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Story Headline: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games comes to an end after 10 days of competition

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 21 February

Place: Lillehammer, Norway

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The Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympics has come to a close after 10 days of competition.

In total, 1100 athletes from 71 nations have competed at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lillehammer Norway for a total of 70 gold medals.

Throughout the 10 days of competition, 132,000 spectators have witnessed the YOG action with 40,000 attending the 200 free events taking place at Sjoggfest.

Athletes from across the globe have paid homage to Lillehammer 2016 and the benefits of competing at the second Winter Youth Olympic Games.

As part of the ceremony, IOC President Thomas Bach declared the Games closed before the Olympic flag was officially handed from Lillehammer to Lausanne, which will host the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The 2nd Winter YOG has taken place between Friday 12th & Sunday 21st of February 2016.

What are the YOG?

The Youth Olympic Games are essentially about competing, learning and sharing. They are a celebration of sport, youth diversity and the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. They also exemplify the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, blending sport



with culture and education. The vision of the Youth Olympic Games is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and live by the Olympic values.

YOG Key Facts

- Hosted from 12 to 21 February 2016 in Lillehammer, Hamar, Gjøvik, Øyer and Oslo — demonstrating the use of a fantastic legacy of Olympic venues and the flexibility of the YOG.
 - 71 NOCs and 1,100 athletes aged 15 to 18 will compete in 70 medal events at Lillehammer 2016.
 - Lillehammer 2016 is the second winter edition of the YOG following Innsbruck 2012. The first summer edition took place in Singapore in 2010, followed by Nanjing in 2014.
 - The YOG have been used as an incubator for innovation in sport and education. Lillehammer 2016 will feature Olympic debuts for a number of disciplines, including cross-country cross, snowboard cross, ski slopestyle, biathlon super sprint and monobob.
 - With regard to education, the Coaches' Corner will be a pioneering YOG first in Lillehammer, featuring dedicated workshops and talks by experts and Virtual Reality (VR) technology to explore and explain how new advances in technology can be applied to the science of coaching.
 - The YOG have acted as a springboard to further Olympic glory for many alumni. Some 64 YOG athletes from Innsbruck 2012, for example, went on to compete at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, winning 6 medals in total. In addition, 200 YOG alumni from Singapore 2010 competed at London 2012, of whom 25 medalled.
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