



IAPESGW International Update, May 2018: News and resources from around the world

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IAPESGW Regional event - International Congress Cubamotricidad 22 - 26 October 2018, Havana Convention Center, Cuba

The World Organization of Stimulation, Education and Child Development (OMEEDI), the International Association of Physical Education and Sports for Girls and Women (IAPESGW), the International Association of Sports for All (TAFISA) with the National Institute of Sports , Physical Education and Recreation (INDER) of the Republic of Cuba, with the auspice of prestigious institutions and international organizations are convening the International Congress Cubamotricidad 2018, which will take place from October 22nd to 26th at the Havana Convention Center, Cuba.

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May Editorial

Much has been happening on the international stage.

The IWG Conference in Botswana was held this month and was well supported by international delegates, including our President Rosa Lopez D'Amico. You can read her report and the Conference's Legacy document which has strategies for Botswana, Africa as a continent and international development.

In Europe, the Council of Europe has called for action on child sex abuse in sport and the WHO (Europe) has drafted a document on the economic cost of physical inactivity. What a useful document this will be.

Loughborough University has partnered with 17 groups to develop an international project (\$3 million budget) on gender equality. A very worthwhile project to follow.

You need to fit into your busy schedule a quiet 50 minutes to listen to the podcast featuring our member and previous secretary/treasurer Karin Lofstrom, on her 30 years' experience as an advocate for girls and women in sport, and where Canada is currently positioned and the direction of new government resources to level the playing field.

Also from Canada is an article on Shels, a social media initiative of eight women's sport leagues, for them to collaborate to grow interest, fans and resources across their sports. A similar initiative has just been announced in the UK where Sky Sports and the UK's Women's Sport Trust are combining to encourage sports fans to "show up" and support women's sport by watching, attending or playing. With the growth of women's sport you can see these initiatives being followed in other places as sponsors and media want to see "bums on seats" to demonstrate the worthiness of their investments.

Also covered in this edition are some participation initiatives from golf, table tennis and football; these sports are developing new programs to grow girls and women's participation. And a brilliant initiative has come from Scotland's Celtic Football Club which has announced a "period poverty" project to support those unable to afford menstruation products. This could be a world first!

The Women's Sport Network has recently launched MoJo Manuals to support teenage girls involved in competitive sport. They cover movement skills and physical literacy, anxiety, nutrition, drop-out, hydration, periods, body image, etc and look like a comprehensive new resource for coaches, parents and teachers.

As usual we have included a number of reports from Inside the Games and news from Australia, Iran, Spain, the UK and USA.

It is with much sadness that we recognize the passing of Celia Brackenridge OBE, 22 August 1950 – 23 May 2018. She was a leading international sportswoman (lacrosse player and coach), campaigner and academic. Her OBE was for services to child protection and equality in sport. Celia recently helped set up the charity Safe Sport International with UNICEF, the IOC and the IPC to promote athletes' protection and welfare.

From the 1990's she pioneered research into sexual and physical abuse and harassment in sport, which was initially met with hostility from UK sport governing bodies. However, she persisted with her research, writings and presentations at conferences and will always be remembered for her dedication to gender equality and pioneering of harassment and abuse in sport. Vale Celia Brackenridge.

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International

The outcomes from this key conference.....

7th IWG World Conference comes to an end - Legacy revealed

20 May, 2018

The 7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport today closed with the presentation of the legacy plan for Gaborone 2014-2018. The conference also handed the baton over to the new hosts of the organisations secretariat, co-chairpersonship as well as host of the 8th World Conference on Women and Sport.

The legacy presented was in 3 phases including a Local legacy that aims to benefit the outgoing hosts immediate sport community, the Africa legacy that will ensure a functional and united Africa Women in Sport and finally a World legacy that will guide all parts of the world.

