



# ADAPTABILITY LONDON COMMUNITY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Grants and Funding Opportunities

#### Youth Innovations Test Grant

**Due:** April 15, 2026

**By:** Ontario Trillium Foundation

Community led and community designed grant. To help foster and build the community and benefit the youth within. Ideally for new initiatives, research, learning, exploring new approaches collectively. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

#### Youth Innovations Scale Grant

**Due:** April 15, 2026

**By:** Ontario Trillium Foundation

Grants designed for existing programs with success among youth in the community. Grants allow for increased impact and ability to expand capacity and reach more youth. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

#### Family Innovations Test Grant

**Due:** April 15, 2026

**By:** Ontario Trillium Foundation

Try out a new idea that has the potential to make a positive impact on the wellbeing of parents, guardians and caregivers. Research, learn and understand more about a specific topic or issue. Bring parents, guardians and caregivers together to discuss an issue and explore new approaches collectively. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) recognizes the impact that healthy and resilient families have on the future success of young people. Through the Family Innovations grant stream, established groups led by parents, guardians and caregivers can apply for a grant to scale work they have been delivering to community. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## Website Launch & Contact Info Update

The AdaptAbility London Website is live! After several months of development, we are extremely happy to share with you that our website is currently operational! You can view the website [HERE](#). We are always looking for and open to feedback and improvements to our website!

Alongside our website launch, our new E-Mail is also active! For all inquiries regarding Adaptability London, please reach out to [adaptlondon@uwo.ca](mailto:adaptlondon@uwo.ca). We monitor this email regularly, so please reach out! Feedback on the website can also be best provided through this email! We look forward to hearing from you!



## Social Media Launch

Another exciting update is the launch of our Instagram and Facebook social media accounts! We do our best to keep our community updated on competitions, events, and opportunities that come up throughout the year! We are also very open to collaborating on posts and working together to promote the various adaptive sport organizations across South-Western Ontario! Please feel free to reach out! You can find us at [@adaptabilitylondon](#) on Instagram and Facebook! Click on the Instagram or Facebook logos to go directly to our social media pages!



## ParaSport Ontario Events

### Women's Disability Sport Webinar

- **April 8, 2026**
- **Information on funding opportunities, Grants, and Sponsorships**
- **Registration link [HERE](#)**

### Weekly Wheelchair Tennis (London ON)

- **April 13, 2026 - May 2, 2026 (Runs Weekly)**
- **Info and Registration Link [HERE](#)**

### Adapted Mountain Biking Camp

- **May 8, 2026**
- **Info and Registration Link [HERE](#)**

## Milano Cortina 2026 WheelChair Curling Recap

In a thrilling finish at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, Canada edged out China 4-3 in the mixed wheelchair curling gold medal game, with Mark Ideson delivering the decisive final stone. After challenging semi-final match against South Korea, the gold medal game only brought more excitement.

The match was a tactical showdown from the start, with neither side willing to give up more than a single point. China applied early pressure with precise draws and well-placed guards, forcing Canada into difficult angles and limiting scoring opportunities. Through the middle ends, the teams exchanged singles, keeping the score tight and the tension high.

Heading into the final end tied, the game came down to execution under pressure. China built a challenging house with multiple stones in play, leaving Canada with a narrow path to victory. With everything on the line, Ideson calmly wheeled up and delivered a perfect curler—threading through traffic to remove China's shot stone and sit for one. The arena erupted as Canada claimed gold in dramatic fashion.

Ideson's impact extended far beyond the final shot. Throughout the tournament, he set the tone as skip—calling aggressive yet calculated strategies, trusting his teammates in high-risk situations, and consistently making clutch shots in late ends. His composure and leadership were especially evident in tight games leading up to the final, where Canada repeatedly found ways to grind out wins. In the gold medal match, that same poise under pressure defined the outcome, cementing Ideson's role as the driving force behind Canada's championship run.

*Mark Ideson featured second from the left.*

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