## 2016 Rio Paralympic Games Athlete Profile: Robyn Love





**Date of birth** 28<sup>th</sup> August 1990

**Home town** Ayr, lives in Worcester

**Occupation** Athlete

**Sport** Wheelchair Basketball

**Classification** 3.5

**Club** Coyotes/Angels of the North

**Coach** Miles Thompson

## How and when did you become involved with your sport?

I started playing running basketball in 2011, while studying at Edinburgh Napier University. I made contact with basketballscotland's Wheelchair Basketball Development Officer Tina Gordon in November 2013 to get involved in the wheelchair game.

During my career in the game I have won both the Scottish Cup with Lothian Phoenix and the Scottish Universities Cup with Edinburgh Napier University,

2015 was a phenomenal year for me. I relocated to Worcester to join the GB Centralised Programme, in the February and made my international debut for the GB Women, at the Osaka Cup in Japan where we won the silver medal. Then, the following month, I was selected to represent Team West at the UK's first ever women's wheelchair basketball All-Star Game in Nottingham.

The summer I made my debut for the GB Women at the 2015 European Championships, winning bronze and securing the nation a qualification place for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

## **Sporting Highlights**

- Silver medal at the Osaka Cup in Japan in 2015.
- Bronze medal at the 2015 European Championships in Worcester, securing GB a qualification place for the 2016 Summer Paralympic Games.
- First Scottish player in over a decade to represent the GB Women's wheelchair basketball squad.
- Selection for the 2016 Summer Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

## **Sporting Goals**

To compete and medal in my first Paralympic Games.