The Legacy Packaged:

1. LOCAL

Policy

- Gender Mainstreaming into sport in partnership with Commonwealth Secretariat
- Global Active City Development (GACD)-partnership led by TAFISA and Evaleo; in partnership with Gaborone City Council, BNSC, BNOC
- Signing of Brighton Plus Helsinki Declaration-from 419 to 589

Training

- Training of sport women-Tsoseletso Magang trained in WSLA as a trainer, 5 other youth taken to youth camp in USA, 4 IWG staff trained in WSLA
- Training of Volunteers- 70 Certified by TAFISA

Programmes

- Mentorship and Empowerment Programme for Young Women in Sport (MEMPROW)
- Monthly open discussions with Tsoseletso Magang
- HeForShe-moved numbers from 84 to around 5000

2.AFRICA LEGACY

Insights on our work in Africa: Africa Woman Sport Conference in 2016

3. IWG WORLD LEGACY

IWG BOTSWANA BIG 5 (Strategic Actions)

Media: Cooperate with media, and utilise social media, to both increase coverage of womn's sports and to potray women without limiting- stereotypes

Accountability: Increase transparency regarding resource allocation for women's and men's sports in order to insure accountability and women's equality

Representation: Insist on equitable sport leadership roles for women at all levels in governing bodies, as coaches, in administrative and decision-making positions. Persistently pursue women's sports participation and representational targets.

Research to Practice: Build evidence-based policies and practices that drive gender equality, safety, violence-free environments, and integrity in sport, including an emphasis on women's right to control their own bodies.

Communication: Build onto the IWG digital platform to serve as a hub for women's sports news, research, best practices and organizational progress and to strategically pursue additional signatories.

[Source of information](#)

More information on the IWG World Conference....

Our president and IWG Board member , Rosa López de D'Amico, attend the conference and has produce a report on the event - with some photographs:

IWG Congress

May 17 – 20, 2018, Gaborone - Botswana

The 7th IWG World Conference on Women & Sport took place in Gaborone – Botswana May 17 – 20, at the Gaborone International Convention Center. The motto of the conference was 'Determine the future. Be part of the change". It was a great event in which the Local Organizing Committee after four years of hard work finally achieved their goal to host a wonderful congress. The local authorities, particular the national government, together with various sponsors joined forces to celebrate and host this impressive gathering of leaders and practitioners who celebrated women and sport and provided many different activities to the participants.

The co-chairs Ruth Maphorisa and Carole Oglesby, together with an exceptional team of volunteers and, produced a program that balanced interesting panels, keynote speakers, oral and poster presentations, cultural activities and the presence of many important sport officials and leaders from various places of the world. There was a total of 1469 registered participants from 74 countries: this number included 177 media representatives, 84 volunteers and 40 workforces; it is estimated that in total there were 1227 present during the four days.

[View the full report from Rosa](#)



IWG Board Members

7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport Gaborone Botswana 2018

Determine the Future Be Part of the Change

After four engaging days of dialogue,
we have a 2018 IWG World Conference Legacy to share...

[View the presentation - 10 slides](#)

Council of Europe (April 2018)

Start To Talk: call to action launched - Child sexual abuse in sport: Council of Europe calls for action to break the silence

The Council of Europe today made a call on public authorities and the sports movement to take determined action to prevent sexual abuse of children. Under the theme “Start to talk”, it launched in Madrid an international awareness-raising initiative urging governments, sports clubs, associations and federations, as well as athletes, coaches and parents to take concrete measures to prevent and respond to abuse.

This call for action aims to extend to sports the reach of the [Lanzarote Convention](#), a treaty focused on preventing and combating sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

[View the full news item](#)

Also, [View the 'Start to Talk' website](#)

Sport Industry Group, UK (27 April 2018)

US Gymnast's bravery recognised with new global Integrity Award

The Integrity and Impact Award founded by Dow Jones Sports Intelligence was presented at the BT Sport Industry Awards 2018 to former gymnast Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to publically accuse former USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar of sexual abuse.

After her first courageous step to speak out, Denhollander was also significantly the last of more than 150 women and girls to confront Nassar in the US courtroom in harrowing and emotional scenes during his sentencing hearing for criminal sexual conduct.

