



News and Resource Update June 2016: Your guide to what's happening around the world

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IAPESGW 18th World Congress - *Women and Girls in Sport: Research to Action* Barry University, Florida, USA 17 – 21 May 2017

Themes:

- Pedagogy of Physical Education, Sport, and Dance
- Lifelong Physical Activity for All
- Global to Local Initiatives and Assessment
- Sport Sciences

There is a website for our event being hosted by Barry University at:

www.barry.edu/iapesgw

PLEASE visit the website as information starts to be released for the 18th Congress next year.

Joining IAPESGW – Special membership offer extended

We are pleased to advise colleagues of the special rate of \$50 Canadian for a membership covering 2016 to 31 March 2017 – please encourage your contacts to take up this offer.

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Past president invited to speak at major International Convention in Brazil

Past president and current Chair of the Committee of Consultants, Tansin Benn, Visiting Professor at the University of Plymouth and former Professor at the University of Birmingham, UK, has been invited by the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) to present at a Nike sponsored Symposium in ICSEMIS (International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport). The Convention will be held at the Federal University of São Paulo in Santos, Brazil, August 31st to September 4th.

Tansin says:

"This is the greatest honour in my life because the quadrennial Convention is one of the most significant in the World. It is hosted by the largest International Sport Science umbrella organisation of which IASPESGW is a member, in partnership with the International Paralympic Committee and the International Federation of Sport Medicine. I have been asked to contribute to a panel on *Gender equality, religion, culture, tradition and national policies around the world*, which has been my area of research for the last twenty years and has given me many opportunities to work with women in diverse countries of the World.

"More importantly this is a Memorial Symposium for Margaret Talbot which makes it very special for me as she was a great friend, colleague, mentor and Honorary Life Member of IAPESGW."

Tansin's publications include major contributions to international gender and sport knowledge, the most wide-reaching being two co-edited books published by Routledge: Benn, Pfister & Jawad (eds) *'Muslim Women and Sport'* in 2011, which includes women's life experiences across fourteen countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East; and de D'Amico, Benn & Pfister (eds) *'Women and Sport in Latin America'*, in June 2016, which includes women's challenges and achievements in ten countries across Central and South America. She has four international awards for her work.



Tansin Benn, Chair of the Committee of Consultants, IAPESGW

As referred to in the previous article we are pleased to alert you to the release of...

Women and Sport in Latin America. Edited by Rosa López de D'Amico, Tansin Benn, Gertrud Pfister. Routledge, June 2016 (260 pages) ISBN 9781138832503 Cost: £90 in hardback

[View more details](#)

There will be discount for members if bought through ICSSPE website because all IAPESGW members are members of ICSSPE through our association membership.

International

Beyond Sport (2 June 2016)

Beyond Sport Awards 2016 open with new Best New Innovation Award

Beyond Sport is delighted to announce that the Beyond Sport Awards 2016, supported by Comic Relief are now [open for entries!](#)

To reflect this year's Summit theme of 'innovation', Beyond Sport is delighted to announce the Best New Innovation Award, which will recognise and reward a genuinely innovative piece of technology, curriculum, programming or project that has developed a unique approach to use sport for social transformation. The recipient of this award will receive cash funding, as well as a bespoke package of business support courtesy of Comic Relief and numerous business support package providers.....

The winners of the Beyond Sport Awards, supported by Comic Relief will be announced at the Beyond Sport Awards Ceremony on the evening of Day 2 of the Beyond Sport Summit & Awards 2016 held at Here East in London's Olympic Park, on October 19th.

[Entries for the Beyond Sport Awards](#), supported by Comic Relief will close on July 8th.

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Beyond Sport reports (6 June 2016)

The IOC and WHO committed to fighting childhood obesity by promoting physical activity

The international Olympic Committee (IOC) praised the adoption yesterday of [a "historic" report](#) [published January 2016] by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the international fight against childhood obesity. For the first time, through this report, the who has placed as much importance on physical activity as diet.

