

What does sport mean to you?

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For Dean, former student and 2012 Paralympian, sport is about being the very best in the world. He is one of the reasons we are building a new sports centre with facilities to meet all of his needs. From our students to you, our alumni, to members of the local community and talented athletes, this new state-of-the-art facility will offer something for everyone.



Dean Miller: Former student who still trains on campus

Sport can, and does, change lives and there has never been a better time for us to invest in our sporting legacy here at Birmingham. As you know, we are immensely proud of our Olympic and Paralympic stars and we hope to provide the best facilities for Olympians of the future.

The development will:

- Be home to the city's first Olympic-length 50m swimming pool
- Significantly increase our gym space
- Enhance our range of exercise classes
- House a high performance centre and much more

The Sports Centre is due to open in 2015 and we need your help. We all know that keeping fit and active is vital to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, making it essential for us to provide the very best sporting facilities. A gift of just £5 a month will ensure we achieve our goal of having sports facilities suitable for everyone. To give, you can text BHAM15 followed by the amount you like give (e.g. BHAM15 £5) to 70070. Alternatively you can give online at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/circlesofinfluence (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/circlesofinfluence>) or by contacting Laura Fairbanks on +44(0)121 414 8894.

Watch this video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoqCkrQshx4&feature=youtu.be>) to find out more about our Sports Centre development and hear how our current facilities helped T37 1500m Paralympian Dean Miller (BA Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Science, 2011) prepare for his moment in the spotlight.

Sporting Memories

Were you a member of a sports team during your time at Birmingham? We would love to hear about your favourite sporting memories. Please send in your stories and your pictures to alumnicommunications@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:alumnicommunications@contacts.bham.ac.uk>) or upload them to our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/birminghamalumni) (<http://www.facebook.com/birminghamalumni>). You can also tweet us [@birminghamalum](https://twitter.com/birminghamalum) (<http://www.twitter.com/birminghamalum>) using the hash tag #UBSportmemories, we can't wait to hear all about your top sporting moments.