On 24th January, Nassar was sentenced to between 40 and 175 years in prison. Denhollander's bravery showed the path for the many others who also showed immense bravery in coming forward and speaking out against the abuse they had suffered.

The Integrity and Impact Award founded by Dow Jones Sports Intelligence was created this year to reward exemplary levels of ethics, integrity, transparency and trust in sport.

[View the full news item](#)

World Health Organization - Europe (8 May 2018)

Tackling physical inactivity by demonstrating its costs to the economy

In an effort to tackle physical inactivity, WHO, the European Union (EU) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have jointly committed to approaching sports and physical activity not only as a public health issue, but also by addressing the economic impact of physical inactivity. In support of this approach, the Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission organized a sport cluster meeting on 11 April 2018 to provide a platform for discussing the economic benefits of sport, ways to measure it, and ways to incorporate available data into sports policy.

Physical inactivity has been rated as high as the 4th leading risk factor for global mortality, causing an estimated 3.2 million deaths globally and 1 million deaths (about 10% of the total) per year in the WHO European Region. While the impact on health of physical inactivity is well documented, little research has been done on the economic aspect and the cost-effectiveness of sports programmes.

[View the full news item](#)

Inside the games reports (10 May 2018)

European Squash Federation elect first female majority board

The European Squash Federation (ESF) have elected their first female majority board at the organisation's Annual General Meeting in Wrocław.

Three vice-presidential candidates were elected at the meeting in the Polish city, to join President Zena Wooldridge and vice-president Jackie Robinson, both of England, on the board.

Ireland's Rosie Barry, Hugo Hannes of Belgium and Sweden's Thomas Troedsson were the trio to gain a place.

They will succeed the outgoing Marcel Borst of The Netherlands and the Czech Republic's Pavel Sladeczek.

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Inside the games reports (16 May 2018)

Nsekera calls for more work towards gender equality before IWG World Conference in Sport

Burundi's Lydia Nsekera has called for an increase in the number of female representatives in sport governance to be treated as a priority on the eve of the [International Working Group \(IWG\) World Conference in Sport in Gaborone](#).

The four-day event in Botswana's capital is commemorating 24 years since the first World Conference on Women in Sport in Brighton in 1994.

Nsekera, chair of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Women in Sport Commission, said that they have "come a long way and should be exceedingly proud of all of these women who have helped to vault us forward".

It comes before female competitors are due to form 50 per cent of those participating at the Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in October.

"But the push for gender equality in the Olympic Movement is not over yet, as sport should not be restricted to elite athletes," Nsekera added.

"There are still, everywhere in the world, too many highly accomplished women who are refused access to sport, or socially stigmatised when they decide to excel in a sport.

"Similarly, women face discrimination at all levels, and continue to endure violence and abuse.

"Gender inequality persists among decision-making bodies, technical occupations, the media, and in the awarding of sponsorships and prizes."

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conversations from the world of women's sports (22 May 2018)

Podcast - Talking Point: How Equity has Evolved for Girls & Women

Lisa Ingarfield and Karin Lofstrom discuss the evolution of gender parity for girls and women and what is needed for the future to achieve equality

Talking Point is hosted by Dr. Lisa Ingarfield

[Access the Podcast](#)

Inside the games reports (24 May 2018)

Helleland confirms intention to stand for WADA President

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) vice-president Linda Helleland has confirmed her intention to stand to succeed Sir Craig Reedie as President when the Scot steps down next year.

The Norwegian Minister of Children and Equality told BBC Sport she would run for the top job as there was a "need for change" within WADA.

It had been widely expected that Helleland, elected WADA vice-president in November 2016, would stand to replace Sir Craig, whose term comes to an end in November 2019.

Her candidacy will almost certainly be opposed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who are thought to be positioning a challenger to the Norwegian.

The WADA Presidency rotates between Government representatives and those from the sports movement.

[View the full news item](#)

The world of women's sport, and sport in general, has lost another great stalwart and expert on child protection in sport.....

