



Down's athletes aiming to create a legacy

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The GB Down's Syndrome team are ready to compete at the World Championships in Madeira – and now they want to help the next generation of athletes to follow in their footsteps.

The five-strong team, which includes European Open gold medallist Harry Fairchild and bronze medallist from the same event, Jenny Turner, have so far raised £5,000 via a crowd-finding page.

That is enough for them to fly out to represent their country at the Worlds in Madeira in October.

Now they are looking to raise an extra £1,920 to pay for a year's worth of T2ITT Rising Talent coaching sessions at the Brighton Table Tennis Club. T2I denotes Trisomy 21 – extra genetic material in chromosome 21 causes Down's Syndrome.

On the first Sunday of every month from 11am–1pm, Harry and his Brighton colleagues Chris O'Flinn and Andrew Tonkin, who are all Level 1 qualified table tennis coaches, work with between 10 and fifteen 5– 20 year olds with T21. The amount they are looking to raise would pay for venue hire for the sessions for the 2018/19 season.

They have appealed for donations on [crowdfunder.co.uk](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk), where you can read more about the appeal.

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