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International Day for Persons with Disabilities Tuesday 3rd December




David Stone – Paralympic Medalist
Tuesday 3 December
6.30 – 7.30pm
Leeds Central Library


Come and meet Paralympic Gold Medal-winning cyclist David Stone
An exciting opportunity to listen to David talk about his Paralympic experience, see his gold medals and his racing bike.

A great event for all ages to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and forthcoming Leeds Tour de France Grand Départ 2014.

Free Event.

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Ahead of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities next month, we're taking this opportunity to publicize an event which the Library has organized – a talk by the Leeds based and multi-medaled para-cyclist David Stone MBE.

David, who has cerebral palsy, started cycling when he was just eight years old and first joined the British Para-Cycling Team in 1995. He will talk about his challenges and achievements over the years. Among other successes, he won two gold medals at the Paralympics in Beijing in 2008 and a bronze and gold medal in London last year. (The post box adjacent to the Post Office in Town Street, Rawdon was duly painted gold in his honour, and a first class stamp was also issued). He also won the rainbow jersey at the Para-Cycling Road World Championships held in Canada in September this year.

For more information about David please consult the following websites:

- www.david-stone.co.uk/
- www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/disability-sport/19529743
- www.britishcycling.org.uk/gbcyclingteam/bio/42
- www.paralympics.org.uk/gb/athletes/david-stone



More on disability sport

Sport and Active Lifestyles

The **Leeds disability sport programme** details all of the regular specific disability sport and recreation opportunities that exist across Leeds, delivered by both Leeds City Council's Sport and Active Lifestyles department, and all key partners. This covers children, young people and adults with any disability, and all ability levels.

www.leeds.gov.uk/sports/pages/disability-sport.aspx

More on the EU and disability

The EU promotes the active inclusion and full participation of disabled people in society, in line with the EU human rights approach to disability issues. In November 2010 the European Commission adopted the **European Disability Strategy 2010-2020** which states that:

'Persons with disabilities have the right to participate fully and equally in society and economy. Denial of equal opportunities is a breach of human rights.'

Disability is a rights issue and not a matter of discretion. This approach is also at the core of the **UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD)**, to which the EU is a signatory.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/disabilities/disability-strategy/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/disabilities/convention/index_en.htm

DOTCOM: the Disability Online Tool of the Commission, is constructed from a large database of information about national laws, policies, strategies and initiatives in the Member States of the European Union, its Candidate countries and other associated countries. For each of the 34 countries, and for the EU, it includes summary information on 43 selected policy instruments, organised in eight themes (more than 1,500 records). Each record includes descriptive text and web links to policy documents or sources of further information at the national level.

www.disability-europe.net/dotcom