The Guardian (23 May 2018)

Celia Brackenridge obituary - Campaigner against abuse and harassment in sport

Celia Brackenridge, who has died aged 67 from leukaemia, was an international sportswoman, a campaigner for women's causes and an authority on child protection in sport. She carried out pioneering work on the sexual abuse and harassment of young athletes and footballers by their coaches in the 1980s and 90s. Her research led her further to examine the sexual, physical and emotional abuse of all athletes, her findings being met with total denial by the then sports establishment.

In 2001 she began working with the Football Association to assess the state of child protection at clubs, and to monitor a new FA strategy to protect junior players, but what was intended to be a £1m, five-year project was curtailed because of internal disputes in the Football

Association and a disagreement between Adam Crozier (then FA chief executive) and the Premier League clubs, which objected to the project. Her work will live on because it is being incorporated into the current inquiry into abuse in football, led by [Clive Sheldon](#) QC.

Celia Brackenridge, sportswoman, campaigner and academic, born 22 August 1950; died 23 May 2018

General interest.....

Loughborough University, UK (23 May 2018)

University is partner in new international project on gender equality

Loughborough University is to contribute to a new international project that aims to advance knowledge and sharing on gender equality.

ACT (Communities of Practice for Accelerating Gender Equality and Institutional Change in Research and Innovation across Europe) is a Coordination and Support Action project funded by the European Union's [Horizon 2020](#) research and innovation programme.

The project, which has a total budget of €3m, looks to advance gender equality at research-performing organizations and research-funding organizations.

It aims to do this by strengthening the existing infrastructure for knowledge sharing and mutual learning to increase gender expertise and engagement for institutional change.

ACT is being coordinated by Universitat Oberta de Catalunya researcher [Jörg Müller](#) and involves 17 partners from 10 European countries as well as Argentina.

The interdisciplinary Loughborough University team is led by [Dr Sarah Barnard from the School of Business and Economics](#) in collaboration with [Professor Tarek Hassan](#) and [Professor Andrew Dainty](#) from the [School of Architecture, Building and Civil Engineering](#).

This work builds on other European research work the Loughborough team has participated in such as [GenderTime](#) and [HELENA](#).

The project launched in Barcelona, Spain, last week (17-18 May) and it is to run for three years (until April 2021).

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Journal of Physical Activity and Health: The Official Journal of the International Society for Physical Activity and Health. Volume 15, Issue 6, June 2018

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

[View the abstracts](#)

Specific countries

AUSTRALIA

Australian Leisure Management reports (9 May 2018)

Federal budget backs sport and activity, disappoints arts and tourism

In addition to widely reported personal tax cuts, Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison's 2018/19 budget is to provide additional funds to support grassroots sport and help ensure Australians stay active.

A centrepiece of the Federal budget, \$154.3 million has been being pledged over five years to get Australians, particularly children, more physically active.

A total of \$41.7 million of the funding will be directly for the Sporting Schools Program to expand to a total of 5,200 primary schools and 500 secondary schools to provide free sport based activities for students.

Community sporting facilities will get a boost through 500 infrastructure development grants of up to \$500,000 each, and nearly \$30 million will be given to various National Sporting Organisations over four years to increase participation in sport.

The Australian Sports Commission will get \$20 million over four years to fund sporting organisations and athletes; while nearly \$12 million will go to the Local Sporting Champions program to help young Australians compete at state, national and international events.

More than \$10 million will be spent on improving anti-doping and drug testing activities and \$6 million has been set aside over four years to develop the Safe Sports Australia program and a national sports injury database.

A further \$3.4 million over four years will be spent on the AusPlay national sport and physical activity participation survey to understand the nation's activity habits.

However, the budget contained little detail on specific spending women's sport, although some programs were announced for women's health and well-being.

The budget also confirmed the previously announced sum of \$4 million to Football Federation Australia to assist in preparing a bid for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Further detail on Federal support for grassroots sport will be announced in a new National Sports Plan scheduled to be released later this year.

