

Annual WARP Forum 2009

Workshop brief – WARPs for London 2012

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Facilitators: Bruce Thompson, ICT Security & Compliance Manager, LB Hillingdon

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Background

At the Annual WARP Forum last year, Alexis Iliadis, who was the Director of Telecommunications and Electronics for the 2004 Olympic Games, described the huge task of setting up the massive electronic infrastructure necessary for a 17 day event.

Main points:

- Plan early for a huge event like this
- Due to the temporary nature of the event, a lot of infrastructure is exposed and installed outdoors or in temporary buildings, posing a potential physical security weakness.
- Local communities and local security forces must be involved at the earliest opportunity.
- Building one team spirit and common culture including sponsors, subcontractors and authorities are essential elements for success.

Alexis concluded by saying that WARPs would have been a very useful in helping achieve all the above. Close working relationship with the local communities is essential and that's where WARPs can be of great value in the upcoming LONDON 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

Several London 2012 stakeholders were present who later agreed that a proposal for creating WARPs for London 2012 should be studied. Various stakeholders have been approached at various times over the last year and a draft outline proposal produced.

There are so many stakeholders involved in the security of London 2012 that to date it has not been possible to review this proposal and it is not even certain if all the major stakeholders have been identified given the complexity of London 2012.

Workshop aims

The workshop aims are to discuss and review this outline proposal with a view to agreeing 'what' needs to be done to take WARPs for London 2012 forward. Where possible the 'who' and the 'how' should also be identified and recommendations made.

Workshop approach

Tony Proctor is your workshop chair and round table presenter at the morning plenary. The facilitator is Bruce Thompson (WARP programme). After a short introduction, Tony will lead the workshop discussion on:

1. The draft outline proposal
2. Identify issues and changes for next draft
3. Agree 'what' needs to be done to take this forward
4. Identify where possible by 'who' and 'how'
5. Make recommendations to take WARPs for London 2012 forward

The workshop only lasts an hour so it is suggested attention is given to just a few ideas, focussing on quality not quantity – one or two clear well thought through recommendations would be fine. Tony will provide a report back at the plenary and rapporteurs will document proceedings which will be posted on the WARP site.