

BT Paralympic World Cup 2012 Education Pack – TEAMS

This resource can be used in conjunction with the BT Paralympic World Cup website, www.btparalympicworldcup.com



Overview:

The BT Paralympic World Cup was created to provide an annual World Class Multi-Sport Disability Event for elite international athletes, bridging the gap between the four yearly Paralympic Games.

In conjunction with the International Paralympic Committee and ParalympicsGB, the event has been staged in Manchester each year since its inception in 2005. In 2012 the sports include: Athletics, Football 7-a-side, Wheelchair Basketball, and two international sports, Boccia and Sitting Volleyball.



In 2012 BT is the headline sponsor for the fourth year in a row. Since they joined the event it has grown in both size and stature. At the 2008 Beijing Paralympics over 270 medals were won by BT Paralympic World Cup athletes. As the athletes embark on the next Olympic Cycle, towards London 2012, the 2012 BT PWC hopes to see more records broken and more athlete success stories.

In 2011, 279 athletes from 37 countries competed at the BT PWC where 192 medals were presented. Also three world records were broken in the athletics competition!

In 2010 the team concept was introduced! All competing athletes represented one of four teams; Great Britain, Europe, the Americas and the Rest of the World, meaning they would compete not for their National Paralympic Committee, but also accumulate points for their team. In 2011 Great Britain were victorious and in 2012 it will be coming back to defend their victory against the other three teams! Come and watch and support your Team!

Below are some classroom and wider activities that can be used in different subjects at your school. Students will be able to find out more about the BT Paralympic World Cup and the Teams on the website <http://www.btparalympicworldcup.com>.

Classroom Activities

Art

Classroom Activity:

- Create banners to be used for each of the four BT PWC Teams [GBR=Blue, EUR=Green, Americas=Red, Rest of the World=Yellow]

Music

Classroom Activity:

- Work in teams to compose a theme song for the BT PWC
- Work as a class to create chants and music for each of the four teams

Modern Languages

Classroom Activity:

- Research how many languages there all likely be represented at the BT PWC

Classroom/Wider Study:

Organise a world cafe (in which you make groups of tables) and have a round table discussion in the 3 languages of your choice?

Geography

Classroom Activity:

- Design the flags of countries participating at the BT PWC
- Look at the countries that will be participating at in the Games and make a list of 5 facts on each country

History

Classroom Activity:

- Research when the Paralympic Athletes first join Olympic Games?
- Make a report on when different sports came into the Paralympics?

Classroom/Wider Study:

Create a mood board with your class of the Paralympic games through the ages. This can incorporate photos and key facts and accomplishments.