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The Guardian (16 May 2018)

Women Onside: the group pushing for gender equity in Australian football leadership
FFA must elect a new congress, but no women have been invited onto that working group

Heather Reid was the CEO of the ACT football federation (known as Capital Football) for 12 years. She was the first woman to lead an Australian state football association, and, at the time, she represented 11% of women's involvement in senior football leadership positions. When she left the job and was replaced by a man, that figure dropped to zero.

"That's why I don't like people talking about percentages of gendered representation," she tells Guardian Australia. "I like to know the real numbers because they tell the true story. So I was one of nine state representatives when I was CEO, and now there's zero out of nine women [in leadership positions] at the federation level [in Australian football]."

Reid has since stepped back from football, but remains invested in the question of gender equity in her chosen sport. She is concerned that no women have been appointed to a federation or national league club-level CEO position since her departure. She is also worried that, with the [directive from Fifa for FFA to appoint a new Australian congress](#) to resolve [longstanding management issues](#) in the game, no women have been appointed onto the review working group that will decide the final make-up of the congress.

The current composition of the working group includes four federation representatives, a member of the FFA board, a single players' representative, and two representatives of the Australian Professional Football Clubs Association, which represents the interests of A-League clubs. Within the structure of the working group, A-League representatives have been

presumed to stand in for W-League clubs, while an [independent chair remains to be elected](#). All nominated representatives are men.

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Inside the games reports (24 May 2018)

Gymnastics Australia launch education plan to combat sexual abuse

A plan which will educate more than 200,000 young athletes on identifying and preventing child sex abuse has been launched by Gymnastics Australia.

The joint initiative, involving Gymnastics Australia and child safety advocacy body Bravehearts, comes amid the fallout to the sexual abuse scandal at USA Gymnastics.

Gymnastics Australia claim it will ensure 220,000 Australian children are "safer from potential harm".

The scheme, the first of its kind in Australia, will include training and materials for more than 600 affiliated gymnastics clubs and their staff to help identify the possible signs of sexual abuse, including risk factors, grooming, and other warnings.

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Vic Sport (May 2018)

2018 LEAP Graduation - Wrap

If you work in sport, you're probably used to hearing acronyms all the time. Fair to say, Aussies shorten almost every word in our vernacular. There is however, an acronym that deserves to stand alone and be recognised for each individual word: LEAD, ENGAGE, ACHIEVE, PROMOTE aka 'LEAP'.

LEAP is a professional development course for female sport administrators. On Wednesday 10 May 2018 at the Citipower Function Centre at the iconic Junction Oval, Vicsport and the State Government of Victoria partnered together to create a program aimed at inspiring female sport administrators to enhance their leadership capabilities to reach their full potential.

13 women braved the stage, embraced their fears of public speaking and presented in front of an esteemed audience of government officials and their employers, and pitched an idea/concept on how they would implement change in their sporting organisation.

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CANADA

Beyond Sport reports (8 May 2018)

Women's sports leagues band together with 'SheIS' initiative

Eight leagues, including the WNBA, U.S. Tennis Association, Women's Pro Fastpitch League and Canadian Women's Hockey, will try to help each other increase resources, viewership and attendance.

"Each commissioner has agreed to come to one and another's events," WNBA President Lisa Borders said. "Women have to support women before you ask other people to support you. I'll buy a ticket to a hockey game in Canada or a fast-pitch softball game."

All the league commissioners signed a pledge and filmed a [public service announcement](#) promoting the effort.

“It’s a social media campaign for now but will grow,” Borders added. “This is only tier one.”

The initiative was the brainchild of Brenda Andress, commissioner of the Canadian Women’s Hockey League, who came up with the idea last November.

“This collective sports voice has never been heard. I wanted to create some type of program or challenge to bring women together that was born out of positivity,” Andress said. “So I thought of Shels. When I thought of myself, she is a grandmother with young kids. She is a commissioner. She is a hockey player. She is anything she wants to be. That’s where Shels came from.”