The fight against childhood obesity is a major cause for the WHO, which on 26 May adopted a detailed report on this issue calling for action, and in which the Olympic Movement is fully involved, in particular through the work of Jacques Rogge. Indeed, the IOC Honorary President (who was President from 2001 to 2013) represented the sports/physical activity sector on the 11-member commission, which worked on this report for two years.

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In the area of health, physical activity is one of the four pillars for preventing noncommunicable diseases. Its effects are particularly recognised on cardiovascular illnesses, diabetes, cancer, hypertension, depression, osteoporosis and obesity.

Three out of six recommendations put forward by the WHO to "end childhood obesity" call for the implementation of comprehensive programmes that encourage physical activity and reduce sedentary behaviours in children and adolescents. As an example, the second recommendation proposes to "provide guidance to children and adolescents, their parents, caregivers, teachers and health professionals on healthy body size, physical activity, sleep behaviours and appropriate use of screen-based entertainment", ensuring that "adequate facilities are available on school premises and in public spaces for physical activity during recreational time for all children (including those with disabilities), with the provision of gender-friendly spaces where appropriate".

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[WHO, 26 May 2016](#) – The report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity formed the basis for a side event, hosted by Ghana, Malaysia and Mexico, along with New Zealand and Zambia during the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.

Awareness...now 131 countries covered...

Global Observatory for Physical Activity

Country cards

The Global Observatory for Physical Activity has launched country cards for 131 countries, including important data related to movement and research.

Physical inactivity is one of the leading risk factors for non-communicable diseases, making the promotion of physical activity a global health priority. In 2014, the Global Observatory for Physical Activity was launched in response to this urgent call for action.

[Access the cards](#)

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The Conversation (21 June 2016)

Fair play at the Olympics: testosterone and female athletes

There are performance differences between the sexes in elite sport. It has long been assumed that contrasting [levels of testosterone in men and women](#) can largely account for that gap, but [new scientific studies](#) are [bringing that into question](#).

This emerging research is also important for a practical reason: until recently, women with higher-than-expected testosterone levels were declared ineligible to take part in track and field athletics. Sporting authorities were under the impression these female athletes had an unacceptable performance advantage.

Androgens, women and sport

Androgens are a sex hormone. Among these is testosterone.

Typically, men and women have a different range of testosterone levels, but some women present with much higher than the norm. This is [known medically as hyperandrogenism](#).

A key cause of hyperandrogenism is androgen insensitivity syndrome (AIS). It occurs when an embryo is born XY (male) but resistant to male hormones, subsequently developing with some or all of the conventional physical traits of a woman. Babies with this presentation are routinely raised as girls and develop into women according to prevailing social norms.

However, in developed countries there typically comes a point at which they are diagnosed as having AIS, such as by an investigation for the absence of menstruation, or infertility.

Those with AIS may have different gender identities; should they choose, hormonal treatments can be used to better reflect that disposition. Some may also consider surgery in scenarios where health and psychological outcomes are beneficial.

Women who have AIS are not “obvious” by way of physical appearance. Many are tall and slim, just as women without the syndrome. Most – like Spanish hurdler [Maria Jose Martinez-Patino](#), who failed a [chromosome test](#) in 1986 – had no idea their status as an adult woman was anything but conventional.

Women with severe AIS are resistant to androgens such as testosterone. Thus, it cannot confer any athletic “advantage”.

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Inside the games reports (22 June 2016)

Fatma Samoura begins work as FIFA secretary general

FIFA's new secretary general Fatma Samoura has officially started work after becoming the first woman and non-European to hold the post at world football's governing body's Congress last month.

Senegal's Samoura, who is the most senior United Nations official in Nigeria, was proposed by FIFA President Gianni Infantino to be his number two at a specially-convened meeting of the FIFA Council.

In an interview conducted by FIFA, Samoura said her main priority was filling strategic positions, namely the chief financial officer and chief compliance officer.

"Those are key positions, for which we really need to identify good leaders, so that we may fully roll out the different programmes and visions of the new FIFA team," she said in between her first working meetings with Infantino and members of staff.....

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Inside the games reports (21 June 2016)

Exclusive: Gender-equal bodyweight categories proposed in principle by International Weightlifting Federation

The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has agreed in principle to introduce an additional bodyweight category for women, equalling the eight already existing for men.

