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She's got a ticket to Åland.

Young track athlete Nicola Milner (17) is heading to Åland thanks to a fundraising drive. Nicola is heading to Åland to compete in the 800 metres, and, she hopes, the 4x400 relay team event.

Along with her fellow competitors Nicola has raised money through two cake sales, featuring cakes baked by the athletes, a fun athletics day for primary school children and by selling raffle tickets for a prize draw.

Nicola also received sponsorship from local law firm Carey Olsen and has now raised the £500 she needed to go to the games.

Nicola said: "I want to go to the Island Games because it is a good international competition and there are few opportunities like this for Jersey athletes. I also think that the games will be a really good experience for me and help me develop and reach higher standards.

"The cost of travelling to the games is very high this year, so I agreed with my parents that I would raise half the money and I'm grateful to everyone that helped me reach my goal, and now I can look forward to representing Jersey in Åland."

Steven Hunt, Director of Marketing at Carey Olsen said: "Supporting local sport is a key part of our firm's culture. Nicola has done a great job raising money, so we're very pleased we've been able to help out and make sure she can make the trip to represent the island at the games."



Nicola Milner in training for the 800 metres.