

A British Olympian, Paralympian and Special Olympics Athlete Skiing to the South Pole in 2012

Reinforcing the London 2012 message:
Inclusivity - Accessibility - Participation

Marking the 100th anniversary of Captain
Scott first reaching the South Pole

"Including an Olympian in the expedition to the South Pole is exactly the kind of project that can show case Olympians' determination, strength and passion"

- British Olympic Association

"We are always pleased to hear about projects that consider the participation of Paralympians, especially one as adventurous as this which others might have deemed beyond the capabilities of a person with a disability"

- British Paralympic Association

"Special Olympics Athletes represent true courage in the face of daunting odds. In joining the team in the world's harshest environments, this same courage symbolically brands all athletes around the world"

- Special Olympics Great Britain

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The Team

The team will comprise a British Olympian, Paralympian and Special Olympics Athlete, as well as a Polar Guide and the Expedition Manager.

British Paralympian Marc Woods has been selected for the team and recruitment for the Special Olympics Athlete is under way. The position of Olympian is still vacant. Rosie Stancer is the team's guide and Tim Moss the Expedition Manager.

The Expedition

Departs December 2011 for approximately six weeks. Of which, about four will be spent skiing and camping, self-sufficient and unsupported in Antarctica.

Preparation

There will be some UK-based training weekends as well as cold weather and ski training in Scandinavia over the next 18 months. Individuals will also need to put time into their own fitness and practising the necessary skills.

Funding

This project does not yet have funding. We are seeking sponsorship as a team. As such, individuals will not be expected to raise for themselves or cover costs but instead will be expected to contribute to the team fundraising effort.

Project Ethos

This project has been inspired by the Olympic Movement and the greats of Polar exploration.

We aim to encourage participation, strive to be inclusive and accessible, and hope to be inspiring.

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