Since 1998, the seven women's weight classes have been 48 kilograms, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, 69kg, 75kg and over 75kg, while the eight men's have been 56kg, 62kg, 69kg, 77kg, 85kg, 94kg, 105kg and over 105kg.

A new women's weight class, yet to be confirmed, now looks set to bring parity between the two sexes.

As early as 1987, there were official World Weightlifting Championships for women, but it wasn't until the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney that an official Olympic competition for women was introduced.

Sports are now being encouraged to foster gender equality, with Agenda 2020 reforms empowering the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to "work with the International Federations to achieve 50 per cent female participation in the Olympic Games".

The decision was taken as part of the IWF Committee meetings, which took place here today in Georgia's capital ahead of the world governing body's Executive Board meeting and Congress.

Good governance was among the other topics raised with the IWF Committees endorsing the key governance principles and basic indicators as discussed and accepted by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) at its General Assembly in Lausanne in April.....

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The Huffington Post (21 June 2016)

Blog by Edward Moses: Shooting for a Different Goal

Known around the world as "the beautiful game," soccer has recently been engulfed by the ugly face of corruption. With more than a dozen officials from soccer's governing body, FIFA, indicted on bribery charges, the sentiment of soccer fans towards the custodians of the sport has become one of disappointment and distrust.

The global conversation should no longer be driven by corporate greed and scandal. We must re-focus our attention on the ways in which soccer is facilitating positive social change in communities around the world. Dozens of sport for development organizations are using the sport as a versatile tool for changing lives, and their work deserves our support.

April 6th, The UN held its third annual “[International Day of Sport for Development and Peace](#)” recognizing the role sport has to play in achieving its’ Sustainable Development Goals. As the world’s most popular sport, soccer seems to have the largest potential to affect lasting change. Non-profit organizations are exploring ways to mobilize soccer’s billions of fans, cognizant of the massive influence they collectively possess.

Since 2002, [Streetfootballworld](#) has built a global network of over 100 community organizations using soccer to facilitate social change. Their latest methodology, currently being implemented across the network, is called [Football3](#). The game is a variation of soccer that can be used to address social topics from gender equality to peacebuilding. Participants play for three unofficiated halves, with their focus on fair play, equality and teamwork over winning.

Chairman of the [Laureus Sport for Good Foundation USA](#), I have had the privilege of interacting with many community organizations that are part of the positive global soccer movement. One of the most outstanding programs Laureus has been able to support is a soccer academy in Asuogyaman, Ghana, fittingly called “Right to Dream.”

[The Right to Dream Academy](#) began in 1999 as nothing more than a pitch. It was the goal of British entrepreneur Tom Vernon to create a path for children in extreme poverty to better their own futures. Nearly two decades later, his vision has developed into a full residential soccer academy providing upwards social mobility to West Africa’s talented youth. Its aim, however, is far deeper than finding the next Lionel Messi. According to Director of Partnerships, James Meller “At Right to Dream, we have two pathways from the academy. The first is going into professional football, and the second is furthering their education as student athletes in the US at our partner schools.”

The model has proven itself, with Right to Dream graduates attending top US universities including UCLA and Georgetown, and playing in English Premier League, Major League Soccer, and Ligue 1. **In 2014, Laureus shifted its funding strategy to extend these same opportunities to equally deserving girls. That same year, Right to Dream became Africa’s first residential football program for female students. They now provide 100% scholarships to girls under 10, and an impressive 75% of their female graduates will earn scholarships to leading private schools and universities in the US and UK.**

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The Drum (1 June 2016)

Ad of the Day: Bodyform looks to tackle the 'last taboo' for women in sport

Bodyform has taken a leaf out of the ‘This Girl Can’ book for its latest campaign that aims to break the taboos around the menstrual cycle and exercise.

From scraped knees from running, to raw toes from ballet, the ad shows women taking part in a number of different sporting activities and overcoming various bloody obstacles, ending with the tagline ‘No blood should hold us back’.

