



'Paving the way for women in ping pong'

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Table Tennis England and Ping Pong Fight Club are 'paving the way for women in ping pong' with their new partnership.

The two companies joined forces to promote female participation in the sport, by supporting and encouraging all-women teams to take up table tennis in the workplace and compete on behalf of their companies across the country.

As part of the new partnership, Table Tennis England is providing coaching sessions to all-women teams taking part in Ping Pong Fight Club events.

The first team to benefit from this partnership were from Funding Circle who played at Ping Pong Fight Club last week. They were the first all-ladies team to enter the London event.

Ade Leigh of Ping Pong Fight Club said:

They did their company proud and in fact Phillipa Paxman became the first female player to get to the quarter finals of the Chancers Championships amidst wild scenes of celebrations from her team mates, work colleagues and in fact many of the supporters in the crowd.

The experience has helped inspire the team to build an all female social ping pong network within Funding Circle, hopefully leading more tournament participation and group coaching sessions in the future.

Sneh Brahmbhatt, from the all women's team, added:

I don't know any other tournament that are as encouraging, supportive, and proud to have women competing as the Ping Pong Fight Club Tournament are.

They are paving the way for women in ping pong.

Together, Ping Pong Fight Club and Table Tennis England will continue this venture around the country, with Manchester being the next target to get more women playing.

Keely Armitt, Head of Participation at Table Tennis England, commented:

Engaging more women and girls is one of our sport's priorities and we are working hard with a range of partners to ensure more opportunities are available to them.

The London tournament proved that events like Fight Club are perfect platforms for encouraging more females to gain the confidence to pick up a bat and play.

We're delighted to hear that since being coached and competing, Funding Circle have set up their own female ping pong network to get more women playing in and out of work.

To help bring social table tennis into your workplace, click here to learn about Table Tennis England's [Loop at Work](#) programme, or to read the full event report from Ping Pong Fight Club, [click here](#).

Ping Pong Fight Club registrations are now open for the Manchester event, find out more at www.pingpongfightclub.co.uk/manchester

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