

Paralympic Games - Webpage for Section 2, Question 1

The screenshot shows the official London 2012 Paralympic Games website. At the top left is the 'Inspire a generation' logo. The top navigation bar includes links for Schedule & Results, Medals, Sports (selected), Athletes, Countries, Join in, Spectators, News, Photos, Shop, Tickets, and Olympic Games. A sidebar on the right features two mascots, Wenlock and Mandeville, with a link to 'Make your own mascot!'. The main content area is titled 'Sports' and lists 20 sports with icons: Archery, Athletics, Boccia, Cycling Road, Cycling Track, Equestrian, Football 5-a-side, Football 7-a-side, Goalball, Judo, Powerlifting, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Rugby, and Wheelchair Tennis. To the right of the sports grid is a box titled 'Classification explained' which defines classification rules and ensures fair competition by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability, and mental focus.

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Sports

Classification explained ›

Classification is a unique part of Paralympic sports intended to ensure fair competition. Each sport has its own special classification rules which:

- Defines which athletes are eligible to compete in each of the sports
- Groups athletes in classes, defined by the degree to which they are limited in their ability to perform an activity.

It ensures that winning is decided by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus - the same factors that account for success in sport for non-disabled athletes.

<http://www.london2012.com/paralympics/sports/>

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Don't Let Your Child Miss Out - Parent's Leaflet for Section 2, Question 2



Every child aged between 6 and 16 must receive an education.

If you are a parent or guardian* of a child aged between 6 and 16 this leaflet outlines the special role you play in ensuring that your child doesn't miss out on his or her education.

It also gives you information about the National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB), the agency set up to support regular school attendance and the education of children and young people.

The National Educational Welfare Board was set up under the Education (Welfare) Act, 2000. Our job is to support families and make sure that every child receives an education as required by law. Almost all children do this by attending school.

* Guardian – a person who has the legal authority and duty to take care of a child or minor

Huge welcome for cross-border bridge



An artist's impression of what the proposed bridge would look like

The European Union's decision to fund a new cross-border bridge to be built at Narrow Water between Co. Louth and Co. Down has been welcomed.

The €18.3 million project will be 660 metres long and is expected to be completed by 2015.

Approximately €17.4 million will be funded by the Special European Union Programmes Body with the balance being paid for by the Irish government. Planning permission for the bridge has already been granted on both sides of the border and it is expected that construction on the bridge will begin sometime in 2013.

Louth County Council have welcomed the announcement with County Manager Joan Martin stating she was 'thrilled' to hear the news.

It will be an opening bridge that allows tall ships, leisure craft and other marine vessels access to the



Victoria Lock and the Albert Basin in Newry.

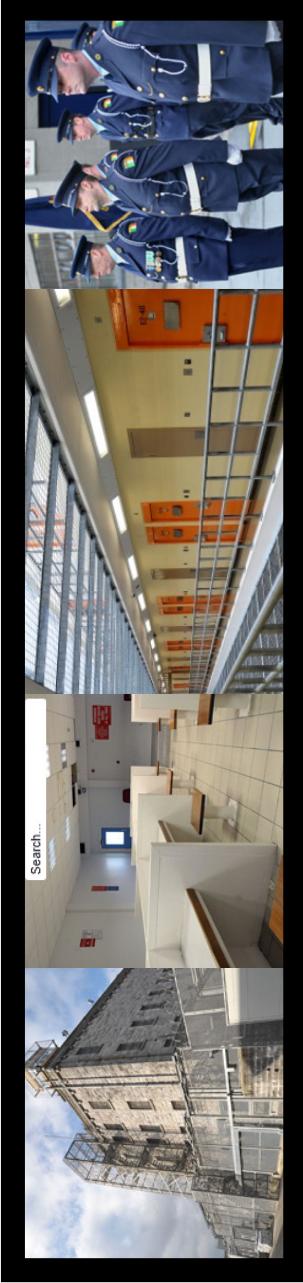
It is hoped the bridge will open up the cross-border Cooley / Mourne / Gullion region to more visitors and make it much easier for residents, business people and tourists to travel around the area.



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Seirbhís Phriosún na hÉireann IRISH PRISON SERVICE



Ireland's Prisons

There are 14 institutions in the Irish Prison System made up of 11 traditional "closed" institutions or prisons, two "open" centres, and one "semi-open" facility called the Training Unit.

The Irish Prison Service deals with male offenders who are 17 years of age or over and female offenders who are 18 years of age or over.

Age Profile of Prisoners in custody under sentence on 30 November 2011				
	Female	Male	Total	%
16	-	4	4	0.1
17	-	19	19	0.5
18 to < 21	2	264	266	7.2
21 to < 25	24	621	645	17.4
25 to < 30	33	835	868	23.5
30 to < 40	40	1,086	1,126	30.5
40 to < 50	19	489	508	13.7
50+	4	257	261	7.1
Total	122	3,575	3,697	

The Irish Prison Service

The Minister for Justice and Equality has political responsibility for the Prison System in Ireland. The Irish Prison Service operates as an agency within the Department of Justice and Equality. It is headed by a Director General supported by 6 Directors.

