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## **Harlow solicitor appointed to Board of Trustees of Olympia-Wafula Foundation**

A solicitor with Harlow-based firm Attwaters Jameson Hill has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Olympia-Wafula Foundation.

James Sherwin joins the board of trustees of the Foundation which was founded by Harlow-based Paralympian wheelchair racer Anne Wafula Strike.

The Foundation - [www.olympia-wafulafoundation.org](http://www.olympia-wafulafoundation.org) - supports disabled people in the UK, Kenya, Malawi, Swaziland and Nepal.

Mr Sherwin, a Medical Negligence Solicitor with Attwaters Jameson Hill - where he has worked for almost ten years - said: "I met Anne at a networking event at the end of last year and was fascinated to hear of the wonderful work the Foundation does for people both here in the UK and abroad.

"We subsequently became friends on Facebook and I kept a keen eye on events the Foundation was involved in, so when Anne asked me to join the Board of Trustees I was delighted to accept.

"I am looking forward to being involved with the Foundation and helping develop its profile in whatever way I can."

Anne, who was awarded the MBE for services to disability sport and charity

in the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours List, has undertaken charitable work in various countries including Nigeria, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC disabled sport).

The foundation's vision is to promote healthy living solutions for differently able (disabled) and disadvantaged people with a special emphasis on Education, Mobility and Advocacy to empower and enrich their lives through social inclusion.

This is being achieved through an exchange of experiences and ideas.

Anne Wafula Strike said: "We hope that the addition of James to the Board will move us forward. We are a very small group and James's expertise, knowledge and experience in his own field will be a big boost to us."

Julius Chitseko, chairman of the Olympia-Wafula Foundation, said: "James Sherwin's contribution to the board will bring a different perspective that we have been looking for. We are happy to welcome him on board."

Anne Wafula Strike added: "One billion people are living with a disability and together they make up the third largest poorest nation on earth. The majority of the disabled population come from Africa.

"Our passion is to equip and provide a safety net to the neglected group and help turn a statistic into a solution."

The Olympia-Wafula Foundation has engaged in several projects in five nations to provide wheelchairs, education scholarships and advocacy through media and community outreach.

The 2016 Kenya project involves more than 150 new wheelchairs specially designed for the terrain of Kenya which will be distributed at the end of this year.

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