

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INCLUSION NEWS

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2019 World Para-Nordic Skiing Championships will be hosted in Canada



The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club in Prince George, British Columbia has been selected to host the 2019 World Para-Nordic Skiing Championships. The event is expected to take place in February 2019, with approximately 140 athletes from over 20 countries worldwide competing in cross-country skiing and biathlon events. The event will be the first international-level sporting event hosted in Prince George, as the town successfully hosted the Canada Winter Games in 2015. The event provides an amazing opportunity for Canadian athletes to experience world-class competition on home soil.

Samuel Charron named 2016 Paralympic Soccer Player of the Year



We would like to congratulate 18-year old Samuel Charron (pictured to the left) for being selected as the 2016 Canadian Para Soccer Player of the Year by the Canadian Para Soccer coaching staff. Charron played a vital leadership role for the Canadian team at the 2016 IFCPF Qualification Tournament in Denmark, and his performance helped Canada clinch a spot for the 2017 IFCPF World Championships. Charron is currently ranked second of all-time in program history with 27 goals and 12 assists, a remarkable performance for 31 international matches over a five-year period.

Make a Difference: Improve Inclusivity and Accessibility for Canadians



The Government of Canada wants to hear your opinions on how to make Canada more accessible and inclusive.

Got a great idea? Go to: <https://scican.ca/canadian-access-inclusion-project/survey>

Have your say!

Canadian Paralympic Committee Calling for 2017-2018 Paralympic Sport Development Fund

The Canadian Paralympic Committee is inviting Canadian sports organizations to apply for the 2017-2018 Paralympic Sport Development Fund. Funding amounts of \$5,000 to \$15,000 are available to successful applicants. The funds may be used to support the development of new programs as well as the maintenance or expansion of current sporting initiatives. This funding opportunity has been made possible through the Government of Canada and its Sport Canada's Sport Support Program.

Applications can be found at paralympic.ca/funding and will be accepted until **February 17th, 2017**.

Questions regarding the application can be addressed by e-mailing grants@paralympic.ca

2017 VISTA Conference Details Available

The Canadian Paralympic Committee and Canadian Sport Institute Ontario will be hosting the 2017 Vista Conference. This year's conference will be taking place at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, Ontario from September 20th-23rd. VISTA aims to promote and advance the mission, goals, objectives and reputation of the International Paralympic Committee. The theme of this year's conference is "Opportunities and Challenges and Paralympic Sport Science and Sport Medicine Support." World-leading sports scientists, sport administrators, sport medicine practitioners, classifiers, athletes and coaches are expected to attend in September.

Submit an Abstract for VISTA 2017:

The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to **February 15th**. Abstracts can be submitted in the following subject areas:

- Socio-economic determinants of Paralympic participation and success
- Evidence-based classification
- Athlete health and performance
- Integrative approaches to the preparation of Paralympic athletes
- Technology, biomechanics and engineering
- Athlete and coach education

Full details can be found at www.vista2017.com

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CDPP!

The CDPP is conducting a series of research projects regarding **physical activity support for people with physical disabilities**. We would like to hear from the following people:

- **Staff members** at organizations that offer physical activity programs or sport programming for people with physical disabilities
- **Organizations** that support people, including athletes with physical disabilities
- **Parasport Coaches**
- **Healthcare and rehabilitation** professionals who work with people with physical disabilities
- **Parents** of a child or youth with a physical disability
- **Adults** with a physical disability



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (AGE 12-21) EARN UP TO \$25 + VOLUNTEER HOURS

We are seeking youth (ages 12-21 years) with a physical disability (e.g., cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, amputation, etc.) to take part in a study about physical activity!

This study is called *Plan to Move!* What you would be doing for this study is completing 4 online sessions that teach you strategies to be more physically active in your daily life, and 4 independent activities that complement those sessions. In addition to these sessions, you would be completing a few questionnaires over the phone related to your current physical activity behaviour.

By completing the study, you can receive a \$25 e-gift card of your choice to Foot Locker, Chapters, Best Buy, Cineplex or Amazon! Your participation in this study can also count towards your volunteer/community service hours for your school's requirements! We will provide you with a signed letter confirming the time you spent participating in our study ☺

Participation in this study is voluntary and you may choose to withdraw at any time. All information collected will be kept confidential.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Student Researcher, Ms. Ritu Sharma, at ri.sharma@mail.utoronto.ca

If you have any other questions, you can also contact Ms. Ritu Sharma, or Dr. Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos at kelly.arbour@mail.utoronto.ca



Get Involved with the CDPP!

What is the CDPP?

The CDPP is an alliance of university, public, private and government sector partners working together to enhance community participation among Canadians with physical disabilities.

How can YOU get involved?

If you are interested in learning more about current CDPP projects, please visit www.cdpp.ca or e-mail us at ProjectInfo.CDPP@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your interest!

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<http://sirc.ca/news/samuel-charron-named-2016-canadian-para-soccer-player-year>

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<http://sirc.ca/news/canadian-paralympic-committee-calls-applications-2017-2018-grants-help-cover-cost-paralympic>

Further Details for the VISTA 2017 Conference:

<http://www.csiontario.ca/events/vista-2017-conference>