Created by AMV BBDO, the ad fits into Bodyform’s wider ‘Red.Fit’ push which hopes to motivate women both physically and mentally with an online hub providing access to exercise videos, nutritional information and motivational podcasts.

In addition, Bodyform has also teamed up with St Mary's University, Twickenham and University College London (UCL) to invest in a PhD program exploring the effect of the menstrual cycle on women's health and exercise with the findings published as part of the 'Red.Fit' hub.....

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Journal of Physical Activity and Health: The Official Journal of the International Society for Physical Activity and Health. Volume 13, Issue 6, June 2016

Editor - the abstracts from the articles in this current edition to be placed on their website are now available.

[View the abstracts](#)

Journal of Physical Activity and Health: The Official Journal of the International Society for Physical Activity and Health. Volume 13, Issue 5, May 2016

[View the abstracts](#)

Specific countries

AFGHANISTAN

Beyond Sport reports (8 June 2016)

The Afghanistan Women's National Team and Soccer Without Borders Announce New Partnership

The Afghanistan Women's National Team (AFFWNT) has announced a new partnership with Soccer Without Borders (SWB), a Boston based organization that uses soccer as a vehicle for change in underserved communities across the globe. The AFFWNT is currently preparing for the South Asian Football Federation Cup (SAFF) in India this November.

In order to compete at this tournament, the team is fundraising for travel, training camp and gear expenses. The relationship with SWB will help increase the team's visibility in receiving tax deductible charitable donations to advance their efforts. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the AFFWNT, may do so here: <https://www.gofundme.com/AFFWomensFund>.

"Both Organizations found each other based on their shared belief that soccer is one of the most powerful ways to bring people together across the world," said Kelly Lindsey, former U.S. Women's Team member (200002) and current head coach of the AFFWNT.

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AUSTRALIA

Julia Greenhalf, Facebook - You kick like a girl (video)

Women's footy is one of the hottest and most dividing topics hitting the headlines. So with next year's national competition creeping up on us, I spoke to some of the leading ladies behind the rise and rise of women in AFL.

[Watch the video interviews](#)

Australian Womensport and Recreation Association (AWRA) - AWRA The Advocate Newsletter, Winter 2016 [issued June] - [available to view](#)

From the newsletter:

2016 Federal Election “A Sporting Chance”

Charter for Active Australian Women

With the federal election campaign in progress AWRA launched its women-in-sport policy platform [A Sporting Chance](#) which stands as a bold blueprint to be adopted by all parties and politicians.

AWRA's policy platform outlines five key actions that will accelerate the pace of change for women and girls leading and playing sport and active recreation.

[Read more here.](#)

We applaud the two initiatives already announced by the Liberal Government to invest \$60 million more in school sport and play activities and the Labor Party to put more women's sport on the ABC with a \$21 million election pledge.

It's welcome news for our Directors who have been busy meeting with politicians over the past quarter to lobby for a more level playing field for women and girls.

AWRA's executive also met with our distinguished patron, the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove, who had a number of suggestions and presented some opportunities on how AWRA can work more closely with his office.

SBS, Australia (28 June 2016)

What girls look like when “Strong is the new Pretty”

Kate T. Parker started her photography project “Strong is the New Pretty” a few years ago and now many people are sharing photos of their own daughters looking strong.

Kate T. Parker is a photographer, a mum and was an athlete growing up.

After taking photos of her two daughters for an upcoming gallery show a few years ago Parker noticed that the strongest images in the series were of her girls just being themselves – not staged, but real.

Parker created a photo series called “Strong is the new Pretty” that showcased her daughters playing sport, being strong and getting messy. She wanted her daughters to feel confident in who they were.

The mum-of-two used photos to encourage her daughters to realise they didn't need to conform to stereotypes, and to celebrate their unique strength.

