



# PING!

PING PONG  
SUPER HERO



PERSONALITY  
OF THE YEAR 2018

NOMINATED  
BY LEEDS  
CITY COUNCIL

## ANNA WHILDING

Anna has been nominated by Peter Thompson, aka Ping Pong Pete and last year's Ping! Personality winner, on behalf of Leeds City Council. Peter told us:



I first met Anna when she tracked me down having searched the PING! website wanting to get more involved in table tennis. Since then she has become an invaluable asset in the Leeds area, occasionally helping out at events in Bradford as well.

She has a real love for the great game and used to play when she was younger. She wanted to get back into the game again and enthuse others as well - which she

clearly does. She is a rather unsung hero in our area, although those of us who play a part in growing Ping! in the Leeds area know that her qualities are invaluable in terms of being extremely reliable and keeping a cool head at some of our bigger events!

Anna uses her lovely personality to engage with all attendees, regardless of who they are; age, ethnicity, gender.....she particularly looks out for opportunities to involve girls and women. Her love for the sport shines through, but so does her commitment to getting others to enjoy it as well. She travels to regular Ping! sessions throughout Leeds on public transport and is a big part of enabling sessions to embed and flourish.

She is a great role model in terms of giving of her own time, willingly and for the benefit of others in her city. We need more Annas! Please read below a couple of citations:

*"During our time with LLGA, we have had the pleasure of working with Anna at a number of community events including Lark In The Park. Anna has always been very enthusiastic at these events and very engaging with a variety of people. Anna always gives up her free time to help out and nothing is too much hassle for her! She has a real passion for table tennis and this comes across in the way she interacts with the public."* James Beaston  
Leeds Let's Get Active Community Activator, Active Leeds

*"Anna is incredibly enthusiastic about table tennis and very encouraging - supporting people into the sport and giving out lots of helpful tips and advice."* Rich Sadler, Triathlon Activator, Active Leeds, Leeds City Council



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Anna (right) at the "Find out about Social Care" event at Kirkgate Market, Leeds