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STORY HEADLINE: HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS HELP TO BUILD YOUTH OLYMPIC VILLAGE FOR LAUSANNE 2020 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

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STORY SCRIPT:

More than 850 volunteers gathered Friday (November 1st) armed with tools in the newly inaugurated Youth Olympic Village (YOV), known as the ‘Vortex’, to help furnish the 952 rooms that will house 1700 athletes during the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) that will take place in Lausanne, starting 9th January 2020.

Volunteers strolling into this architectural jewel were made up of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) staff, including IOC Coordination Commission Chair, Danka Bartekova; members of the Lausanne 2020 team led by President Virginie Faiivre, and employees of local partners and stakeholders.

Just one day after receiving the keys to the ‘Vortex’ in an inauguration ceremony, the enthusiastic volunteers responded to the call of the Organising Committee to roll up their sleeves and help put together as much flat-pack furniture as possible with the help of 50 coaches made available by IKEA, a partner of Lausanne 2020.

The positive energy of the volunteers was spread across all eight floors of the circular building, which for the first time will house all athletes competing at a venue for an Olympic Games under one roof.

To maximise efficiency of the furniture build, 26,000 packages of furniture had been distributed throughout the building in advance of the build, again by a team of volunteers. With the furnishing close to completion, it gave the opportunity to carry out a successful test of the functionality of the building at full occupation such as water systems and WIFI.

The ‘Vortex’ on the University of Lausanne campus will serve as one of two Youth Olympic villages for Lausanne 2020, the other being in St Moritz, where bobsleigh, skeleton, and luge events will be staged on the iconic Cresta Run.
The Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games will take place from 9 to 22 January 2020 with 1,880 athletes (aged 15-18) from more than 70 countries. The competitions will take place across Switzerland in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Graubünden and in neighboring France. More information on Lausanne 2020: www.lausanne2020.sport

Lausanne 2020 CEO, Ian Logan said: "We are very happy today because we got the keys yesterday on time on schedule after two years and four months of building it we got it on schedule the 1st of November. We start to build the furniture today with 850 volunteers on top of the 3200 volunteers we had before. It's a logistical very difficult issue we bought all the furniture and its been in the room for 10 days now and teams of four are now building the entire Vortex and we will be ready I hope by the end of the weekend. I'll check every room, we'll sleep tonight here, We'll check the electricity, the wifi, the water to make sure we are ready on Monday."

Lausanne 2020 President, Virginie Faivre, said: “We were missing studying lodging in the University of Lausanne and so we came together to build this village where we are going to welcome the youth of the world for the Youth Olympic Games but after that in a few months this village is going to become a campus, a village for students in our area, and that's a really strong legacy, maybe the strongest legacy we are going to get from these third games.”

Danka Bartekova, IOC Member & Lausanne 2020 Coordination Commission Chair commented: “I expect these games are going to be fabulous, we are in a beautiful building we will have beautiful venues the whole city will lift the youth Olympic games. I believe the Games are coming home and that people are going to welcome them with open arms.”

Lausanne 2020 will be the 3rd Winter Youth Olympic Games, bringing together the world’s best athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. The Opening Ceremony will be on 9th January 2020, the final day of competition and the Closing Ceremony on 22nd January 2020.

It will be the first gender-equal Winter Youth Olympic Games following on from the successful summer edition in Buenos Aires last year. There will be 16 disciplines across 8 sports with 81 events, 33 men, 33 women and 15 mixed.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Austria, Innsbruck 2012, and the second in Norway, Lillehammer 2016.

SHOTLIST:
00:01 Drone view of the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Village 'Vortex.'
00:10 Furniture building volunteers walking towards the Vortex Olympic Village.
00:18 Furniture building volunteers entering the Vortex Olympic Village.
00:27 Directions being given to the furniture building volunteers.
00:31 Furniture building volunteers registering
00:37 Volunteers pose for a photo with Lausanne 2020 Yodli mascot
00:41 Volunteers walking with Lausanne 2020 bag.
00:46 Volunteers walking around the Olympic Vortex building.
00:52 Volunteers building furniture.
00:56 Volunteer looking through the instruction book to build.
01:01 Volunteers working
01:05 Drill being used.
01:08 Draw bing fixed.

01:10 SOUNDBITE: Ian Logan, Lausanne 2020 CEO
(English Language)
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01:45 Ian Logan moving furniture.

01:50 SOUNDBITE: Ian Logan, Lausanne 2020 CEO
(Repeat in French Language)

02:26 Virginie Faivre, Lausanne 2020 President helping build.

02:30 SOUNDBITE: Virginie Faivre, Lausanne 2020 President. (English Language)
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03:00 Virginie Faivre working, seen from the balcony.
03:06 Virginie Faivre with a drill.

03:11 SOUNDBITE: Virginie Faivre, Lausanne 2020 President. (Repeat in French Language)

03:53 Danka Bartekova & Virginie Faivre building furniture together.

04:00 SOUNDBITE: Danka Bartekova, IOC Member & Lausanne 2020 Coordination Commission Chair. (English Language)
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00:15 Danka Bartekova & Virginie Faivre building furniture together.

04:24 SOUNDBITE: Danka Bartekova, IOC Member & Lausanne 2020 Coordination Commission Chair. (English Language)
"I really can’t wait for when the village becomes real when the athletes arrive and they put all the flags here and it will look like a really big house with one family under one roof."

04:38 Danka Bartekova & Virginie Faivre posing for a photo back to back.

04:43 SOUND BITE: Ian Logan, Lausanne 2020 CEO
(English Language)
“The focus of the Youth Olympic Games for the next two months is, now we have this Vortex is a very big and important place we are now building the floors as you see and the next big challenge is to build the ground floor all the facilities and the services the fitness room the medical clinic, that’s one of the challenges. The other is that we are now building the venues we now have containers, tents being built up in the mountains because the snow is coming so we have to build up this and the other is to continue to engage the people to have the look of the games coming in and motivate and engage the people and all this plus respect the budget."

05:19 Ian Logan building furniture.

05:25 SOUND BITE: Ian Logan, Lausanne 2020 CEO
(Repeat in French Language)

06:08 Ian Logan moving furniture.

06:12 SOUND BITE: Ian Logan, Lausanne 2020 CEO (Swiss/German Language)
"I think for the Swiss population, for us, this will become something very important. Finally, we can throw a big event in Switzerland, a multisport event. There will be two nations, France, Switzerland. There will be 3 cantons, Valais, Grisons, Zug, they have to come and watch this. These are the Olympic Games; the vibe is incredible here. And now, from us, from Lausanne – the Olympic capital...there will be a boarder race in St. Moritz on the world’s only natural cross course. There will be speed skating on the lake, a natural lake in St. Moritz, and it’ll be phenomenal. Everything is free, you can visit and watch everything for free at the new arena here in Lausanne, the Veadoise Ice Hockey Arena. This will just be a fantastic, unforgettable experience."

06:57 Wide shot of the Olympic Village balconies.
07:00 Drone view of the Vortex Olympic Village.

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