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[View the full article and photographs](#)

MADAGASCAR

Quality Physical Education in Madagascar - an update article from IAPESGW Board Member Marianne Meier (the project results will be presented at ICSEMIS 2016, Santos, São Paulo, Brazil, 31 August - 4 September)

IAPESGW belongs to the ‘International Committee of Sport Pedagogy’ (ICSP) which is a network gathering six international organizations that have common interests in the process of teaching in PE and sports, physical educators’ instruction and curriculum analysis. In June 2015, ICSSPE mandated the ICSP to work on the development and validation of methodological support for political entities regarding the reform of PE and sport. Thereafter,

Madagascar was selected as pilot country for this action-driven research project. ICSP is a working group of ICSSPE. Within the framework of this project, an expert mission to Madagascar took place in March 2016. Marc Cloes, Claire Boursier, and Marianne Meier travelled to Antananarivo as representatives of AIESEP, IFAPA and IAPESGW in the 'name' of ICSP.

In preparation of the mission, the Malagasy 'Ministry of Youth and Sport' collected national data to evaluate each item of the 'Inclusive Quality Physical Education (QPE) Policy Matrix' proposed by UNESCO. The local partners did also assemble key stakeholders in Madagascar. The experts conducted roundtables with 15-20 representatives of professional bodies involved in PE and sports in Madagascar. Thereby, the status quo of the Malagasy situation, roles of different stakeholders as well as possible measures were discussed linked to the implementation of the UNESCO Guidelines targeting decision-makers. Among various themes, special attention was dedicated to women and girls in PE and sports. Overall, it was an intensive, but fruitful process.

As an outcome of the visit, a 'national consensus' on the development of QPE in Madagascar was elaborated. This consensus was a joint effort by representatives of a group mainly composed of the ANS (Ministry of Youth and Sport) and the ENS (University of Antananarivo).

This document was then shared with 30-35 practitioners who represented different PE teaching staff and sports. In the course of this workshop, the Malagasy participants identified the main gaps:

- Lack of qualified PE teachers at all educational levels;
- Non-existence of applied QPE principles;
- Absence of teaching evaluations (PE specific inspections);
- Non-existence of a system for "further education".

Moreover, the document emphasized the necessity and willingness of a closer collaboration between the different actors of PE, physical activity and sport in Madagascar: UNESCO, ministries, university, professional associations of PE teachers, sport federations, etc. Among the formulated propositions, the following priorities were suggested:

- Creating a national committee which coordinates the PE, physical activity and sport. This committee unites representatives of all above mentioned key actors in Madagascar;
- Identifying strategic axes and drafting an operational action plan;
- Facilitating collaboration between the ENS and ANS to create joint education programmes which are adapted to the identified needs.

The Malagasy partners committed to continue working on the project, announced to collect more data and to implement some of the proposed recommendations. Results of this project will be presented at the ICSP symposium on QPE at the ICSEMIS 2016 held in Santos/Brazil. The experts who undertook the mission to Antananarivo as well as representatives from the Malagasy 'Ministry of Youth and Sport' will report on the past and current challenges and progress.



Consultation workshop with Malagasy PE teaching staff and sport representatives in Antananarivo.



International team who will present the 'Madagascar project' at ICSEMIS 2016 in Brazil: Marianne Meier (IAPESGW), Michel Ralaivao (ANS), Marc Cloes (ICSP/AIESEP), Patrice Ranaivoson (ANS), Claire Boursier (IFAPA).

NIGERIA

#LadiesInSport Conference - took place Friday, 17 June 2016, Lagos, Nigeria

The Women's Sports Network is supporting this 'maiden' conference in Nigeria via our international Twing_IT NETwork - Janine Anthony, affiliate for Nigeria (@Twing_NGA), is coordinating international awareness. This is a FIRST for WomenSport in Nigeria - WSNet will be pushing it out on all our channels to 60k followers. There is no conference website but we will be tracking the progress of the event with Tweets on @Twing_NGA - we have also set up a social media 'harvester' to collect tweets about the conference - www.wsnet.co.uk/ladiesinsport - more info on speakers is already posted there.

