

Global Engineering and Architecture Foundation lends support to Portia project for young people

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Thanks to the generosity of **The Ove Arup Foundation**, Portia's project, "100 Years of Sport Innovation: Showcasing how Science has Transformed Sport - London 1908, 1948, 2012", has been able to pick up momentum and continue to expand and consolidate our ever growing network of supporters.

Since the summer of 2008, Portia has been scoping the project which uses sport as a framework to inspire and engage young people with Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) by showcasing how science interacts with modern sport.

In the run up to the 2008 Olympic Games, Portia saw what it believes is an untapped area of focus for SET. With London hosting the next summer games in 2012, this presents an opportunity for potential wide-reaching engagement across the sectors to compliment or enhance existing learning materials.

We see science as an enabler to improving sport. Advances in SET have transformed the construction of sports venues; design of sports equipment; footwear and apparel; training and coaching methods; and has significantly improved wellbeing and performance over the years. We have chosen the period from 1908 (when London first hosted the Olympic Games) to 2012, to make comparisons where SET has had a significant impact on sport.

The Ove Arup Foundation aims, primarily, to promote, further and disseminate 'knowledge of matters associated with the built environment...with emphasis on the multi-disciplinary nature of design in engineering and architecture'.

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