



Peter Harrison Centre
for Disability Sport

Student Profile

Paul Kitchin

Doctoral Research Student funded by London Metropolitan University and is associated with the Peter Harrison Centre for Disability Sport & Senior Lecturer in Sport Management at London Metropolitan Business School

Qualifications:

MA – Masters of Business (Sport Management) from Deakin University in 2001

BEd (with Honours) Physical Education and Health from University of Tasmania in 1998

Current Research Interests:

Paul's research focuses primarily on the development of identity in young people participating in an elite sporting programme. These young people can be classified as having learning difficulties, a visual impairment, a physical impairment or a combination of these three. The secondary focus of the research is on the network of organisations that manage and support the programme and its participants. In his study he is investigating the use of participatory action research that will hopefully lead to aspects of the research being carried out by the young people on the programme.

Paul is interested in research issues surrounding the exclusion of learning disabilities from Paralympic competition and the impact this has on opportunities in sport for such classified athletes.

Previous Research & Experience:

As a member of London Metropolitan Business School Paul has undertaken a broad range of research over the past 5 year predominantly focusing on the either marketing of sporting organisations or on innovative approaches to education. Paul is a new researcher to not only to disability studies but also sociology in general.

Membership of Professional Bodies/Associations:

Board Member – International Journal for Sport Management and Marketing

Selected Recent Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Bennett, R., Mousley, W., Kitchin, P.J., Choudhury, R.D. (2007). Motivations for participating in charity sport related events. *Journal of Customer Behaviour* 6 (2), 155-178.

Kitchin, P.J. (2006). Considering Entertainment-Games Websites in Sports Marketing: The Case of Stick Cricket. *International Journal of Sports Marketing and Sponsorship* 8 (1). 98-109.

Book Chapters

Kitchin, P.J. (2008). Twenty-20 and English Domestic Cricket, in *International Cases in the Business of Sport*, S. Chadwick & D. Arthur (eds), Oxford: Elsevier.

Kitchin, P.J. (2007). Financing the Games, in *Olympic Cities: Urban Planning, City Agendas and the World's Games, 1896 to the Present*. J. Gold and M. Gold (eds), London: Routledge.

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Message:

Paul is interested in discussing general issues and histories with regards to participation in sport (from foundation to elite levels) with those with personal experience or management experience in disability sport.