**FOUR INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE CHOSEN FOR COIN TOSS CEREMONIES AHEAD OF WIMBLEDON FINALS**

Four inspirational young people representing charities chosen by the Wimbledon Foundation will take centre stage at The Championships this year, performing the pre-match coin toss at the Singles Finals, including the Wheelchair Singles Finals being staged on No.1 Court for the first time.

**Lucy Foyster** (age 11) will perform the coin toss at the Ladies’ Wheelchair Singles Final on Saturday 13 July representing **Whizz Kidz**, a UK charity supporting young wheelchair users. Lucy became a wheelchair user at the age of seven after being diagnosed with bone cancer and was inspired to start playing wheelchair tennis after watching Alfie Hewett play at The Championships. She began playing competitively in June 2023 and is currently number 30 in the ITF rankings.

Lucy said: “My dream for the future is to actually play at Wimbledon one day. It’s very nice for me, not hiding my disability, almost like showing everybody that I am proud to show my disability. When I found out I had been chosen I squealed so loudly my mum said I hurt her ears.”

**Watch Lucy’s story** [**here.**](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/video/media/6357712681112.html)

**Satia Murray** (age 17) will perform the coin toss at the Ladies’ Singles Final on Centre Court, representing **Ashdon Jazz Academy**, a charity supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young women from minority communities in Merton. Trisha Muirhead, who founded the charity in memory of her daughter Ashdon Jazz, said: “I nominated Satia because she has come such a long way since we first met her. She has grown so much in her confidence and now if we have new girls joining, we can always count on Satia to welcome them, encourage them, and help them to make new friendships. She really deserves it.”

**Watch Satia’s story** [**here.**](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/video/media/6357713675112.html)

**Alex Batt** (age 10) will perform the coin toss at the Gentlemen's Wheelchair Singles Final on Sunday 14 July representing the **Dan Maskell Tennis Trust**, a charity supporting people with disabilities who play tennis by providing them with specialist equipment and grants.

Alex has always been a wheelchair user following a spinal cord injury at birth and enjoys playing a range of sports including tennis in a specialist wheelchair provided by Dan Maskell Tennis Trust. Speaking about being chosen to perform the coin toss, Alex said: “I hope I inspire lots of boys and girls to chase after their dreams of sports, even though they think they may never be able to do it. The wheelchair doesn’t stop you from doing anything, it just means you do it in a different way.”

Gilly English, Chief Executive of Dan Maskell Tennis Trust, said: “Being the 10th anniversary of the Wimbledon Foundation, it’s a fantastic year to have been chosen to be involved in the coin toss, particularly as it’s the first time it’s ever been done for the Wheelchair Singles Finals”.

**Watch Alex’s story** [**here.**](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/video/media/6357711032112.html)

**Cyprian Nelson** (age 19) will perform the coin toss at the Gentlemen’s Singles Final on Centre Court representing **Carney's Community**, a charity in Wandsworth helping young people to develop skills, discipline and self-respect through boxing, mentoring, youth club activities and social enterprise schemes.

George Turner, co-founder of Carney’s Community, said: “When we were given the opportunity, Cyprian was one of the first people we thought of. He’s someone who has come from an incredibly difficult background and has had so many struggles that he’s had to face. Over the last couple of years, he’s just done so well. He’s gone from someone who we were putting a lot of effort into supporting to someone who’s putting that effort and support into helping other people.”

**Watch Cyprian’s story** [**here**.](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/video/media/6357711906112.html)

Amanda Horton-Mastin, Head of the Wimbledon Foundation, said: “2024 marks the 10th anniversary of the Wimbledon Foundation and we are delighted to have been able to nominate two fantastic local charities that we have supported over the last 10 years as well as two charities for the Wheelchair Singles Finals for the first time. We really hope that these four incredibly deserving young people enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and that it inspires them to go on to achieve their dreams.”

Lucy, Satia, Alex and Cyprian will perform the coin toss using a bespoke coin commemorating the Wimbledon Foundation’s 10-year anniversary. They will be assisted with their duties by Denise Parnell, Championships Referee on Centre Court and by Iain Smith, Championships Assistant Referee on No.1 Court.

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Photo 1 – Lucy Foyster on No.1 Court where she will perform the coin toss at the Ladies’ Wheelchair Singles Final. ©AELTC/Chloe Knott

Photo 2 – Satia Murray visiting the All England Lawn Tennis Club after being chosen to perform the coin toss at the Ladies’ Singles Final. ©AELTC/Chloe Knott

Photo 3 – Alex Batt on No.1 Court where he will perform the coin toss at the Gentlemen’s Wheelchair Singles Final. ©AELTC/Chloe Knott

Photo 4 – Cyprian Nelson visits Centre Court after being chosen to perform the coin toss at the Gentlemen’s Singles Final. ©AELTC/Chloe Knott

Photos 5 – Lucy Foyster with the bespoke coin commemorating the Foundation’s 10th anniversary ©AELTC

Photos 6, 7 – A bespoke coin commemorating the Foundation’s 10th anniversary will be used across all nine Finals at The Championships. ©AELTC/Ben Queenborough

**Wimbledon Foundation**

The Wimbledon Foundation is the official charity of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and The Championships. Its mission is to champion opportunity for all using the collective strength of Wimbledon to make a positive difference to people’s lives. Since 2014, the Foundation has donated more than £20 million to local, national and international charities to strengthen and support our local community, inspire the next generation through sport, build healthy communities and respond in times of need. [foundation.wimbledon.com](http://foundation.wimbledon.com/)

**Whizz Kidz**

As the UK’s leading charity for young wheelchair users, Whizz Kidz empowers young people by providing the equipment, support and confidence-building experiences they need and campaigning for a more inclusive society. Its vision is a society in which every young wheelchair user is mobile, enabled and included. [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)

**Ashdon Jazz Academy**

Established in 2015 after the tragic death of Ashdon, who ended her life age 14 years, Ashdon Jazz Academy work in partnership with vulnerable and disengaged young ladies aged between 11-21 in Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton and Croydon boroughs, providing a dedicated emotional well-being service, which in turn supports positive mental health. 1:1 mentoring, weekly drop in sessions, workshops and weekend retreats empower confidence and develop personal skills, enabling vulnerable young women to deal with personal challenges. [www.ashdonjazzacademy.org.uk](http://www.ashdonjazzacademy.org.uk)

**Dan Maskell Tennis Trust**

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust specialise in supporting disabled people and disability tennis programmes. Over the years, the trust has helped hundreds of individuals, clubs and groups to access and provide tennis for disabled people, by providing specialist wheelchairs, tennis equipment and grants. The Trust supports people with all levels of disability, including physical impairment, deafness, learning disabilities and visual impairment, helping ensure that tennis can be enjoyed by all, regardless of age or ability. [www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk](http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk)

**Carney’s Community**

Carney’s Community exists to support young people aged 11 – 30 years, targeting its resources towards those who are involved in the criminal justice system, impacted by gun and knife crime, excluded from school or who have adverse childhood experiences. Disadvantaged young people from deprived backgrounds in Wandsworth, Lambeth, and the surrounding areas access unique 1:1 mentoring, which teaches employability skills, encouraging discipline, self-respect, and a sense of purpose by focusing on education, employment, and personal development, alongside group activities such as sport and the arts. [www.carneyscommunity.org](http://www.carneyscommunity.org)

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