

## Liam joins World Table Tennis Day broadcast

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England No 1 Liam Pitchford joined in a 24-hour live stream to celebrate World Table Tennis Day.

Pitchford chatted with Adam Bobrow from the ITTF about a wide range of subjects including mental health, role models, favourite matches and winning medals on the world stage, including reminiscing about the 2016 World Team Championships bronze medal and the 2018 Team World Cup in London.

The theme of World Table Tennis Day this year was FEMpowerment, aiming to get women and girls all over the world into table tennis, and Liam about the importance of that.

He also revealed his favourite PlayStation games – and even issued an online challenge to world No 1 Fan Zhendong. There was also time to answer a couple of questions sent in by viewers of the broadcast.

<u>Click here to watch</u> the broadcast on Facebook – Liam's section starts at 6:02.45.

World Table Tennis Day was celebrated around the world – here are a few of the social media posts from England:

Full commitment from the women <u>@BTTCOfficial</u> on <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u> playing outdoors in the cold, even a bit of snow! <u>#ThisGirlCan pic.twitter.com/hbKGoB0S3c</u>

- Mrs Bennett (@MrsBennett2) April 6, 2021

Happy <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u> to all umpires, referees and organising staff at <u>@TableTennisENG</u> & <u>@ittfworld</u>. Looking forward to <u>@birminghamcg22</u>.

Had a blast last year watching <u>@liampitchford</u>, <u>@TinTinHo39</u>, <u>@KimDaybell</u> & <u>@pdrinkhall</u> play in the Nationals.

Best seat in the house! <a href="mailto:pic.twitter.com/OTIZsbQbOL">pic.twitter.com/OTIZsbQbOL</a>

- Dr Immad Qureshi (@AMColian) April 6, 2021

It's <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u> big shout out to all of the clubs around the World! All the volunteers and participants keep up the great work! Keep safe from all at the mighty Beaumont Accountancy Nomads TTC <u>pic.twitter.com/z73zNpxSCX</u>

- Nomads Table Tennis (@nomadsttc1948) April 6, 2021

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