

Commonwealth Games Activity Plan

The Commonwealth Games are coming to the West Midlands and there are lots of venues and events that are happening near our canals. We're excited to welcome 4 million visitors to the area and showcase our canal network, but we also want to make sure that the waterways and wildlife are treated with care and respect.

Learning Objectives

- Understand what the Commonwealth Games are.
- To explore how we can celebrate this exciting event in a responsible way that is sensitive to the waterways, wildlife and our wellbeing.

Resources

- Commonwealth Games PowerPoint Presentation
- Commonwealth Games Activity Pack
- 'Make a Flag' Video

Activities

Starter	Use the 'Commonwealth Games PowerPoint Presentation' to talk to your group about this exciting event. It provides context for the hands-on opportunities in the activity pack.
Queen's Baton Relay	The Queen's Baton Relay activity is a great opportunity to explore some of the nations and territories that are taking part in the games. Ask teams to pick a country from the list and find interesting facts about it to share with the rest of the group. Learn about the making of the Queen's Baton and have a go at creating your own version using scrap materials.
Commonwealth Games Calendar	Allow learners to select activities from a range of wellbeing and environment-themed ideas to create a calendar for the duration of the Games. Learners could take further ownership of the calendar by thinking of other activities and creative ideas.
Design a Medal	Invite learners to create a design for a new medal and ask them to think about what they would award the medal for. What materials could it be made from? Will the design have words or pictures or both?
Make a Flag	Prepare for the Commonwealth Games celebrations by making a flag from scrap material. Encourage creativity and ideas by discussing the themes of getting active outdoors, sport, or staying safe by the water. Of course, keeping it simple with colourful shapes and patterns will also look great. The video tutorial provides step-by-step instructions on the flag-making process. Page 8 of the activity pack provides a recap of the steps. If required students could use the templates on pages 9 and 10 of the activity pack for A4-sized flags. You could also use these to create a whole class bunting project.

Suggestions

- If you are planning a visit to your local canal please use our collection of [water safety resources](#) on the Canal & River Trust Explorers website.
- The Commonwealth Games activity pack also links well with the [School Plastics Challenge](#).

Plenary

- You could design a poster to welcome visitors to Birmingham but reminding them to look after the environment and waterways.