

# Sugar Ray heads for Sheffield

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## BOXING

BOXING legend former multi world champion and Olympic gold medal winner Sugar Ray Leonard is coming to Sheffield.

Former US ring hero Leonard, who is now 51, is to make less than a handful of personal appearances on a rare visit to the UK.

He will be guest of honour at a dinner at Sheffield's Hilton Hotel on October 12.

A similar event in Newcastle has already sold out with 500 punters snapping up seats. Steel City Sporting Club are promoting the event and tickets will be limited to 200. Prices will be more than £100 but can be secured by deposit now.

Leonard filled the boxing void left when Muhammad Ali retired in 1981. With fans in search of a new boxing superstar, Leonard came along at precisely the right time.

Leonard was named Fighter of the Decade for the 1980s. He entered the 80s a champion and left a champion.



### Five titles: Sugar Ray Leonard

He won an unprecedented five world titles in five weight classes and fought all the greats of his era including Tommy Hearn, Marvin Hagler and Roberto Duran.

Steel City Sporting club are also arranging an evening with Leon Spinks, who both beat and lost to Ali in a distinguished heavyweight career. Spinks will be at dinner at the Hilton Hotel on April 14.

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