

Paralympics 2012

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Sixteen young people aged 12 to 18 and six adults from the Leyland Project enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Paralympic and a sightseeing tour of London. The young people from the Broadfields and Wade Hall estates in Leyland had been rewarded with the trip following their good behaviour during the four week Olympic themed 'Off da Streets' Summer Scheme run by the Leyland Project. Only a couple of the young people had been to London before and one of the helpers Karen Beech who is middle aged had never been to London before! The group were seated on the front row of the Olympic stadium to watch the morning athletics session and one of the young people Callum said "the stadium was amazing and the Mexican wave brilliant, but watching the runners start to race only a few feet away was incredible" ☺ ☺

The itinerary for the Day was

5.15 am – Pick up young people at 'The Place' Community Centre, Wade Hall travel by taxis to Preston Train Station.

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5.58 am – Board Virgin Intercity Train at Preston Station

8.14 am - Arrive London Euston Train station - walk to adjacent St Pancras train Station

8.47 am – Board South-eastern train to Ebbs Fleet International

8.53 am – Get off train at Stratford International – walk to Olympic Park

9.10 am Enter Park walk to be seated in Stadium for 10am Athletics Session start.

12.30 pm Leave Stadium walk back to Stratford International Station

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1 pm Board Docklands Light Railway Train for Tower Gateway

2 pm Arrive Tower Gateway to see the Tower of London and Tower Bridge

Thames River walk to Leicester Square taking in HMS Belfast, the Millennium Bridge, The London Eye, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, 10 Downing Street, the Mall, Trafalgar Square and Leicester Square.

6.30 pm Board Northern line tube at Leicester Square to travel to Euston

7.30 pm Board Virgin Intercity to Preston

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9.49 pm Arrive Preston Station walk across town through the Guild Torch light Procession (not planned) to take Taxis back to Leyland

11.05 pm *Returning to 'The Place' Community Centre, Wade Hall*

Tony Crawford the Leader of the Expedition, Chair of Trustees of the Leyland Project and Pastor of Leyland Baptist Church, said "the Day was a once in a lifetime experience, I know the wonder of seeing those Athletes compete overcoming their disadvantages will inspire this generation of young people make the the Team GB slogan 'better never stops' true for them"