

London Youth Games

The London Youth Games is an annual event across nine-month season of events, comprising School and Community competitions across 30 sports with 90 disciplines for athletes aged between 7 – 18 years. To be eligible you must live or go to school in the borough you wish to compete for.

Working with the HAF funded programme in the holidays, Hillingdon athletes are invited to attend the training for cricket. This is a free provision put on by the council to allow borough wide entry. Young people from all areas of the borough come together to attend trails and training so they can learn from each other and gain new skills.

This year particularly an individual athlete stood out who had not experienced playing cricket. During the HAF programme the young person picked up skills quickly and showed eagerness to learn more.

He attended the LYG training after the summer HAF programme had ended and met new young people developing further skills.

The team entered the pan London competition and for most of Hillingdon athletes this was their first experience of competing and for this athlete was first time leaving Hillingdon. The team played consistently and learned lots, especially sportsmanship.

A pathway for young people was established from summer holiday provision into first competitions and onto club training.