

U13 Leinster Team in the Celtic Challenge

The last U13 Celtic Challenge competition to take place was held in Lisburn in February 2020, at which, Leinster won Gold. After a break of three years due to the COVID pandemic, Leinster is delighted to enter an U13 Leinster team into the U13 Celtic Challenge Competition. The competition is taking place in Edinburgh, 25-26th February and will include teams from Wales, Lothian and Alpha.

Leinster Badminton President, David Murphy, said “As President of Leinster Badminton, I am delighted that the U13 Celtic Challenge is back up and running. Juvenile Badminton was hit very badly throughout the pandemic and a whole generation of young children simply didn’t get the opportunity to start playing our brilliant sport. However, we now see more and more young players participating across a variety of competitions including schools’ badminton, intercounty competitions, juvenile leagues, and tournaments. For most of the players on the U13 Leinster Team, this is their first opportunity to represent their province. I wish them luck in the competition and know that they will wear their Leinster colours with pride and make us all proud back in Leinster.”

The Leinster Team is: Ananya Gopinath, Amira Pender, Hannah Shochan, Rasa Norvaisaite, Elma L Sakka, Riona Sumesh, Charan Deep Rajalupati, Lochlann O’Rourke, Theo O’Connell, Ben Lynch, Eoin Evans, Dave Jaison (missing from picture). Many thanks go to the Team Manager, Kirsty Kelly and Team Coach, Craig McCourtney



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