



The above Rutland Conquerors Basketball players have been chosen to join a squad of 27 other basketball players from Leicester and Leicestershire to represent the East Midlands in the 2017 Special Olympics to be held in Sheffield in August. They are Sam Burton, Chris Southwell, Joshua Darlington, Edward Sowter, Abi Gray and Sophie Garfoot.

Sheffield 2017 will be Special Olympics Great Britain's 10th National Summer Games – the country's largest multi-sports event for athletes with intellectual disabilities. It is a huge opportunity to showcase the abilities of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to compete at a national level, experience the personal achievement this brings, as well as enable them to make friends, travel and socialise".

The team are trying to fundraise themselves to give each athlete the wonderful opportunity to compete as they train weekly and this will be a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase the work that Leicestershire and Rutland are achieving through disability sport. As the basketball group have a team of 33 attending this is quite a huge amount of money to find, therefore they would appreciate any donations you can give.

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