



NatWest Island Games 2011
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ON-LINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE LINKS CURRICULUM TO NATWEST ISLAND GAMES

The Isle of Wight hosting the NatWest Island Games this June provides a unique opportunity for Island schools to be involved and learn more about the cultural diversity of the 25 competing Islands.

Working with the Island Games Association (IW), the Adult, Community and Family Learning Service has written and produced a pack of resources for schools which provides ideas for whole school, class and family involvement in many aspects of the Games.

This special resource pack will be available to all schools from w/c 28th February as either an online resource via the NatWest Island Games 2011 website, or in the form of a CD which will be distributed to all schools.

The NatWest Island Games provides strong links to all curriculum areas, from art and design to music, geography and maths. With teams coming from as far away as St Helena in the Southern Atlantic and from all corners of the British Isles, there is plenty to spark the imagination of young people, from the Early Years through to High School.

Jane Popov of Adult, Community and Family Learning commented, "We hope that schools and other organisations find these ideas helpful in planning their activities for the NatWest Island Games 2011."

The online resource can be found on the NatWest Island Games 2011 website :
www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk

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NOTE TO EDITOR

1. Could you please refer to the event as the 'NatWest Island Games' (not 'Island Games; or 'The Games') at the start of articles and in headlines, and as 'the Games' mid copy, as appropriate. Thank you.
2. There will be a photo opportunity at Love Lane Primary School on Monday 28 February at 2.30pm prompt with Jane Popov, author of the resource pack, on behalf of the Adult, Community & Family Learning Service. Please contact Michelle Russell on 079298 47665 or via email (michelle@natwestislandgames2011.co.uk) if you wish to attend so arrangements can be made with the school.

3. Background :

- The Island Games were established in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today include 25 member islands in, or associated with, the nine sovereign nations of Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK plus the Caribbean :

Aland	Alderney	Bermuda
Cayman Islands	Falkland Islands	Faroe Islands
Froya Islands	Gibraltar	Gotland
Greenland	Guernsey	Hitra Islands
Isle of Man	Isle of Wight	Jersey
Menorca	Orkney	Prince Edward Island
Rhodes	Saaremaa	Sark
Shetlands Islands	St Helena	Western Isles
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- In 1999, NatWest became the title sponsor of the Island Games which has become one of the largest participation events in the world behind the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.
- The NatWest Island Games 2011 are being organised by the Isle of Wight Island Games Association, supported by the IW Council, which is also a sponsor.
- The 25 member islands compete every two years around the world in a range of up to 14 sports chosen by the Host Island from a list of 18.
- Sports chosen for 2011 are :
Archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing inc. windsurfing, squash, swimming, shooting, table tennis, tennis, volleyball
- The Games were last held on the Isle of Wight in 1993.
- Further information is available at www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk and www.islandgames.net

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