

News Release

Day of Games is a Win Win for Parity and Qualcomm

Staff and students from a local charity enjoyed an exciting day of competitive sports on Monday 31 May with a Farnborough company.

Staff from wireless technology developer Qualcomm Inc. organised the day of games at Fleet's Hart Leisure Centre where they split into teams with people with profound disabilities from Farnborough charity Parity for Disability. Parity provides services for people with multiple disabilities in the local community, and a vital part of the charity's work is involving the people who use its services in mainstream life.

Each Parity student was supported one-to-one by a Parity staff member. The teams of combined Parity and Qualcomm people competed at boccia (a type of bowls), curling and a relay race, with winning team members each receiving a trophy. The event was rounded off with a friendly game of giant football.

"The day was a fantastic success, every single person there seemed to enjoy themselves. Qualcomm staff did an amazing job of organising all the activities and interacting with the Parity students," said Parity Executive Director Alison Cooper. "Involving people with multiple disabilities in mainstream activities is an important part of Parity's work. We are delighted to have partnered so successfully with Qualcomm and hope to do so again in the future."

Qualcomm recently donated £30,000 to Parity towards the day to day running costs of its Farnborough and Camberley day centres. Although Parity receives funding from the local authorities, the charity must still raise £150,000 each year to maintain its services.

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Photo Information:

QualcommParityGames1 and 2 – A friendly game of giant football rounded off a successful day of games.

QualcommParityGames3 – All the participants from Qualcomm and Parity for Disability.

About Parity

Parity for Disability is a local charity providing vital services, information and support for children and young adults with multiple disabilities, their families and carers throughout Hampshire, Berkshire and Surrey. The charity is dedicated to ensuring that profoundly disabled people have access to a quality of life that everyone has a right to expect. Parity runs two day centres in Farnborough and Camberley, teenage activity schemes, and a music therapy service that operates both on-site and in homes, schools and other locations throughout the area. Parity is currently running a campaign to raise £2 million for its own dedicated building. It is a registered charity no 1071571. To learn more, please visit: www.parityfordisability.org.uk.

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