



Peter Harrison Centre
for Disability Sport

Student Profile

David Purdue

Doctoral Research Student funded by the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences and is associated with the Peter Harrison Centre for Disability Sport

Qualifications:

MSc - Sociology of Sport (with Distinction) from Loughborough University in 2007

BSc - (with Honours) Sport and Exercise Science from Loughborough University in 2006.

Current Research Interests:

David's research explores the experiences of 'severely impaired' athletes within the Paralympic Movement. Primarily, this research intends to investigate the historical development of disability sport (specifically from the start of the Stoke Mandeville Games to the Paralympics). It is anticipated that the current manifestation, and potential future of the Paralympic Games, can be better understood and critiqued in light of this historical investigation.

Furthermore, this research aims to better appreciate the complexities of disability theory and terminology used surrounding disability, as well as the structure of disability sport (including issues of classification and use of technology within the Paralympic Games).

Previous Research & Experience:

MSc. Dissertation: "A critical examination into the media's portrayal of drugs in sport: A case study of two British athletes"

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David would be interested to get in contact with people previously involved in the development of disability sport, as well as, those still actively involved with the Paralympic Movement today.