

## New Sports Centre



With your support, we will build a major new Sports Centre that reflects Birmingham's status as one of the top three universities for sport in the UK. It will be a Sports Centre for the University and the wider community, promoting health and well-being, encouraging high-performance, and developing our next generation of Olympic heroes.

**Zena Wooldridge, Director of Sport** "Birmingham is a city with a proud sporting heritage and sport plays a huge part in the life of our campus. The new Sports Centre will provide fitting facilities for the a top-three ranked sporting University."

The proposed new Sports Centre will include a 50m swimming pool, the only one in the region. It will include sports halls and training areas that will be used by regional amateur sports clubs and local schools, as well as our staff and students. It will be a facility that will benefit our University and the local community; together we can get more people more active, more often.

Sport is not just about fierce competition; over 300 of our sports students volunteer in the community working with local schools. The University of Birmingham also has a long tradition of welcoming individuals and groups from the local community to use University sports facilities. The new Sports Centre will enable us to engage with even more people throughout Birmingham and beyond and the new centre will have triple the capacity of the current facilities.

### Name of the Game

You can help decide which sporting hero the gym will be named after in our new £55 million sports centre!

Cricketer Gladstone Small, Paralympian Ellie Simmonds and Ironman Champion Chrissie Wellington (BSc Geography, 1998) have all pledged their support to the development and you can vote for which one you would like the sports centre to be named after. [Read more. \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/building/sports-centre/name-of-the-game/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/building/sports-centre/name-of-the-game/index.aspx)

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### Help us to train our inspired generation...

Here at Birmingham, we have helped to nurture Olympians and Paralympians, past and present. 1500m runner Hannah England (BSc Biochemistry, 2009), 2012 Paralympian gold medalist, rower Pamela Relph MBE (BSc Physics, 2011), hockey player James Fair and 1500m runner Dean Miller (BA Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Sciences, 2011) are all former students of the University of Birmingham. Our new Performance Sport Unit will support aspiring and talented athletes in the University, enabling students to pursue sporting excellence alongside their studies.

**Robert Moyle (BSc Civil Engineering, 1973), donor:** "I am passionate about sport and its contribution to society. The purpose of my donation, therefore, is to assist the University in the provision of a first class facility. This will ensure that the University maintains its pre-eminent ranking, whilst also providing a significant benefit to the local community"

**Give online today** (<https://bhamalumni.org/NetCommunity/SSLPage.aspx?pid=210&frcrid=1>) or to discuss how you can support the new Sports Centre, contact **Laura Fairbanks** (<mailto:giving@contacts.bham.ac.uk>) [+44(0)121 414 8894].

To see photos of how the Sports Centre will look when completed, please [click here \(/alumni/giving/New-Sports-Centre-gallery.aspx\)](/alumni/giving/New-Sports-Centre-gallery.aspx).

### The Sports Centre and the local community...


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Sport and fitness matter to many of the University local community members, and the local community matters to the University of Birmingham Sport. Our community

members are the reason we are building a new sports centre with facilities, programmes and services to meet all of their needs. Our new sports centre will make a difference to the lives of the people of Birmingham and our community of students, staff and alumni.

The University of Birmingham has a long tradition of welcoming individuals and groups from the local community to use University Sports facilities. The centre's increased capacity will enable us to engage with event more people throughout Birmingham.

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 Molly, a mother of two from Birmingham: "The University Sport facilities mean that I can teach my children to swim and enjoy the water safely"

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### What the new Sports Centre will contain...

- A 50m x 17m swimming pool with up to 240 spectator seats
- A triple sports hall, to accommodate major national sporting events
- A hybrid gym to accommodate activities such as fencing, table tennis, martial arts, circuit training and fitness classes
- Squash courts; indoor climbing wall; dance studios; gym and fitness suite
- A Wellbeing and High Performance research centre

### About Sport at Birmingham...

The University is an established leader for university sports, both in terms of research and performance. We are consistently ranked in the top three of 140 institutions in the British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) Table. We have a proud record of producing sporting heroes, from world-record holding triathlete Chrissie Wellington MBE (BSc Geography, 1998) to 2012 Olympian Hannah England (BSc Biochemistry, 2009) and 2012 Paralympian gold medalist Pamela Relph MBE (BSc Physics, 2011). The new Sports Centre will be the training ground for our sporting heroes of the future.

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