

IN THE FRAME NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY EXHIBITION LOOKS FORWARD TO LONDON GAMES

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THEY are the young faces hoping to make London 2012 the Games of a lifetime.

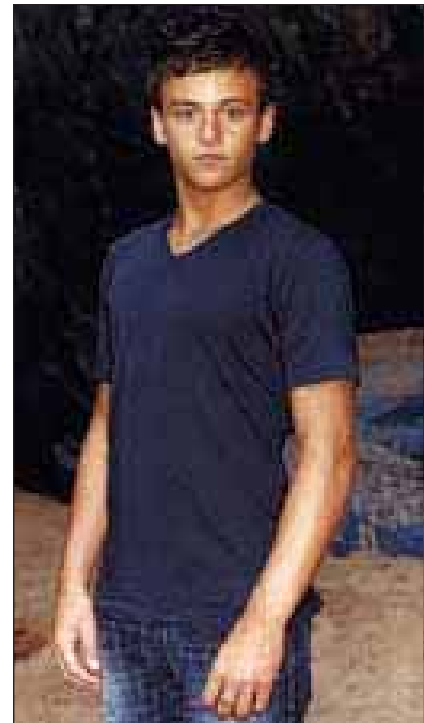
Today the National Portrait Gallery unveils the first exhibition capturing key figures in the 2012 story. There are 30 portraits, including champions such as diver Tom Daley, heptathlete Jessica Ennis, and swimmer Rebecca Adlington.

As well as sportspeople, the exhibition features those behind the scenes, from architects and planners to sports club staff. Former mayor Ken Livingstone and ex-culture secretary Tessa Jowell also feature.

Among the younger faces is 16-year-old Zoe Smith of Greenwich, a European and Commonwealth youth weightlifting champion.

She said she was honoured: "I loved coming to the gallery for my art projects. Never did I expect my picture to go on display."

The photos are by Brian Griffin and Bettina von Zwehl. The NPG/BT Road to 2012 Project runs until September 26, entry free.



Water power: swimmer Rebecca Adlington, who won in Beijing, and diver Tom Daley





BETTINA VON ZWEHL - NPG/BT ROAD TO 2012 PROJECT

World champion: heptathlete Jessica Ennis is one of Britain's medal hopes

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