Speakers include:

- Chioma Ajunwa, Olympic Long jump Gold Medalist, Atlanta 96
- Gloria Alozie, Nigerian-born Spanish Track and Field athlete. Olympic Silver Medalist in Hurdles Sydney 2000
- Dr Akinwunmi Amao, AntiDoping expert
- Bukky Karibi Whyte, PR Branding and Marketing Expert - @TheBTCompany
- Adaeze Nwachukwu, Physiotherapist, Nigeria Women's National Football Team (Super Falcons) Expert on Physiotherapy and Nutrition
- Moya Dodd, FIFA Exco, Asian Football Confederation Vice-President - @MOYADODD
- Mimi Fawaz, Freelance Journalist Vox Africa TV BBC ESPN CNN - @MimosaFawaz

We don't expect many additional attendees as a result - BUT this is an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of WomenSport in Nigeria - and acknowledge the great work they are doing under hugely challenging circumstances. It also shows the potential that TwingNET (www.wsnet.co.uk/twingnet) - a body of people promoting and supporting worldwide activity around #WomenInSport - can achieve. Be the change!

UK

Basketball England (31 May 2016)

Basketball England announces the appointment of Clare Wardle, new Chair of Basketball England

Basketball England announced today another positive step forward for the game with the appointment of Clare Wardle as Chair of Basketball England for a three year term.

Clare's appointment coincides with her imminent move to Coca-Cola European Partners as General Counsel and Company Secretary. Clare has an impressive legal and business background and is currently serving as General Counsel of a FTSE 100 organisation, Kingfisher plc. Clare has previously held leadership positions at Tube Lines Limited and the Royal Mail Group.

Clare also brings valuable insight from another sport, currently serving as a Non Executive Director on the Board of GB Modern Pentathlon. This experience coupled with her extensive knowledge of UK governance and risk management makes Clare an ideal Chair for a Governing Body that has ambitions to grow the sport and develop a strong and credible presence in the sports market.....

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Women in Sport (2 June 2016)

Female 'real models' drive growth and diversity in boxing

Women's Sport Network member, Hilary Lissenden was recently appointed onto England Boxing's board and writes exclusively about female 'real models' drive growth and diversity in boxing.....

[View the article](#)

University of Cambridge (6 June 2016)

Women and people under the age of 35 at greatest risk of anxiety

Women are almost twice as likely to experience anxiety as men, according to a review of existing scientific literature, led by the University of Cambridge. The study also found that people from Western Europe and North America are more likely to suffer from anxiety than people from other cultures.

The review, published today in the journal *Brain and Behavior*, also highlighted how anxiety disorders often provide a double burden on people experiencing other health-related problems, such as heart disease, cancer and even pregnancy.....

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Sport England (9 June 2016)

Active People Survey: Latest sport stats show increase in people taking part - Boost to grassroots sport as our figures reveal an extra 340,000 people getting active

New figures from our Active People Survey show that 15.83 million people over the age of 16 played sport in the last year.

That's a return to the level seen after the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. And it equates to 1.75 million more than when London won the right to host the Games.

While 81,900 more men are playing sport, the overall increase is largely because more *women are getting active, accounting for over 75 per cent of the increase). **The gender gap in sport has therefore reduced slightly, to 1.6 million.**

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Find out more about who plays sport:

- [National picture](#)
- [Local picture](#)
- [Breakdown by sport](#)

[View the full news item](#)

*Women getting more active - [view what Women in Sport says about the latest APS figures](#)

Badminton England (10 June 2016)

New partnership announced with Women's Institute

Badminton England is proud to announce a new partnership with the National Federation of Women's Institute (NFWI).

The partnership has been set up to encourage WI members to take part in sporting activities while learning more about the health and social benefits of exercise.

The link has come in the build up to the WI inaugural National Sports Week, which is taking place from 12th -18th September. During this week a number of activities will be scheduled to actively engage with WI federations.

A bespoke package has been put together by Badminton England through its long standing relationships with more than 600 leisure sites across England to offer Essential Badminton courses for the federations tailored to meet their needs and requirements.....

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England Golf (10 June 2016)

Women's Golf Month targets new players

Golf clubs and driving ranges across the country are backing England Golf's call to make June 'Women's Golf Month' and attract more females into the game

Hundreds of activities for women and girls are listed on the [Get into golf](#) website – and the numbers are expected to grow.

It's all part of the #thisgirlgolf campaign to encourage more women and girls to play the game. Currently only 14% of golf club members are female – and only 1% are girls.....

