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Blind Children from the North West go for gold

50 blind and partially sighted children from across the North West will be going for gold at their very own Athletics Championships in Huddersfield. Children from Huddersfield, Manchester, Blackburn and Liverpool 'Actionnaires' sports clubs, run by Action for Blind People, will be getting together and competing for first place.

***** **Media Opportunity** *****

WHO: Blind and partially sighted children from the North West area

WHAT: The children will be taking part in shot-put, discus, javelin, long jump, high jump, 60m and 100m sprint, plus the 600m, 800m and 1500m

WHEN: Saturday 28th April 2007 from 11:00am to 4:00pm

WHERE: Leeds Road Playing Fields Complex, Leeds Road, Huddersfield

Huddersfield Town Football Club said: "We would like to congratulate all the young people taking part in the event, their determination and motivation to compete, and the efforts of all the people who support them and make events such as this happen are to be commended. Their passion and commitment for their chosen sport is something which we at Huddersfield Town have the utmost respect for and we wish you and everyone involved in the competition every success."

All the children have been practising hard ahead of the competition in their respective clubs where they have all received specialist coaching.

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Ross Ford, North West Sports Development Officer at Action for Blind People, comments: “The event is all about bringing young people from different areas together to give them a taste of competition. It is great to see blind children getting involved in sporting events like this one. You never know they could be our Paralympians in the 2012 Olympics. “

For more information about North West Actionnaires clubs or volunteering for the group, please contact Ross Ford, Sports Development Officer on 01772 320 550 or email ross.ford@actionforblindpeople.org.uk

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Notes to editors:

- Action for Blind People is an expert national organisation, ensuring blind and partially sighted people get practical support in all aspects of their lives. Contact Action for Blind People’s National Freephone Helpline on 0800 915 4666 or www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk
- Action for Blind People is breaking down barriers that prevent visually impaired people from achieving the same opportunities as sighted people.
- 2007 marks Action’s 150 years of transforming the lives of blind and partially sighted people.

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- If abbreviating “Action for Blind People”, please use "Action" rather than AFBP or ABP.
- There are now 21 Actionnaires sports clubs run by Action for Blind People across the UK in Ashford, Birmingham, Blackburn, Carlisle, Coventry, Essex, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool (2), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Nottingham, Peterborough, Portsmouth, South London, Southampton, Sunderland and West London.