

## **GYM CLUB YOUNGSTERS JUMP FOR JOY AS SEMBCORP SUPPORT SECURES UK REPRESENTATION AT EURO CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Energetic youngsters at a Teesside gym club leapt for joy after hearing that Sembcorp was helping to fund a £30,000 community drive to send them to a glittering international competition in Europe.

Middlesbrough Gym Club sent 16 youngsters to be part of the GB delegation at the 16<sup>th</sup> World Gymnaestrada in Austria.

The event, held every four years, attracts more than 20,000 gymnasts, coaches and chaperones from 50 countries around the world and the Middlesbrough club was invited to take part after impressing at the British Championships last year.

The acrobatic, tumbling and display gymnastics club, based at Corpus Christi School in one of the most socially deprived parts of Middlesbrough, is run on a voluntary basis by a dedicated team of coaches, parents and older gymnasts and every week attracts boys and girls aged between 3 and 21.

Suzanne Julian of the club's fundraising committee, said: "We're hugely grateful to Sembcorp and all the businesses, organisations and individuals that have supported us."

Despite a lack of resources and guaranteed financial support, the club is very successful and has produced acrobatic and tumbling gymnasts who have competed and won medals at school, regional and national levels. The display team has twice been voted best at the British Display Championships.

Christine Rennard, Invoice Resolution and Cost Controller at Sembcorp, suggested that the company support the youngsters.

She said: "It was a tremendous personal development opportunity for the children, some of whom had never been abroad before and had certainly never represented GB against international opposition."

The picture above shows Suzanne (left) and Christine with a group of the girls prior to setting off.