

# Disability Sport

## Leeds Boccia and Kurling Disability Sport Competition

Young disabled people from across Leeds recently came together to take part in an exciting sports competition.

The Leeds Boccia and New Age Kurling event was run by sport development university students from Leeds Metropolitan University, in conjunction with the Leeds Sports Development Unit.

The event comprised coaching and competitive game play in two popular inclusive sports. Boccia is a Paralympic sport that is similar to French boules, and New Age Kurling is the indoor version of Curling, a Winter Paralympic and Olympic sport.

Over 55 young disabled children aged 11-18 from across nine different schools attended the day.

The most talented young players from the day will be invited to make up four teams to represent Leeds in the Boccia and New Age Kurling events at the forthcoming West Yorkshire Youth Games.

For further information on disability sport opportunities in Leeds please contact the Disability Sports Development Officer Ross Bibby on the below details:

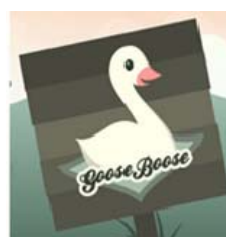
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## Physical activity information morning at Armley library for people aged 45 and over.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Janet Fox, older peoples' community sport assistant for Leeds City Council invited anyone aged 45 and over visiting Armley library between 10am and 12 noon to take part in some physical activity.

Making use of space in the computer suite, Janet introduced people to Boccia and new age kurling.

The event was organised by Janet Fox in partnership with Allison Roberts, the development librarian based at Armley library.

The aim was to encourage people aged 45 and over to take up regular physical activity.

Three staff from Armley leisure centre also attended to promote suitable activities at the leisure centre and answer questions.

Nine people tried the activities and many more asked questions and were given information.

Building on the success of this event, similar sessions will be organised for Bramley and Horsforth libraries during summer 2011.

In addition, one participant was so impressed; she invited Janet to deliver similar activities for a group at her local community centre.

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## Leeds City Council Sport Development

### Leeds City Schools High Fives Final

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Leeds City Schools High Fives Netball competition will come to its climax in an exciting final at Leeds Metropolitan University.

With each School Sports Partnership holding their own rounds to determine the qualifying school teams, 5 schools will attend the Final on the 19<sup>th</sup>. With the winners and the runner up teams moving forward to represent the Leeds Schools in the prestigious West Yorkshire Youth Games in June.



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Mike Shucksmith of Leeds City Councils Sport Development Unit who delivers the High Fives City final and said:

*"I am determined to make the final more impressive than ever. The venue is ideal and with support coming from the NGB - England Netball, my colleagues here within Sport and Active Recreation and the possibilities of Super League Players presenting prizes I hope the young high fives players will thoroughly enjoy the experience".*

Mike has 4 EN umpires attending, each with high calibre credentials – Tracey Holdsworth, Tracey Buchanan, Liz Hooper and Carol Robinson.

A market street style line of stands will be available for those wishing to gain more information on continuing in their netball sport. This will include information for those wishing to get back into netball (16+ such as parents, relatives of those competing), those wanting to find out what clubs are providing and for those wanting to volunteer. In addition the Community Sports Team will be able to advise on sporting activities within each area of the City.

The City of Leeds Schools won the West Yorkshire Youth Games title in 2010. The event planned this year is within the Youth Sports Trusts "School Sports Week" and will remain at Leeds Metropolitan University and is on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. West Yorkshire Sport, the County Sports Partnership, will facilitate this event once more.



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To make the day extra special England Netball was in attendance, Leeds Sport Development Unit and Jo and Rachel from Carnegie NBC as stars of the show. Jo and Rachel compete in the netball super league and were on hand to provide hints and tips to the High Five players and presented prizes.

Tracey Holdsworth, Tracey Buchanan, Liz Hooper and Carol Robinson were the umpires once more.

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The games were fast and furious with exceptional moments of inspiration. Continuous movement with players looking for space on the attack and then marking tight for defence clearly showed the abilities of these young players.

Harvey Lyons from Morley Victoria Primary School was awarded the Umpires Sportsmanship Award, Lauren Dale from St. Mary's CoE School the Player of the Tournament and Enzo Costa de Silva from Castleton Primary School won the most improved player award.

The results went to the last game, but with outstanding performances throughout, Froebelian School took centre stage by winning all its matches and had an astonishing +22 in goal difference. St. Mary's took second place in their first High Fives City Finals. Both of these schools have qualified for the West Yorkshire Youth Games. Third place needed goal difference to separate Morley and Immaculate, with Morley having the advantage.

With positive feedback from England Netball, the Umpires and Super League players, I am hopeful that the Youth Games in June will bring more silver ware to the City Schools.



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