A pilot project involving 140 clubs in 16 counties is testing ways to recruit and retain women by offering activities and opportunities which specifically meet their need and wants. This pilot project makes use of the England Golf women's factsheets which are available to all clubs by [clicking here](#)

Girls Golf Rocks, a joint venture by England Golf and the Golf Foundation, was trialled in Essex and is now running in nine counties, with over 500 girls taking taster sessions and 420 going on to take coaching courses.....
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The Football Association (10 June 2016)

Powerleague introduce three exciting initiatives for women

Powerleague, the small-sided football provider, have introduced three exciting initiatives to help women to get involved in football activities.

Whether you want to stay sharp and play competitively in a new Women's European League, have fun with a free hour of football or you just want to keep fit, build new skills and get introduced to football, Powerleague is offering the session for you.

"We are delighted that Powerleague are offering new programmes to try and increase the opportunities for females to play football," said Rachel Pavlou, FA Women's Football Participation Manager.....

[View the full new item](#)

[View the details of the initiatives on Powerleague's website](#)

Women's Sports Network (8 June 2016)

Love Women's #FOOTBALL? want @FemaleFootyTIPS - another FREE service from Women's Sports Network and ONE2ONE

We're passionate about WomenSport at The Women's Sports Network - and really focussed on getting more girls 'into' sport. That means 'Physical Literacy', 'movement skills' and body control as part of a 'proper' intro to sport for girls - as well as on the field of play . . . so we've teamed up with One2One Coaching to present: [@FemaleFootyTIPS](#) to support your coaching

A daily update on Twitter with video and voice over - covering a whole range of movement skills and exercises to support your own training or help your coach really understand how to help you be a better athlete - and a 'player'. Tips for schools, coaches, clubs parents and you. Follow [@FemaleFootyTIPS](#) on Twitter for daily updates AND you can pick up at any time from the 'archive' on our website www.wsnet.co.uk/femalefootytips - another FREE service from @WSNet in conjunction with ONE2ONE

Information received by email

Inside the games reports (14 June 2016)

Princess Anne receives Longines Ladies Award for contributions to equestrian

Princess Anne has been presented the prestigious Longines Ladies Award during a special ceremony at the Natural History Museum in London.

The Princess Royal joined global horse sport industry leaders on the eve of Royal Ascot, Britain's most valuable race meeting, to receive the Longines Ladies Award which celebrates women who have made major contributions to the equestrian industry.

Known for her life-long love of horses, Princess Anne served as International Equestrian Federation (FEI) President from 1986 to 1994 and is now an FEI honorary President.

At the age of 21, she won individual gold at the FEI European Eventing Championships at Burghley in 1971 on the home-bred gelding Doublet, and four years later took team and individual silver at the same event in Luhmühlen in Germany.

In 1976, she became the first member of the British Royal Family to compete at an Olympic Games as part of the British eventing team in Montreal on the Queen's horse Goodwill.....

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England and Wales Cricket Board (14 June 2016)

Umpire's call: life in the middle

Howzat??

The familiar appeal cry is part of the fabric of cricket, as are the people at whom these cries are directed. The men and women in the middle, hats on and hands poised.

The Oxford English Dictionary's definition of an umpire is: "an official who watches a game or match closely to enforce the rules and arbitrate on matters arising from the play."

An apt description? Yes. A comprehensive representation of what umpiring is all about? Not quite.

Ask any official and they will tell you there is much more to being an umpire than the neat blurb implies. For example, the motivations that push people to take up that spot in the middle.

For Yorkshire-based umpire Helen McGuire, it's wonderfully simple: "I just want to be a good servant to the game."

Making the leap into cricket

In 2015, approximately 6,800 umpires – including McGuire – helped to ensure 158,000 matches were played across the season.

The 51-year-old is one of 19 panel officials in the Bradford Premier League, which was formed in 1903 – **and the sole female representative.**

A relative newcomer to the sport – she started umpiring in 2010 and was introduced to the game only a few years before that – McGuire's journey to Premier League umpire began with a certain world-renowned former India batsman. She hasn't looked back since.....

