



Swim England North East

**Your monthly dive into Artistic Swimming in the North East.
Insight, Inspiration & Innovation**

RECENT EVENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

National Age Group Championships - 7th-8th March

UPCOMING EVENTS

Team Manager Module 1 - 15th April 2026

Challenging Behaviour & Active Bystander training for aquatic clubs - Tuesday 21st April

**National Championships - 25th - 26th April
Nottingham**

MONTHLY WRITE UP:

Wow!! What a month for the North East clubs on the national stage. All round outstanding performances and phenomenal results from swimmers. A huge well done to all the swimmers and coaches involved! National Age groups 2025 is definitely one to remember!!



Countdown to National Championships is on.....



NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

National Age Groups was held back at the GL1 Leisure Centre in Gloucester in the first time since 2023! There was also a record number of entries to this event since 2017 which is amazing for Artistic Swimming within England.

The weekend kicked off with the Youth Figure event where 163 athletes took to the pool where they performed Group B figures. We had 13 Swimmers from the North East within this event including two top 10 finishers. Philippa Strangeway from City of Leeds placed 5th with a score of 68.1213, and Beau Spence also from City of Leeds placed 9th with a score of 67.0757. This meant that both swimmers went on to qualify for their Free Solo.

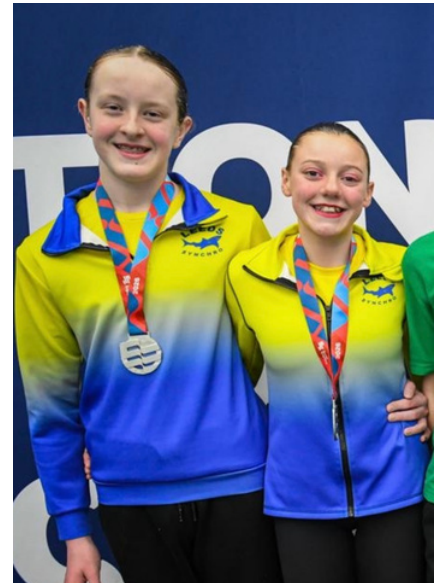
Next up was the 12&U Figures with 10 swimmers from the North East competing within this event, 7 swimmers from City of Leeds and 3 swimmers from Gateshead. The figure draw was completed and the athletes competed with the two compulsory figures along with Group 1, Front Ariana and Tower.

We had 2 top 12 finishers within the 12&U figures, Alana Hurst from City of Leeds placed 6th with a score of 62.6577, and Sienna Tennant also from City of Leeds placed 11th with a score of 58.6089, against meaning both swimmers went on to qualify to swim their solos.

The North East also had 3 swimmers represented in the 9-10 Figures event, this is an amazing achievement for the region within itself. Stella Bowes from City of Leeds placed 4th just narrowly missing out on the medals by 0.6 with a score of 54.4932. Bella Lloyd and Madeleine Marrin represented gateshead in this event and finished 20th & 23rd!



The first routine event of the weekend was the Youth Duet and Youth Mixed Duet event. Beau Spence and Salvador Ingham from City of Leeds swam in the Mixed duet event qualifying in 2nd Place from their combined figure scores! They clung onto their ranking and finished in 2nd place taking home a silver medal in the Youth Mixed Duet event with their dirty dancing themed routine!



The next event was the 12&U Combination Team, this even is purely based off of total routine score so this was a clean slate for everyone to start! City of Leeds swam 5th with their Superhero themed routine and came away with just 1 basemark! The team was represented by Alana Hurst, Sienna Tennant, Nellie Walker, Iris Whitehouse, Philippa Young, Emily Young and Stella Bowes. They came away with an amazing score of 129.0281 putting them in the Silver position! This is an amazing achievement and worth noting that this was 5 out of the 7 members of the teams first National Age Groups!



The final event of Day one after a VERY long day was the Youth Free Combination Team event! City of Leeds was represented by, Abbie Dargan, Maisie Mapplebeck, Aoife Haywood, Lily Mallender, Salvador Ingham, Anita Wadie, Eleanor Riley, Amelie Vardy, Katrina Brass with their circus themed routine! The team finished in 6th place out of 9 combos with a score of 118.5600 a great swim for City of Leeds in an extremely competitive event!



