

## PEACE, UNITY & FRIENDSHIP

Once again, as in 1948, Aluminium has been chosen for the torch material of the UK Olympic Games. The 1948 torch was designed by Ralph Lavers, a fan of classical architecture. He needed to create something inexpensive but well-crafted for a torch to travel across Europe ahead of the "Austerity Games". Aluminium torches were also used for many of the Summer and Winter Olympics around the world.

The 2012 torch has been designed by Edward Barber & Jay Osgerby. The torch is 800mm high and has 8,000 perforated circles to represent each one of the inspirational runners in the relay marking the opening of the London 2012 games.

