



2025/26

Young Leader Academy

Overview



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Young Leader Academy before 2023

- 1 residential Young Leader Academy delivered at the National Badminton Centre (in Milton Keynes) on 1 weekend each year
- Places for 25 young people in total

2023/24 Young Leader Academy

- 4 Regional Young Leader Academies (North, East, West & South) delivered at various venues across the country on 2 weekend days during the year (with 1 month between the days)
- Places for 100 young people, aged 13-16, in total

2024/25 Young Leader Academy

- 4 Regional Young Leader Academies (North, East, West & South) delivered at various venues across the country with a 2 hour online session followed by a full day in-person session for each Academy
- Places for 100 young people, aged 13-16, in total



2025/26 Young Leader Academy

- 6 Regional Young Leader Academies (North East, North West, East Midlands, West Midlands, South West & South Central/South East) delivered at various venues across the country with a 2 hour online session followed by a full day in-person session for each Academy
- Places for 150 young people, aged 13-16, in total



Application Process & Delivery

- Young people apply to be part of their local Academy via an online application process
- Attend the 2 hour online Young Leader Academy session then the full day in-person Young Leader Academy session (young leaders must be able to attend both training sessions to complete the Academy training)
- Receive a Young Leader Academy t-shirt & workbook at the in-person day of the Academy
- Parents/Guardians & Club Mentors will receive electronic guides with information on the Young Leader Academy
- Young leaders will receive an electronic certificate once they have completed the two Academy sessions
- Tasks will be set to complete between the online session & the in-person session
- Young leaders will receive information on the different volunteering pathways (e.g. coaching, becoming an umpire/line judge /tournament organiser, joining a club or county committee & volunteering at major events)
- Regular communication about upcoming volunteering opportunities at Badminton England events



Application Process & Delivery

- Each Academy will be delivered by a Badminton England Tutor, a member of Badminton England staff & an Umpire & Line Judge will also be present to share their story and provide guidance on the officiating element of the training
- Academies will be delivered in February 2026
- Online session for Club Mentors (coaches, officials, club volunteers) to prepare them for young leaders coming back into their clubs to volunteer in January 2026
- Young leaders will be able to log their volunteering hours via the JustGo system & receive certificates for reaching various volunteering milestones



Additional Volunteering Opportunities

- As well as attending the two Young Leader Academy training sessions and volunteering at their local club or session, there will be various voluntary opportunities throughout the year for young leaders to get involved in...

Name of Event/Opportunity	Dates	Location
National Schools Championships Finals	Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2026	The National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes
Disability Junior Championships	June 2026	The English Institute of Sport, Sheffield



Young Leader Academy Tasks

- Tasks for young leaders to complete at their clubs/sessions will be set during the Academy sessions
- Young leaders are able to pick one or more 'strands' of volunteering to get involved with

4 Strands of Volunteering:

Coach

**Committee
Member**

**Event
Volunteer**

Official



Young Leader Academy Tasks

Example of Tasks:

- **Coach** – deliver a warm up/cool down to a small group or deliver a small drill/activity to a group during a coaching session
- **Official** – umpire either a singles or doubles match at a club night/coaching session
- **Committee Member** – get in touch with your club committee and ask to attend a committee meeting or shadow an existing volunteer to learn more about their role
- **Event Volunteer** – attend an event in your local area and shadow a volunteer who is in charge of collecting and entering match results