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British Universities and Colleges Sports (21 June 2016)

Reach Into Coaching - Female Student Coaching profile - Steff Milne, Royal Holloway, University of London

sports coach UK '[Reach](#)' campaign was created to raise awareness and inspire more women to get into coaching as well as encourage current women coaches to develop their skills

further. BUCS are working with members to help profile females within the HE sector who are fulfilling coaching roles.

Steff Milne from Royal Holloway, University of London shares her story on her own experiences in tennis coaching and what she gains from the role.....

[View her profile](#)

Women in Sport (23 June 2016)

Women's Sport Week: 3-9 October 2016

Women's Sport Week returns to raise the profile of women's sport in the UK.

Leading charity Women in Sport, Sport England, National Governing Bodies, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and major broadcasters have announced the date for the UK's second Women's Sport Week. Starting on Monday 3rd October, the week will celebrate and showcase women's sport at every level, from the grassroots to the elite, and will highlight the incredible contribution that women make to sport.

Building on the momentum from the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio this summer, the collective force behind Women's Sport Week calls on everyone within the sports community and beyond to use this occasion to organise events, generate debate, and show their support to help women and girls reach their full potential through sport.

Women's Sport Week will raise awareness of opportunities for women of all abilities and backgrounds to engage in sport, by taking part, volunteering and experiencing live sport, and to play an active role in sport leadership and workforce, from coaching to boardrooms, across the country. During the week, Sky Sports and The BBC will devote more broadcast time to celebrations of women's sport, in a bid to improve sustained and consistent media profiling of female athletes and sports teams.....

[Find out how you can get involved in Women's Sport Week.](#)

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Re:generations International Conference

3 - 5 November 2016, The Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

Submissions of academic presentations are wanted for UK's ONLY international platform dedicated to showcasing African influenced dance styles; such as Hip Hop, Jazz, Afro Caribbean, traditional and contemporary African and Caribbean, Afro-Latin, and African American Dance.

Re:generations is a biennial academic and artistic conference which aims to share current practice and research in the field of dance of the African Diaspora (DAD); explore and stimulate further research, documentation and new approaches to education and training in the field; and encourage new perspectives on the future of African Peoples Dance (APD).

The conference invites scholars, artists and dance practitioners from the Caribbean, Africa, the United States, Canada and the UK to share their research with other artists, practitioners, dance teachers, students and the general public.

The conference will take place in Birmingham at the [MAC \(Midlands Art Centre\)](#) on 3rd – 5th November 2016.

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Understanding Occupational Well-being and Women Sports Coaches. sports coach UK and Leeds Beckett University , June 2016 (2 pages)

This guidance has been created off the back of a ground-breaking research project led by Dr Leanne Norman and her team at Leeds Beckett University. The research investigated why a glass ceiling exists for women when progressing into higher level coaching environments. This brief paper identifies the key findings from the research study and provides some recommendations which could lead to a greater retention of women coaches in our coaching system.

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The Fortune

**Beth Brooke-Marciniak, Global Vice Chair of Public Policy at Ernst & Young
commentary: Here's Why Women Who Play Sports Are More Successful**

MPW Insider is an online community where the biggest names in business and beyond answer timely career and leadership questions. Today's answer for: What do you think is the most significant barrier to female leadership? is written by Beth Brooke-Marciniak, global vice chair of public policy at EY.

According to research by [Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports](#), approximately 70% of children in the U.S. are dropping out of organized sports before the age of 13. This is particularly alarming for women because [studies](#) have shown that girls who play sports are more likely to graduate from college, find a job, and be employed in male-dominated industries.

[EY research](#) shows that among senior business women in the C-suite today, 94% played sports and over half played at a university level — suggesting a strong correlation between their success in sports and their success in business. In fact, of the 400 women EY surveyed, 75% said that a candidate's background in sports positively influenced their decision to hire them. These women put a particular premium on female athletes because they know — very personally — how participating in sports can impact work ethic. So to have young women drop out of sport at an early age is not only an alarming statistic, it is a wake-up call for parents. Their girls could prematurely be walking away from something that could have a bigger long-term effect.

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