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## UNA Westminster launches its *Sport for Peace* worldwide database project

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UNA Westminster launched its ***Sport for Peace* worldwide database project** at the *Noise of the Ice* photographic exhibition at the Royal Geographic Society which it has been supporting. This initiative was inspired through its cooperation with the Young Diplomats in London which comprises diplomats and young professionals with over 2000 members committed to making a difference to the communities where they operate, supporting a wide range of causes and organisations.

The need for a worldwide database was triggered by lessons learned during the London 2012 Olympic Games. From the UN General Assembly debate that followed the UK-led 'Olympic Truce' Resolution in October 2011 to the final day of the Paralympics, those who use sport as a tool for reconciliation, tolerance and peace have sought in vain a universally accessible source of such activities worldwide. UNA Westminster was a member of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office Olympic Truce Working Group and organised a major event to link the United Nations and the Olympic Truce (News Item, 16 August).

With support from the International Olympic Truce Centre, the British Olympic Foundation and others, UNA Westminster hopes that progress on its development will lead to featuring during the UN General Assembly debate *Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic idea*, the traditional Olympic Truce resolution. This will be led by the Russian Federation, host to the XXII Olympic Winter Games and XI Paralympic Winter Games of 2014 in Sochi.