

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Glasgow & West: February 2024

Glasgow Primary Badminton Championships

It was fantastic to be able to attend the Glasgow Primary Badminton Championships, with special guest Ciar Pringle from City of Glasgow badminton club (a local club) to give out the awards to the winning individuals.

With 7 local schools bring their teams to compete in this local competition, it brought the opportunity for these young athletes, a chance and challenge to compete and test their skills. A Special mention to the team that took to get this event to happen, Gillian McGuire from Glasgow Life, Active School coordinators James Hemmingsley, Marc O'Mara and Joe Brannan. A huge thank you to John Craig and Jim McCulloch for volunteering their time to help organise and structure the day.



Local Competition

Within the West region, local competition has been booming! With fantastic events both in Argyll and Bute and Glasgow, it has been amazing to see the local communities busy with competition.

Starting with Argyll and Bute, the Argyll Cup hosted by Dunoon Badminton Club seen so many local and travelled athletes making the day at Dunoon one to remember. With some great games it was fantastic to meet with the club reps and see the impact of local play.



Other events like the Junior singles Glasgow & North styathclyde league seen 6 full divisions, played over 8 different courts all actioned packed games from morning till afternoon, players were put through their paces! It is amazing to see in the local area the amount of young players that are taking the steps to participate in the sport and it leaves an exciting environment for the next months competitions.

Coaching Courses

Badminton Basics

We seen an amazing uptake in the badminton basic course, starting in Irvine, the young leaders took to the courts. The energetic group were naturals on the court, picking up the drills and techniques super quickly, bringing a high level of enthusiasm and energy. After the course the uptake in these leaders to get involved with the local clubs was fantastic to see and we are excited to see the start of the new coaches journey.



The young leaders in Renfrew also took part in the course during this month. Again these young leaders came in very enthusiastic and took to badminton coaching with a great mindset. The group were fantastic and keen to get to their primary schools with their new coaching skills. We are very excited to see the future of these young coaches and the work in their sessions!



CPDs

There were a few CPD course running from Dumfries and Galloway for the primary teachers to some young leaders in Glasgow area. These cpds are to enable these people to enhance their badminton skills and knowledge, it is great that we have the opportunity to speak with our local community, find out their development needs and target the learned to enable badminton to happen more in local primary and communities.

Club Visits

It is always a goal of mine to ensure I am in my community, visiting, listening and supporting our clubs.

Meeting with our Argyll and Bute community talk session, this allows the local clubs to discuss area issues, club support directly with us to enhance the club support.

Visiting Campbelltown the local high school and college students, the local young people took to the Young Leaders course, this gave them the start of the badminton coaching to enable them to get into clubs and support their local club coaches.



The clubs also welcomed me to their sessions and venue. It was amazing to see how many people within the community are at these clubs, locally attending and the INTERSTING venues some of the clubs use. It was amazing to see how these clubs use the space they have and shows how great the amount of effort have been put in by everyone running the clubs.



Other News

We are still on a big push to meet with all the local clubs in my area. Should you want any support or share your clubs progress / development, please reach out to myself on

rdowest@badmintonscotland.org.uk

A Huge thank you to all the clubs, active schools and local communities that have reached out, all of the hard work and effort for this month has been amazing, it has seen so many new young people getting new opportunities and the clubs are set on new development pathways!

If you want to know of upcoming activity in your area, or advice/help organising an upcoming event? Please get in touch <INSERT EMAIL>.