

“Cyclepower Cambodia 2012” – a joint initiative between Australian NGO, Disability Sport & Recreation (DSR) and Cambodian charity partner Stand Up Cambodia or CNVLD, will see a group of 20 cyclists ride across Cambodia in June 2012 to raise awareness of and funds for disability sport and recreation both here and abroad.

Leading the 350km journey will be champion handcyclist and paraplegic Gary Connor. The trip is open to people with and without disability.

Funded in part by the “Cyclepower” initiative and associated activities, DSR and Stand Up Cambodia will pilot wheelchair basketball for women with disability in Cambodia.

DSR have a long and established history of providing sport and recreational opportunities from the grass roots level through to Paralympic and World Champions.

This pilot program primarily aimed at improved health and social wellbeing for Cambodians with disability, will kick off in Battambang, Cambodia with a ceremonial handover of 16 basketball wheelchairs and a social, demonstrative game of wheelchair sport on June 3rd 2012.

To assist in building the capacity of the Cambodian Pilot Program, DSR have committed to sending an Australian coach, with disability, to host a wheelchair basketball coach’s clinic for Cambodians with disability in late 2012.

In Australia, Disability Sport & Recreation will direct funding from “the challenge” to be used for the development of sport and recreation activities for women with disabilities.

With a number of promotional and fundraising activities in planning - 350 km in 8 days – Siem Reap to Phnom Penh – 20 cyclists with and without disability, showcasing the ability of people with disability, the opportunity still exists for cyclists, donors, sponsors and partners to get involved.

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