

Forum
Women and the Olympic & Paralympic Games
Beijing 2008 ~ London 2012
Monday 11th February 2008, 2.00-5.00pm
BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London WC1

This Forum will bring together expert speakers from Beijing and London, to share ideas, experiences and exchange views on the Olympic and Paralympic Games' impact on women and society. Besides covering sports, discussion topics will also explore the Games' impact on women's lives in the community and case studies of women entrepreneurs benefiting from the Olympic and Paralympic Games' business environment.

Forum Chair:

Anni Marjoram is the Policy Adviser on Women's Issues to the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone. She has campaigned for more representation of women in political and public life for nearly 20 years.

Speakers from Beijing:

Deng Yaping is considered the greatest female table tennis player in the history of the sport. She has achieved 14 World Championships and 4 Olympic gold medals. In 2002, she was invited by the International Olympics Committee to join their Moral Committee and Sports Environment Committee and in 2003 she became a key member of the Beijing Organising Committee for the Olympic Games.

Wang Weiguo is Vice-President of the China Family Cultural Research Institute, President of the China Women's Newspaper and Magazine Association. He is closely involved with the Beijing local communities and advises women's groups on preparation for the Games.

Ma Chunying is Deputy CEO of Beijing YiLi Bakery Company, sole supplier of breads to the Beijing Olympic Games. She started on the shop floor as a worker in the Bakery's factory and will discuss from first-hand experience the opportunities that the Games can bring to women entrepreneurs.

Speakers from London:

Murziline Parchment is the Mayor of London's representative on the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) Board and is also a member of the Audit Committee. She is the Director for Major Projects and Services Delivery at the Greater London Authority.

Debbie Jevans is Director of Sport for LOCOG and she will be defining the strategy for the delivery of sport competitions for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Debbie Jevans competed at tennis regionally, nationally and internationally, representing the United Kingdom as a junior and senior player. She then became a consultant to the International Tennis Federation and oversaw the return of Tennis as an Olympic sport and ran the Women's tennis department.

Jean Tomlin is Human Resources Director of LOCOG. Before joining London 2012 she was an advisor to the BBC and Group HR Director at Marks & Spencer plc. Jean Tomlin is currently an Advisor to Manchester Square Partners, a trustee of CIDA (a South African self-funding university) and a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development Enterprise Board.