

ELLIE SIMMONDS

Occupation
Swimmer

Nationality
English

Famous Quote
"It's nice to hope to inspire people out there who maybe have a little less motivation or who are low in confidence or self-belief to go out there and achieve."

Ellie Simmonds OBE is a British Paralympic swimmer who who competed in the S6 events. Throughout her career she has won 5 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medals in the Paralympic Games.

PROFESSIONAL DEBUT
She first represented Great Britain in the Beijing Paralympic games when she was 13 years old.

BIRTH
Ellie Simmonds was born in Walsall, West Midlands.

EARLY LIFE
Simmonds was born with achondroplasia and first started swimming at the age of 5 years old.



Beijing 2008

WORLD RECORD BREAKER
In 2012 Paralympics in London Simmonds broke the world record for the 400m freestyle and 200m Medley events.



HONOURS AND AWARDS
In 2009 Simmonds received an MBE honour from Queen Elizabeth II. She became the youngest person ever to receive this honour. In 2013, she received an OBE for services to Paralympic Sport.



ROLE MODEL
Simmonds is a Patron of the Dwarf Sports Association UK that supports people with short stature to get them into sport.



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