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**Story Headline: Ashleigh Fay Pittaway wins Great Britain's second gold of Lillehammer 2016 in Women's Individual Skeleton**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games  
Date: 19 February  
Place: Lillehammer, Norway

### **STORY SCRIPT**

Ashleigh Fay Pittaway has won Great Britain's second gold of the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in the Women's Individual Skeleton.

The 15-year-old, who won all four Lillehammer 2016 qualifying races and took bronze at January's European Cup race in Königssee, finished with a total time of 1:50.23 ahead of Germany's Hannah Neise (1:51.19) and Agathe Bessard of France (1:52.45).

Pittaway is the second youngest member of Team GB at Lillehammer 2016, but won both Heats in the Individual Skeleton event to claim gold.

In total, 1100 athletes from 71 nations are competing at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lillehammer Norway for a total of 70 Gold medals.

The 2nd Winter YOG is taking place between Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2016.

#### **Skeleton explained.**

**Age Group:** Born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2001  
**Quota:** 20  
**Venue :** Lillehammer Olympic Sliding Centre



### **Women's Skeleton**

In Skeleton, athletes ride head first and face down, hands and arms tucked close to their bodies.

Both events are held over two heats. Results are calculated by adding the times of both competition heats together with the lowest aggregate time winning.

In the programme there are six training heats to be held over three days. Pilots must have successfully completed at least two practice heats to qualify for the competition.

### **What are the YOG?**

The Youth Olympic Games are essentially about competing, learning and sharing. They are a celebration of sport, youth diversity and the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. They also exemplify the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, blending sport with culture and education. The vision of the Youth Olympic Games is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and live by the Olympic values.

### **YOG Key Facts**

- Hosted from 12 to 21 February 2016 in Lillehammer, Hamar, Gjøvik, Øyer and Oslo — demonstrating the use of a fantastic legacy of Olympic venues and the flexibility of the YOG.
  - 71 NOCs and 1,100 athletes aged 15 to 18 will compete in 70 medal events at Lillehammer 2016.
  - Lillehammer 2016 is the second winter edition of the YOG following Innsbruck 2012. The first summer edition took place in Singapore in 2010, followed by Nanjing in 2014.
  - The YOG have been used as an incubator for innovation in sport and education. Lillehammer 2016 will feature Olympic debuts for a number of disciplines, including cross-country cross, snowboard cross, ski slopestyle, biathlon super sprint and monobob.
  - With regard to education, the Coaches' Corner will be a pioneering YOG first in Lillehammer, featuring dedicated workshops and talks by experts and Virtual Reality (VR) technology to explore and explain how new advances in technology can be applied to the science of coaching.
  - The YOG have acted as a springboard to further Olympic glory for many alumni. Some 64 YOG athletes from Innsbruck 2012, for example, went on to compete at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, winning 6 medals in total. In addition, 200 YOG alumni from Singapore 2010 competed at London 2012, of whom 25 medalled.
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