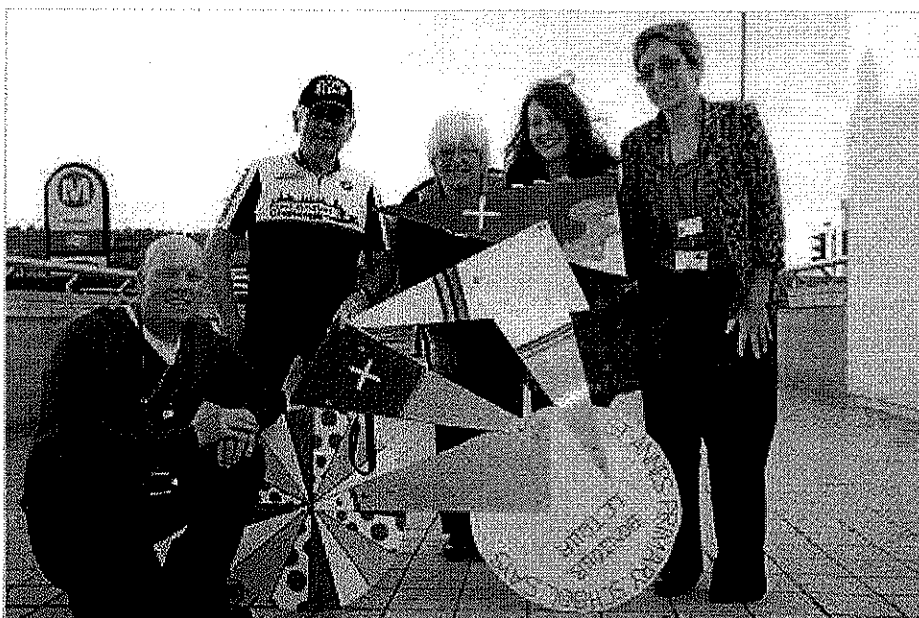


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Tour de France route 'giant' figures plan

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Frank O'Dwyer, second from left, is joined by Leeds City College Keighley Campus staff, from left, Adam Peniket, Lisa Mitchell, Rebecca Collier and Debbie Fletcher, with a mock-up of his proposed Tour de France artwork

Giant outdoor art installations portraying racing cyclists will be displayed around Keighley for the Tour de France, if a local enthusiast's scheme gets the go-ahead.

Frank O'Dwyer, of Black Hill, wants to use at least five of these eye-catching creations to decorate next July's Tour route through the town. He came up with the idea for the land art initiative, which he has dubbed Project Spartacus.

He explained the name reflects the gladiatorial nature of the Tour de France contest. However, he said it also has a double meaning as highly-regarded Tour cyclist from Switzerland Fabian Cancellara is nicknamed Spartacus as a tribute to his strength and courage.

"These figures would be visible to helicopters flying over the race, and would also be seen on TV screens worldwide to ensure Keighley is not overlooked," he said.

"This has educational benefits as the aim is to have Keighley Campus Leeds City College and schools involved in the painting and construction of the figures.

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