



# London 2012

## Ceremonies

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### *Spectacular celebrations*

About four billion people all over the world will watch the London 2012 Ceremonies.



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# The Opening Ceremonies

The London 2012 Opening Ceremonies will show the world the best of British culture.



There will be an Opening Ceremony for the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games.

- There will be a parade of athletes from all countries taking part.

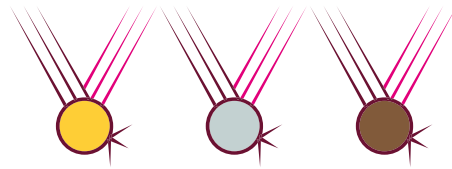


- The Flame will be lit.



The lighting of the Flame starts the Games.

# The Victory Ceremonies



Athletes who win a medal celebrate their success at a Victory Ceremony.

- Their national anthem is played.



- Their national flag is raised.



The Victory Ceremony is a proud moment for the athletes.

It gives people in their nation the chance to celebrate with them.



# *The Closing Ceremonies*

The London 2012 Closing Ceremonies will include a handover to the next Host City.



The next Host City of the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

The Flame will be put out.

This ends the Games.



# *Team Welcome Ceremonies*

These take place before the Opening Ceremonies.

They are a formal welcome to the athletes.





# Planning the Ceremonies

15,000 people will take part in the Olympic and Paralympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies.



The London 2012 Ceremonies Board manages the huge team of people who create the ceremonies.