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UK gold medal Paralympians to attend major Disabilities event in Nottingham.

Members of the UK Paralympics team including gold medalist, Sophie Hahn, will be attending a major Disabilities celebration event being held in Nottingham on Thursday 1st December.

The evening has been organised by Notts UNISON and the County Council Disabled Employees Support Network (DESN). The event ties in with the UN International Day of People with Disabilities which is celebrated worldwide on 3rd December each year.

One of the event co-ordinators Brian Fitzpatrick, from Notts Unison said:

“To have paralympic Gold medalists coming along on the evening really shows the people of Nottingham just how big this event is going to be. Its an honour to have Gold medalists such as Sophie Hahn available on the night as the paralympic athletes are an inspiration to us all. They are living proof of what can be achieved and that disability can be challenged and overcome with the right support. This will be a fantastic night for the city.”

“The evening is about having a real celebration of people with disabilities in an informal and relaxed atmosphere, its about making everyone aware, not just those already dealing with a disabling society.”

The event is being held at the multi media venue Antenna, on Beck Street, in Nottingham city centre and is open to the public.

The event runs from 6.00pm – 9.00pm on 1st December and tickets are free.

[You can book tickets online here](#)

The event is being officially opened by the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor Alan Rhodes at 6.30pm.

In addition to the gold medal paralympians there will be a major debate and Q&A session on ***Employment for People with a Disability***, also taster training sessions on sign language and sports activities. Disability Advice will also be available on the night. The cafe/bar area will be used to screen short videos relating to aspects of disability on projection screens, throughout the evening, on a rolling basis; each video will have an introduction by a speaker and a British Sign Language Interpreter. The idea for the evening is that anyone attending can choose between staying in one area or dip in and out of the different sessions that will be running concurrently throughout the building. END

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