



Pupils across South Lanarkshire complete Badminton Scotland's Young Sports Leader (YSL) Award

By Lanarkshire Badminton

Over the past 2 months, pupils part of the SL Active Schools Clydesdale (Biggar, Carluke, Lanark, Lesmahagow), Camglen (Trinity, Cathkin, Stonelaw) and East Kilbride & Strathaven (Calderglen, St Andrew's & St Bride's, Duncanrig, Strathaven) Sport Coach Academies completed Badminton Scotland's Young Sports Leader (YSL) Award course at Cathkin High School.

Pupils completed 5 modules across three 2 hour sessions. This included learning about fundamental techniques & skills including serving, movement, overhead & underarm strokes as well as coaching, officiating, competitions and Big Hit Festival training. From completing the course, pupils now having the opportunity to progress via various pathways into coaching, officiating and volunteering. It was delivered by Euan Murray, Badminton Scotland's Regional Development Officer (RDO) for the West Region. He was pleased with the engagement and impressed with the pupils' effort, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the 3 sessions.

“We hope that the pupils have gained some further knowledge and confidence in delivering further badminton opportunities within their local area. In addition we hope that pupils have attained knowledge and skills can be transferred to other areas

out with badminton too into other sports and aspects in life. The YSL Award we deliver is focused on developing young people through badminton and believe this demonstrates the important role sport can play on having a positive impact on people’’

Clare Murphy, from SLLC Active Schools, Clydesdale Team said:

"We organised this course for our Pupils as we are supporting them to get onto the Coaching pathway. The Badminton YSL is a certificated course that is a very engaging course that provides lots of ideas that can be utilised in other sports too. The pupils really enjoyed the course and gained a lot from it. Many thanks!"

Carina Sheldon, from SLLC Active Schools, Camglen Team said:

“Badminton in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area has been gaining a lot of pace recently with the development of BASE Badminton Club. We are keen to provide leadership opportunities so that these pupils can help deliver Badminton to pupils of all ages in the local area. This in turn will help promote pathways to the club. The pupils very much enjoyed completing their award and have taken away a lot of valuable learning which they can put into practice in school sessions, festivals, and competitions. Thank you to Euan from Badminton Scotland and Jill from BASE for committing so much valuable time to us, it has been a great partnership!”

Thanks to SLLC Active Schools for organising & coordinating all 3 courses and to Jill Smith from BASE with the delivery. If you wish to find out more about further information about any of Badminton Scotland’s Schools & Education courses or workshops feel free to email Euan Murray at rdowest@badmintonscotland.org.uk or visit www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/school-resources/

