



## 'Team Commonwealth' – Celebrating the Values of the Commonwealth Games

71 Commonwealth teams, made up of over 4,900 athletes competing in 17 different sports, participated in the Glasgow 2014 Games.

The values of unity, teamwork, discipline and effort were discussed by 9,000 plus students participating in the 2014 Commonwealth Essay Competition, the theme of which was 'Team Commonwealth'.

Read our [blog](#) and take part in our poll: [Did Glasgow 2014 strengthen the Commonwealth?](#)

## Queen's Young Leaders Programme

The 60 day countdown has already started - the deadline for entries is 10 October!

This life-changing programme was established by The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust in partnership with Comic Relief and the Royal Commonwealth Society to honour The Queen's 60-year contribution to the Commonwealth.

We are looking for young people (18-29) from every single Commonwealth country to apply or to be nominated, along with applications for the 12 member Advisory Panel. [Read more here.](#)

## The Commonwealth and the Millennium Development Goals

In 2000 the United Nations created the Millennium Development Goals in order to set development benchmarks for member states across the world. 2015 is the deadline for achieving these original goals and countries are busy taking stock of their progress and negotiating for a post-2015 set of development goals.

As part of our Commonwealth Voices blog series, Canadian student and RCS intern Spencer Harvey shares his thoughts on [How Successful the Commonwealth has been in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.](#)

## Beyond the Games

As the biggest public event in the Commonwealth calendar, the Games provides an opportunity for reflection and critical examination of the association.

To hear what some of the athletes, Commonwealth officials and RCS President Lord Howell have to say on the value of the Commonwealth, click [here](#).

For another perspective on the unique potential of the Commonwealth, read Frank Field MP's speech ['The Forward March of the Commonwealth'](#) delivered earlier this year.



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