

Young swimmers perform well at LDD Gala

16 young swimmers from Carnegie's B, C and D squads, together with some members of the Jnr Development squad too young to swim at Stirling, competed at the annual LDD development gala held at Whitburn pool on Saturday 23rd January 2010.

The youngsters all had a very enjoyable day. There was great team spirit shown by the team with the more experienced "veterans" showing the first time swimmers the way.

Before each event the swimmers were treated to a demonstration by Andy Hunter from ITC Stirling. Andy's specialist event is 200m freestyle and he was a member of Scotland's Commonwealth Games 4x200m freestyle relay team in 2006, winning a silver medal. He was also a member of the GB Olympic team which finished 6th at Beijing in the same event. So it was great for the kids to see a Commonwealth medallist and Olympian in action at close quarters, and to have their photos taken and caps signed.

There were no medals awarded but the Carnegie swimmers still swam their hearts out with lots of PBs.

Top six finishes were recorded in the 9 yrs age group by Eilidh Lister, with a hat-trick of 2nd place finishes in the 25m fly, back and free and 5th place in the 25m breast, Lucy Ross with a 2nd place in the 25m breaststroke and a hat-trick of 3rd place finishes in 25m fly, back and free. Orla McQuade also finished 6th in the 25m back and 4th in the 25m free.

In the 11 years age group there were top sixes from Kyle Tibbs (1st in 25m fly), Claire Lee (1st in 50m back, 2nd in 50m free and 3rd in 25m fly), Heather Paul (4th in the 50m backstroke) and Lucy Hallam (5th in the 50m backstroke)

Missing out on top six finishes this time, but also swimming well and contributing to a great team spirit were Gavin Ogilvie, Connor Beattie, Aaron Inkster, Ross Murray, Kelsey Robertson, Joelle Campbell, Olivia Alexander, Emily Adams and Heather Anderson.



The young Carnegie team pictured poolside at the LDD meet, with mascot Carnie