Day 2 kicked off with an early start ready for the Solo events! Four swimmers from the North East qualified to swim their solos, two in the 12&U event and two in the Youth event after the figure competition on Day 1!

The first event was the 12&U Solo, where Sienna Tennant from City of Leeds swam 2nd and finished with a score of 168.1275 with her fairytale routine putting her in a final position of finishing in 8th place, a fabulous achievement for her first National solo.

Alana Hurst swam 9th in the 12&U solo event starting with the highest difficulty, she managed to cling onto 3 out of her 4 hybrids and scored a huge 213.1604 with her combined routine and figure score putting her into the GOLD position. She pulled up the ranking by 5 places after qualifying from her figures with her Maleficent routine! Again a fabulous achievement for her first National solo!



The next event was the Youth Free Solo event, Beau Spence from City of Leeds Swam 2nd with her Sweet Charity solo, picking up just one basemark Beau finished in 6th Place with total combined score of 246.8701! An amazing achievement for her first National solo! Philippa Strangeway also qualified to swim her solo after her fabulous performance in her figures on Day 1. Philippa swam her snakes themed solo and achieved an overall combined score of 227.9708 putting her in 11th Place. Fabulous achievements from both swimmers!

12&U free duet was next, two duets from City of Leeds qualified to swim after their figures on day 1! Iris Whitehouse & Nellie Walker performed their Steps routine wowing the judging with their dance moves! They achieved a BASEMARK FREE SWIM and finished with an overall combined score of 144.2224 putting them into 7th Place crawling up 2 places from qualifying in 9th place! Well done girls!

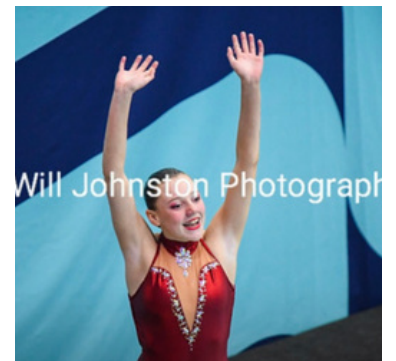
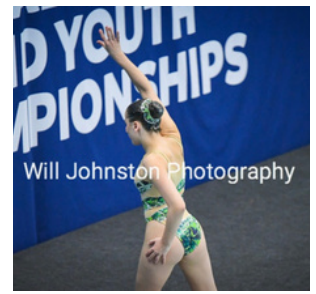
Alana Hurst and Sienna Tennant from City of Leeds closed the event with their High School Musical duet! Starting with the highest difficulty, the pair finished in SILVER position just 0.3 off of 1st place! They scored a whopping 8.5 on their pair acro which was a great opener for the performance!



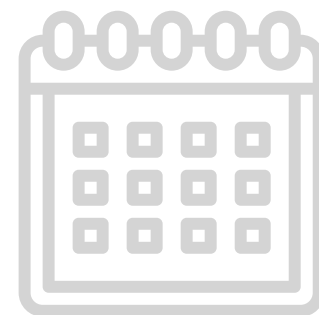
Finally the last event of the weekend was the Youth Free Team event! A highly competitive event the close off the weekend. City of Leeds was represented by; Philippa Strangeway, Beau Spence, Bella Tennant, Aoife Haywood, Lily Mallender, Abbie Dargan, Maisie Mapplebeck, Anita Wadie & Eleanor Riley.

They swam their dance themed routine and finished in 6th place with an overall combined score of 217.7515! A fabulous way to end the weekend for City of Leeds and the North East!





Upcoming Events:



Team Manager Module 1

(18:00-20:30) Wednesday 15th April 2026

Webinar - Challenging Behaviour & Active Bystander training for aquatic clubs

(19:30-20:30) Tuesday 21st April 2026

National Championships

Saturday 25th April - Sunday 26th April - Nottingham

NE Grade Day - Leeds

Sunday 3rd May

NW Grade Day - Irlam

Sunday 10th May

North East/North West Multi-Regional Pre-Combo Cup

Saturday 23rd May 2026 - Leeds

Yorkshire Competition

7th June 2026 - Leeds

