



RAYNET Report to Spectrum Forum

October 2012



Olympics 2012

- **Torch Relay**

Many groups around the country supported local authorities by providing communications support during the Torch Relay events prior to the start of both games.

- **RAYNET support during the Games**

- **Greater Glasgow and Clyde RAYNET**

Greater Glasgow RAYNET Group provided assistance in the main control room at Hampden Park, which hosted eight football games during the Olympics.

- **Support to the British Red Cross London Area Operations Room**

The primary role of this Red Cross Ops Room during both sets of games was to provide support, advice and guidance for BRC volunteers deployed to various locations in London where they were providing first aid services for the public.

The Ops Room was operational from 0630 to 0100 for the Olympics – 27th July to 12th August and from 0730 to 0100 for the Paralympics – 29th August to 9th September.

Red Cross needed more volunteers in order to staff the Ops Room for these extended periods and approached RAYNET to see if they could assist. Eight RAYNET members from groups around London and the East of England became Red Cross 'Convergent Volunteers' for this event and received formal training in the systems utilised in the Ops Centre.

On average, each of these RAYNET members covered at least four 8-hour shifts during both sets of games.

A short video presentation of the work covered by RAYNET members can be found at:

<http://blogs.redcross.org.uk/emergencies/2012/08/friday-round-up-red-cross-in-action-during-the-2012-olympics>

Commonwealth Games 2014

Spectrum planning considerations for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow (23 July – 3 August 2014) have already commenced, and liaison is taking place between the local RAYNET groups, Statutory User Services and the City Council.

Ofcom meeting – 10th October 2012

Two representatives from the Network, Cathy Clark G1GQJ (Network Chairman) and Trevor Groves G4KUJ (the Network's Emergency Planning Team Leader and Cabinet Office Liaison) were invited to attend the Ofcom/RSGB meeting on 10 October, in order to discuss an agenda item on the role of Amateur Service in Emergency Communications. Unfortunately Charlie Morrison GI4FUE was unable to attend.

The meeting was very productive and identified a number of topics for further consideration by all of the organisations present.

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Network Chairman*

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