

## SET for Sport: London 1908, 1948, 2012

### 100 Years of Sport Innovation: Showcasing How Science Has Transformed Sport

Portia is pleased to announce the launch of the first event in our latest project, "SET for Sport: London 1908, 1948, 2012".

This new project will use sport and the attention on the London Olympic Games to inspire and engage young people with SET by showcasing the many ways in which science can interact with sport, and how it has revolutionised both sport equipment and performance over the years.

With the support of IMechE, ICE, The Learning Trust, Hackney Technology and Learning Centre and the Hackney 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Unit, Portia Ltd will organise an exhibition linking engineering to both the past and the forthcoming London Events. ICE will cover infrastructure and IMechE technology and engineering in sport.

The initial two half day events on this theme will be held in Hackney Town Hall to which school children from the surrounding area will be invited. The content of this is under development with ICE and IMechE Medical Engineering Division and will be run by volunteers from the institutions. A joint committee has been formed and volunteers are needed to support the development and execution of this project.

We have also collaborated with the independent charity, Teach First, which seeks to address educational disadvantage by transforming exceptional graduates into effective, inspirational teachers and leaders in all fields. Portia is making 3 internships available this summer for these Teach First top graduates. People following this opportunity are made to teach hard-to-teach kids, or work in schools in disadvantaged areas. The interns will design and develop engaging teaching and exhibition materials for SET for Sport: London 1908, 1948, 2012.

The response to the project as a whole so far has been overwhelmingly positive from everyone whom we have contacted, and most importantly we have been inundated with calls from schools and science teachers who are really keen to be involved in any way they can. Through these contacts we have managed to establish an impressive steering group comprised of teachers, education specialists, scientists and engineers, to name a few.

Our "SET for Sport" project will be promulgated across all schools and local councils.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact for further information, or advice on how to get involved, email or call Emily Crane on [ec@equalitec.org.uk](mailto:ec@equalitec.org.uk) or 020 7367 5348