensure that these fresh faces stick around and continue to benefit from our industry.

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Proposals that pledge to invest in skills and aim to bring long-term benefits to the UK are highly sought after. SkillsActive has extensive experience working with employers, helping them to engage with the government in accessing funding.

We are always keen to hear new ideas and work with new employers, so if you're interested in bidding into the Employer Ownership of Skills pilot then please contact us at employerenquiries@skillsactive.com. By investing in skills we can ensure that talented individuals continue to work and enjoy working in our industry.

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For more information on the fund itself visit the UKCES website at www.ukces.org.uk/employeroownership

TRAINING

SkillsActive given Sport England grant

Sport England has given sector council SkillsActive a £350,000 grant as part of efforts to improve the skill levels of people working in sport. The one-year investment will support SkillsActive's work in general as it aims to help sports bodies bridge existing skills gaps of those already working in sport as well as to help train new staff.

Sport England director of sport, Phil Smith, said: "Dedicated development staff with the right skills and access to training is really important in achieving our goal of getting more people playing sport."

SkillsActive Chief Executive, Ian Taylor, said: "Sport England's ambition to create a sporting habit for life cannot be achieved without an appropriately skilled workforce."



The grant will be used to fund SkillsActive's work across all sports

"We also know from our position as a licensed Sector Skills Council that there is a direct correlation between training and a sector's growth and prosperity, with every £1 spent having a £20 resultant impact on productivity." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G7R9T>

Icon secures government contract

Icon Training has become the UK's first sport training provider to be given the go-ahead by the Education Funding Agency to provide its Ofsted Grade 1 training to 16- and 17-year-olds.

The new programme will be specifically designed for foundation learners looking to work as sports coaches, fitness instructors or lifeguards.

The 36-week course will comprise four level 1 compulsory subjects and two level 2 qualifications.

Mac Cleves, Icon Training's managing director, said: "Students enrolling on the unique Foundation course will spend one day in the classroom and another on placement in a relevant workplace to put their theory into practice. These personalised programmes



The company is the first sports training provider to offer the programme

encourage young people, who may have previously disengaged with learning, to follow their aspirations and reach their full potential." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W9S5j>

Active IQ Academy to provide Les Mills with e-learning

Training resources provider Active IQ Academy has announced that it is to provide Les Mills Nordic with an e-learning package to help the company's trainers meet European Health and Fitness Association standards.

The trainers who make use of the package will be able to roll out the programme to

instructors from Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway.

Ninnie Magnusson, training manager at Les Mills Nordic, said: "We've got big ambitions for the future, and these easy-to-use learning resources provide a great way for our staff to meet EHFA standards."

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Europe's longest zip line for Wales

A zip line in Bethesda, Gwynedd, North Wales, which will see visitors travel through the sky at speeds of up to 75mph, is set to launch on 16 March 2013.

Located in Penrhyn Quarry, which was once the largest quarry in the world, the attraction will be one mile long and 700ft (213m) above a lake. Developer Zip World Ltd is expecting the £500,000 project to attract around 30,000 people to the area annually.

A smaller, 1,650ft (500m)-long zip line will also feature with speeds of up to 35mph.

The journey starts at ground level with visitors collected in ex-military vehicles and taken up into the Welsh mountains on a three hour guided tour of the area.



Zipworld will be located in what once was the largest quarry in the world

Sean Taylor, director of Zip World, said: "Zip World is going to be a great experience for people of all ages to enjoy. Guests will be able to fly through the air like superman in pairs and reach speeds of up to 75mph." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=x6h9c>

DCMS to continue support of two regional museums

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) will continue to fund two non-national museums – the Horniman Museum and Gardens and the Geffrye Museum in London.

In October 2010, the DCMS said that it was looking to relinquish responsibility for the

two museums and pursuing alternative sponsors. Following discussions about alternative options, including a possible transfer to Arts Council England, the DCMS have decided not to pursue any alternative sponsorship options. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Q8W1l>

Glasgow wins 'smartest city' bid

Glasgow will become UK's 'smartest city' after securing a £24m UK government grant.

Scotland's largest city beat 29 other UK cities to be named the winner of the City of Future competition, organised by the Technology Strategy Board.

The competition was announced as part of the Future Cities Demonstrator project, which investigates what can be achieved by the use of ultra-modern technology. Glasgow will now use the funding to demonstrate how a city of the future might work.

This will include initiatives promoting healthy living and others that directly tackle long-standing health issues such as low life expectancy. The city's real-time operations will be monitored with a city dashboard and a management system that views the city as an integrated whole, and a 'MyGlasgow' public



A total of £24m will be invested in new technologies

window on the city to deliver multiple benefits for the people of Glasgow. Universities and Science Minister David Willetts said Glasgow's win was partly due to already ongoing capital investment being made in the city – such as those linked to the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=A6v7L>

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