

Wheelchair basketball player chosen for Team GB



Edinburgh wheelchair basketball player heads for Team GB

Edinburgh based charity Ecas, which works with physically disabled people in Edinburgh and the Lothians, is supporting a wheelchair basketball player who is heading to Worcester with the hope of joining Team GB and being selected for the Paralympic Games in Rio 2016.

Robyn Love, who has previously represented Scotland, has received support to help her buy a new wheelchair, as well as with some of the general costs of participating at the highest levels.

David Griffiths, chief executive of Ecas, commented: "Ecas is keen to support people with physical disabilities to fulfil their potential at whatever level they can. Our grants provide a wide range of support for people every year; from basic furniture and equipment to holidays or specialist support such as assisting Robyn with the costs of her wheelchair. We are also delighted to have been working with Scottish Disability Sport to provide funds for athletes with a disability seeking to make the breakthrough to the top levels. Robyn Love is an excellent example of that."



Gary Fraser of Scottish Disability Sport, said: "we are delighted to have developed a strong relationship with Ecas in order to financially support our athletes striving to realise their potential as a performance athlete. These funds are administered alongside our Athlete Academy – a support mechanism underpinning the **sport**scotland Institute of Sport –

that supports athletes at an integral stage of their development. Robyn is a member of the Academy and we have been extremely impressed with her emergence and development over the past 12 months. We wish her all the best in her new training environment in Worcester, where she will battle to be part of the GB team, and hopefully reach the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio”.

Robyn Love, commented: “The funding for my new chair and the support I have received in moving down to Worcester has been vital in supporting my development as an elite athlete. I would like to thank Ecas and Scottish Disability Sport for their generosity and support in my bid to be the first Scottish person to represent GB in a Major tournament for 15 years. My first objective is to be selected for the European Championships in August this year and hopefully I can make the team for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. The work SDS and Ecas do is incredible, and they make a real difference in assisting people with a disability realise their full potential.”