

Olympic Delivery Authority
Construction Crew
Employment and skills
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A large orange excavator is shown in a construction site, lifting a massive, dark grey rock. The ground is covered in gravel and rubble. In the background, other construction equipment and structures are visible under a clear blue sky.

opportunities

Building the Park creates thousands of jobs, training and career opportunities for people in London and the UK.

The Olympic Park is one of the largest construction programmes in the UK.

Working on a construction site

There are a lot of different jobs you can do on a construction site. You can design a building, or lay the bricks to build it; you can work out what angle you have to dig a hole or actually be the person digging it.

Contractor

A contractor is the name given to a business that provides an agreed service for money. For example, the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) is paying a contractor who agreed to build the Aquatics Centre with two 50 metre swimming pools, a diving pool and 17,500 seats for the Games. Each of the contractors working on the Olympic Park manage their own construction workers.

Manage

Being a manager means you have to manage other people. Managing other people means looking after their interests, while making sure they do what they need to in order to complete a job.

Career

What do you want to be when you grow up? A career is what you call your life at work!

skills and training

In 2010, the Olympic Park workforce is expected to peak at 9,000 when work will be at its busiest.

In February 2008 we opened the Construction Plant Training Centre on the Olympic Park. The centre is like a school that offers short courses in plant operations such as dumper truck driving.

Training facilities for Newham and Waltham Forest will teach people important skills needed on the Olympic Park and will change as the construction programme grows. For example, courses on scaffolding and steel fixing will be run in 2009 while carpentry and electrical courses will be held in 2010.



The ODA is increasing job opportunities for women and disabled people through its training programmes

2,000

The number of people the ODA will put into training by 2012



Just under one in ten workers are people who were previously unemployed



At least one in ten of workers will come from the local five Host Boroughs: Greenwich, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest

health and safety

The health and safety of all the people working on the Olympic Park is the most important part of our work.



People working on the Olympic Park take their health and safety responsibility very seriously

We want to make sure there are as few accidents as possible, as a construction site can be a dangerous place to work. This is everyone's responsibility.

We have also worked with local schools to highlight the dangers of living or playing close to a construction site.

Three of our key health and safety messages for children and young people are:

- building sites are dangerous places;
- watch out for construction traffic; and
- stay out of building sites.

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the number of times the Olympic Park workforce has achieved one million hours of work without an accident being reported



We have been working with children and young people to be careful around building sites

employment

Local people working on the Park is key to us making sure the local community is involved and realising the benefits of London 2012.

Angela, Olympic Park site worker

Angela is a qualified articulated dump truck and wheel load shovel driver. She she went to a construction trial day for women and then began a course on how to use a dump truck at the Plant Training Centre on the Olympic Park.

After finishing a four-week course to become a dump truck driver, Angela then completed a wheel load shovel course.

An ODA Employment and Skills manager helped Angela to get a job on the Park and she started work on 2 June 2008.

Angela is now working in the north of the Olympic Park where she moves soil that has been cleaned in the soil washing machines. These machines remove things that pollute the soil such as petrol, oil and tar so that it can be reused somewhere else on the Park.



Angela is one of the growing number of women working in construction on the Olympic Park site

'I love working on the London 2012 Games and it's even more special because I am helping build it. It's great that it's on my doorstep and I only have to get one bus to work!' Angela, qualified articulated dump truck and wheel load shovel driver

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our goals

3,000

The number of people working for contractors on the Olympic Park at the start of 2009

10%

Proportion of all of London's construction workers on the Olympic Park during 2010 when work on the Olympic Park will be at its busiest

10-15%

Proportion of Olympic Park workers from the five Host Boroughs

7%

Proportion on Olympic Park workers who did not have a job before working on the Olympic Park

2,000

The number of trainees and apprentices placed for work on the Olympic Park

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