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Blind footballers are on target for charity

Team warms up for Leeds Mile event next month

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A TEAM of blind and partially sighted footballers are set to get a kick out of scoring big for charity at this year's Leeds Sport Relief Mile.

Players from the West Yorkshire Goalball Club warmed up with a special game kitted out on Sport Relief kits ahead of the Mile on Sunday, March 25.

The team, who were practising at Armley Leisure Centre, Leeds will be demonstrating goalball on the big day.

Goalball was originally developed in 1946 as a rehabilitation programme for visually impaired World War II veterans and since 1980 it has been officially included in the Paralympics.

Played by two teams of three players, all players wear eyeshades and are totally blindfolded

Teams compete on an indoor court, with tactile markings that help players determine where they are, while the ball contains internal bells which help players locate it during play.

The object of the game is to score a goal by bowling the ball along the floor so that it crosses the goal line of the opposing team.

The defending team has to prevent the ball going in to their goal by stopping it while remaining in their team area.

They must then try to control the ball and attack by bowling the ball back again.

As well as taking part in the Mile, community groups across Leeds are being offered the chance to grab their share of an amazing £100,000.

They can apply for a Sport Relief Community Cash Grant after the YEP once again teamed up with **Comic Relief** and the Community Foundation for Leeds.

Grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available to small groups working in deprived areas of Leeds to make a difference to their communities.

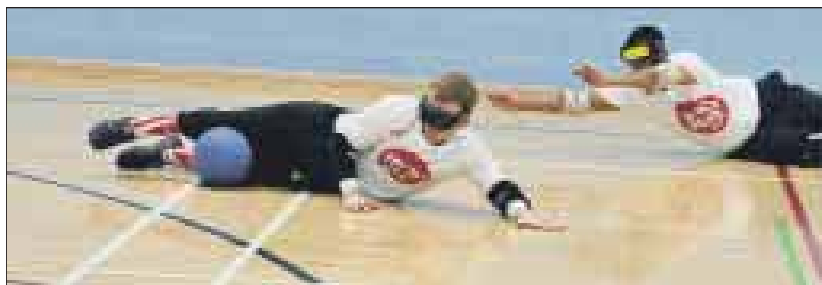
Groups need to have a turnover of less than £100,000 and be run by local people.

Anyone wanting to apply needs to get their application in before the deadline on March 9.

To apply for a grant, visit www.leeds-communityfoundation.org.uk or call 0113 2422426.

YEP readers can do their bit for Sport Relief and keep raising money to help people across the UK and world's poorest countries by taking part in Leeds' Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, which takes place on Sunday, March 25.

Fundraisers are being urged to enter the event now at www.sportrelief.com stuart.robinson@ypn.co.uk



FLOORED!: Chris Scrivener, *left*, and Mohammed Javaid in action





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