



On Saturday 31 Oct 2009 the UK marked 1000 days to go until the 2012 Olympic games open in the UK. London 2012 Chairman Sebastian Coe commented: "Reaching 1,000 days to go gives us an opportunity to celebrate. Millions of people are already inspired by, benefiting from or delivering London 2012, from those who are taking part in sport participation projects inspired by the Games to the millions of National Lottery players who are helping to build the Olympic Park in east London."

The occasion is being marked by the news that more than five million people are currently participating in London 2012 Games-related projects. Initiatives range from the Inspire programme, which has seen thousands of people take part in hundreds of community projects in sport, culture, business and

sustainability, to the 'Get Set' education programme which has reached more than 11,000 schools and the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

The results of the London-wide London 2012 pin badge vote have also been announced, with local residents voting for a landmark in their borough to be immortalised in badge form. Tower Bridge in the City of London, the Globe Theatre in Southwark and Three Mills in Newham are among the chosen landmarks to be celebrated.

Celebrations of another kind were interrupted when pop princesses Girls Aloud gatecrashed the UK Packaging Awards event with fellow pop star James Morrison. The event was being held at London's Grosvenor House Hotel and gained the event national coverage in the UK rags as reporters tried to find yet another excuse to put pictures of 'Our Cheryl' on their pages.

The amazing Ms. Cole has of course been in the news recently, having launched her new single 'Fight for Love' as well as for appearances on the X Factor where her lack of support for the wedge-haired Jedward twins



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