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The other leagues that already joined are Women’s Pro Lacrosse, Canada Basketball, Rugby Canada and the National Women’s Hockey League. Andress expects other sports like soccer, gymnastics, swimming, cycling and running to join soon, too. Through the initiative, the leagues also aim to help increase young girls’ participation in sports.
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[View the full news item](#)

Editor - find out more about Shels on their website - www.sheissport.com

Also, from their launch we want to make you aware of the following:

We have the **Digital Content Package** which entails our PSA Videos, Photos from our April 18 event, Overview Powerpoint of the initiative, and graphics for everyone to share.

Access the Digital Content at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9atbll026z6byad/AABslylj_wTakTMYn4fl9Sxqa?dl=0

The **Media Kit** contains the Press Release we used for our launch date on May 1.

Access the Media Kit at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/br3qowlmwmsw71d/AACKaH6Zp4SmkC_LN9Xm7leWa?dl=0

IRAN

Inside the games reports (24 May 2018)

Iran make history by selecting two female flagbearers for Asian Para Games

Iran has chosen two female athletes as its flagbearers for this year’s Asian Para Games in Jakarta.

Sareh Javanmardi has been selected for the Opening Ceremony in the Indonesian capital while Samira Eram will do the honours at the Closing Ceremony.

The Iranian National Paralympic Committee has never selected two women as its flagbearers before.

Javanmardi is a history maker after becoming Iran’s first female gold medallist at a Paralympic Games at Rio 2016.

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Eram, another shooter, also experienced success in Cheongju in the women’s P2 10m air pistol team event, alongside Javanmardi and Khadijeh Rostami.
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[View the full news item](#)

Editor - thanks once again to our national rep Robabeh Rostami for supplying an overview of activity in Iran for May, and all the excellent photographs, in a very informative news compilation - **view the May edition [here](#)**

An example:

With a winning goal against Japan, Iranian deserving girls won the Asian Futsal Championship

Iranian futsal girls defeated Japan, Asian nations Cup. At the end of the competition, three top awards came to Iran. Fereshteh Karimi became the most valuable player in Asia, Sara Shirbygi scored the top scorer with 9 goals, and Iranian team captain Naseem Gholami was awarded the fair play that came to Iran.



SPAIN

Received on 4 May 2018 in Spanish....

Estimadas amigas, estimados amigos:

Desde el instituto Universitario de Estudios de la Mujer de la UAM, vamos a realizar por segundo año consecutivo un Curso de Verano, que tendrá lugar los días 9, 10 y 11 de julio en la sede de la UAM de La Corrala (metro La Latina). El curso del año pasado lo dedicamos a examinar la Ley orgánica de Igualdad, este año trataremos un tema igualmente necesario, urgente y relevante: "Violencias de Género, nuevos y viejos escenarios".

Durante los tres días del curso tendremos 20 ponentes expertos/as en la materia, que abordarán el tema desde distintos ámbitos: la Historia, el ámbito Jurídico, las migraciones, la Salud o la Educación.

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UK

Laureus Sport for Good Foundation (24 April 2018) Nolli Waterman announced as Laureus Ambassador

England women's rugby star Nolli Waterman, who has played in four Rugby World Cups and the Olympic Games, has become Laureus' first women's rugby Ambassador. Nolli got straight to work in her new role by visiting the Laureus-supported School of Hard Knocks girls rugby programme in South East London.

Nolli spent time engaging and mentoring the young girls during their gym activity, before heading out to the rugby pitch and encouraging them to fulfil their potential both in sport and in life. The young girls at School of Hard Knocks use the sport of rugby to re-engage with their school work, build confidence and increase self-esteem.

Winning her first England cap at the age of 18 in 2003, Nolli has since gone on to feature in four rugby world cups, won 82 caps and scored 47 tries for her country. Her greatest success with England was becoming World Champion in 2014. Nolli also represented Team GB in the rugby sevens competition at the 2016 Olympic Games.

