

Our Olympic torchbearers

University of Birmingham students Annabel Fitzgerald and Beckie Port, lecturers Dr Celia Taylor and Dr Matt Bridge, and alumnus Mostafa Soleimani have been selected to carry the Olympic flame when the torch relay passes through the West Midlands. Find out where you can cheer them on below.



Dr Matt Bridge

Matt is a senior lecturer who specialises in using sports science methods including 3D motion analysis to improve performance, particularly in golf. He is also interested in how coaches should nurture talented youngsters to develop lifelong participation and world class performance.

Carrying the flame through West Bromwich on 30 June 2012 - [watch the BBC live coverage \(http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day43\)](http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day43)

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Annabel Fitzgerald

Annabel is a final year undergraduate studying Sports and Materials Science. She was awarded the University's Sports Leadership Award for her huge commitment in developing Intra-League sport on campus.

Carrying the flame through Coventry on 02 July 2012 - [watch the BBC live coverage \(http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day45\)](http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day45)



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Beckie Port

Beckie is a Cancer Research UK funded postgraduate researcher in the school of cancer sciences, whose research looks at how normal cells become cancerous. She also spends time working in the community with Cancer Research UK to explain the importance of cancer research.

Carrying the flame through Dudley on 30 June 2012 - [watch the BBC live coverage \(http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day43\)](http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day43)

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Mostafa Soleimani

Mostafa is an alumnus who studied Electronic and Electrical Engineering, graduating in 2010. In Mostafa's own words: "Being at a leading university is an amazing thing. However, at Birmingham you are not just in a leading university, but in a university which is normally top 3 for most sports in the country. Sport at UoB meant involvement to me, making friends, being a part of a team and enjoying myself. I have been at 4 universities in the UK and will never forget the achievements I had in sport at UoB."



Carrying the flame through Rugby on 02 July 2012 - [watch the BBC live coverage \(http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day45\)](http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day45)

Mostafa Soleimani torch route

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Dr Celia Taylor

Celia is a lecturer in the Medical School, who is particularly interested in improving education for medical students. In her spare time Celia is also an outstanding middle distance runner, who is hoping to qualify for the 800m at the London games.

Carrying the flame through Alcester on 01 July 2012 - [watch the BBC live coverage \(http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day44\)](http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day44)

Dr Celia Taylor torch route

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