

#TableTennisDay – we're nearly ready for the off!

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There are just two weeks to go until #TableTennisDay – we're getting excited and we hope you are too! Here is your update on how people are celebrating around the country.

We've heard from almost 200 organisations who are hosting an event, ranging from clubs and leisure centres to workplaces and schools.

And what great events they have come up with! Tournaments and taster sessions, oldest v youngest, open days, robot challenges, record attempts, celebrities . . . the day is really going to put our sport on the map and introduce it to potentially thousands of new players.

Here are a few reminders and suggestions to help you get the most out of the day:

Are you encouraging people to enter one of our competitions? We have some fantastic prizes to reward the best of the best in the following categories:

- Best selfie (£100 High Street voucher)
- Design a bat (winning design turned into a bat by Uberpong)
- Trick shot challenge (£100 Experience Day)

More details on the competitions can be seen in this graphic:



Have you told your local media? As #TableTennisDay is about promoting our sport, please invite your local newspaper to send a reporter and/or photographer to your event. And don't forget local radio and TV as well! If you need any help or advice with this, please contact me on the number below.

Why not register on BBC Get Inspired? It only takes a few minutes and it's a great way to promote your event to local people. [Click here to visit the Get Inspired website](#)

Create a bit of buzz on social media. Start sending tweets now to let people know where and when your event is happening – don't forget to use the hashtag #TableTennisDay

Finally, please send us a photo of your activity – preferably on the day or the following day so we can incorporate it into our website coverage. You can send photos to paul.stimpson@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Table Tennis England will be celebrating in Nottingham with some very special guests.

We will take over the Ping! area in Smithy Row in the city centre, where we will be joined by Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games medal winners Sam Walker and Kelly Sibley, plus the one and only Desmond Douglas!

If you are in the area, the fun and games start from 11am with a beat the celebrity challenge, robot challenge, around the world, bling your bat and choose your weapon.

We will be unveiling a special table tennis sculpture after 1pm, with VIP, school and club players taking part throughout the afternoon. We then move to the tables at Das Kino bar for some more celebrity challenges.

Follow us on the day via Twitter and Facebook – and don't forget to join in the conversation by letting us know how your day is going using the hashtag #TableTennisDay

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