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"Play it Like Britain"

Students from the Centre for British Studies present British sports in a different way

On 2 June 2012 in the Humboldt University's main building, Unter den Linden 6, the Centre for British Studies joins the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften with a unique project: From 5pm to 1am students from all over the world will present little known as well as weird British sports in the Senatssaal on the 1st floor.

"Play it Like Britain" - this motto not only invites visitors to test their skills and compete in untypical British disciplines, such as flamingo-croquet or cheese rolling, but also animates to shake a leg with the *Scottish Country Dancing Society*, who offers a *Ceilidh* workshop. Moreover, the band *Aunt Sally League*, which especially comes together for the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften, will play traditional British and modern music.

Focus on London Olympics and Paralympics 2012

On the occasion of this year's Olympics in Britain's capital, the students of the *Master in British Studies* decided to put an emphasis on sports. In an exhibition themed "Play it Like Britain", visitors can discover the London Olympic and Paralympic Games of 1908, 1948 and 2012. Many pictures and videos make it a fun experience to find out more about the history of sports. "Everybody knows about football and tennis", the student and head of the exhibition team, Dominika Harmuszkiewicz, says. "But what is straw racing, cheese rolling, ringing the bull and conkers? What are the secrets of cricket and polo?" The answers to these questions, she adds, could be discovered at the event.

Typical British food and traditional music

Other aspects of UK's popular culture, namely music and drink, are not left out. *Aunt Sally's Pub* offers typical British food and drinks and challenges the guests with a traditional Pub Quiz, where great prizes await the group that knows most about sports and other aspects of the UK. For this occasion, students have established the band *Aunt Sally League*, with members from Germany, Croatia, France, Russia, Turkey, Finland, and the USA to perform own songs as well as known and possibly not-so-known cover hits.

Children's Corner and Quidditch for Kids

To make a visit of the project worthwhile for visitors of all ages, children can enjoy unique attractions and are well looked after while their parents browse through the exhibition: The children's corner offers Olympic themed crafts, crown decorating and Quidditch (for Harry Potter fans) for smaller visitors.

The Centre for British Studies

For the tenth time the students of the Centre for British Studies take part in the annual event at the Humboldt University of Berlin. 23 Students with different nationalities developed the project from scratch, as part of their course programme. The *Master in British Studies* at the Humboldt University offers an interdisciplinary approach to a wide variety of topics connected to the United Kingdom. Since its inauguration in 1995 it has attracted many international students with different academic backgrounds.

In 2012, the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften takes place for the 12th time. More than 70 universities, research institutes and businesses show the scientific landscape of Berlin and Potsdam to the public.

We are happy to answer any questions and to provide you with further information on the event. Additionally, you will find a detailed programme, further information, and regular updates on <https://www.facebook.com/PlayItLikeBritain>.

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Aunt Sally League



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