



SUFFOLK VOLUNTEERING FEDERATION

Feedback Report

Title of Meeting:	Nations and Regions East
Meeting date and time:	09.30am - 12.30pm Friday 26 th September 2008
Place:	The Heath Centre, Thundersley, Essex,
Attendees:	Regional representatives of Culture, Sport, Tourism, Business, Transport, Environment, County Councils, Unitary Authorities, EEDA, GO East among others
Purpose of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Deighton (Chief Executive of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games) attended the meeting • Graham Creelman (Living East Chair) updated the NRE Board on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Regional Infrastructure Review and the implications relevant to culture's representation on and engagement with NRE. • Planning for the Full Board "away day" to be held in November will include a section on volunteering • Gill Robinson (EVDC Chair) presented a paper on the Regional Volunteering Strategy • Katie Huane (Regional Project Manager 2012) gave a presentation on Pre Games Training Camps and the lessons learned from Beijing • Graham Long (EEDA) and Kevin Long (EET) gave a presentation on the progress being made on the development of the Business Tourism Strategic Action Plan and advised that they are now working towards the implementation of the action plan in partnership with county tourism partnerships. Tourism is regarded as biggest 'winner' for the Olympics in East of England (with potential economic benefits of £250m). • The development of a Major Events Strategy is identified in the NRE Business Plan and is a cross-cutting action for the Tourism and Sport theme groups. It also has a strong link to the Culture theme. Funding from the Legacy Trust has been obtained to support the development of some of the region's major events. • We saw a short video of the Olympic Handover Celebrations that had taken place over the region which was followed by a presentation on that subject by Laura • The meeting was followed by a tour of Hadleigh Castle, the Olympic site for mountain biking
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very charismatic CEX of LOCOG • Informative, interesting, inspiring presentations and discussions • Following the handovers in Beijing, the Olympic and Paralympic Games now officially belong to Great Britain. An enormous amount of preparatory work has been done and now the detail begins in earnest. Less than four calendar years to go!
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