

Disability Sport

Leeds Playground to Podium Identifying Ability Day

Leeds City Council in conjunction with the Leeds School Sport Partnerships recently held a successful multi sports event aimed at identifying talented young disabled athletes.

Funded by the Youth Sport Trust, the event sits as part of the wider Playground 2 Podium initiative being rolled out across the country, with the aim of spotting and developing potential elite athletes to represent Great Britain at future Paralympic Games.

The event attracted over 70 disabled children aged 9-19 from schools across Leeds and was held at Leeds Trinity University. Pupils who attended got to take part in a wide range of multi skill and multi sport activities, some of which they will have never tried before.

Activities were delivered by young leaders and university students, with trained School Sport Co-ordinators on hand to undertake the talent identification. Those pupils identified as having talent will be invited to attend the West Yorkshire County Athlete Assessment Day on the 27th April, held at John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds. All participants received a certificate and information about the extensive number of disability sport opportunities that exist across the city.

The Disability Sports Development Officer for Leeds, Ross Bibby, who co-ordinated the event said:

“This was a fantastic opportunity for children with any disability to not only take part in a wide range of fun multi sport activities but also an opportunity to showcase their sporting ability. Hopefully, everyone who attended today will go on and take part in a little bit more sport than they already do, and who knows, we may one day see a future Paralympian emerge as a result of this day!”

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