Working with over 100 programmes worldwide, Laureus Sport for Good uses the power of sport to end violence, discrimination and disadvantage, proving that sport can change the world. One of Sport for Good's six key focus areas is to address women and girls in sport, encouraging equality, building confidence and promoting empowerment.

School of Hard Knocks uses the sport of rugby to change lives across the UK. In London, with the support of Laureus Sport for Good, School of Hard Knocks delivers a long-term schools intervention programme which helps the most at-risk students to complete mainstream education. Students identified by their school are supported in recognising and overcoming challenges that lead to truancy or disruptive behaviour through weekly mentoring and rugby sessions.

[Source of information](#)

England Golf (2 May 2018)

Clubs back drive to get more women beginners playing golf

Over 50 golf clubs in eight counties are backing England Golf's drive to get more women beginners playing - helped by laughter, fizz and a novel twist to scoring.

Clubs in Devon, Hampshire, Northumberland, Suffolk and Worcestershire are joining the confidence-building campaign this season. They'll be offering a series of fun playing days for new golfers, starting in this month.

They are building on the successes of clubs in Hertfordshire, Cheshire and Durham, which piloted the scheme and are continuing to run golf days to welcome newcomers to the sport.

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Women on Par is an initiative from England Golf, which is committed to growing the women and girls' game. Currently only 15 per cent of club members are women and just one per cent are girls.

Visit: getintogolf.org to find out about and book these sessions and discover other opportunities for beginners and improvers.

[View the full news item](#)

Women's Sports Network, UK (14 May 2018)

The Women's Sports Network is launching a series of MoJoManuals

Aimed at supporting teenage girls as they engage in competitive sport.

MoJoManuals will be launched at next month's Women in Sport & Exercise Conference - organised by WISEAN (The Women in Sport & Exercise Academic Network) - 13 -14 June 2018, Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent campus - [view more details of the conference](#)

The MoJoManuals

A series of 'kit bag' manuals designed to help teenage girls (& teachers, coaches, parents) - as they engage in competitive sport - to develop greater body confidence in parallel with sport-related skills. **MoJoManuals** are predicated on specific, sport-related 'Physical Literacy' & effective movement skills but also cover a wide range of issues which impact how girls engage/drop out of sport including; Diet & Hydration, Periods, Anxiety, Body Image, Breast Health, Core Stability, Resistance Training . . & Fear of Failure.

More information [HERE](#)

Sport England (15 May 2018)

Chief executive to leave Sport England

Jennie Price is to leave Sport England after more than a decade as chief executive.

After 11 years at the helm, Jennie Price will leave her role as Chief Executive of Sport England at the end of October.

Jennie has led us through a remarkable transformation including the development of our new strategy, Towards an Active Nation, which is now firmly established.

She personally led the team responsible for the multi-award winning This Girl Can campaign to help women and girls get active.

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[View the full news item](#)

Women in Football (16 May 2018)

#WhatIf we changed the landscape of football forever?

Women in Football has launched #WhatIf - a campaign that will change the landscape for women working in the football industry forever!

#WhatIf is an innovative campaign, driven largely through social channels, that will empower businesses, celebrities and members of the public to identify one way that they could take action to contribute to an improvement for women and girls within the football industry, however large or small.

The campaign was borne out of a pro bono competition Synergy launched to support grassroots women's sports charities.

Women in Football has been working with both Synergy and Betfair, headline sponsors of the official launch, to encourage corporates and individuals to make a pledge, and are looking to encourage others on Wednesday, and moving forward, to make a pledge of support through their work to help change the landscape forever.

The official #WhatIf launch at Twitter's London HQ, was proudly sponsored by Betfair, and kicked off with a welcome by Jacqui Oatley MBE.

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[View the full news item](#)

Table Tennis England (17 May 2018) **Helping clubs to increase female participation**

Clubs and Leagues still have just over a week to apply to be part of Table Tennis England's Be TT programme.

The support programme for PremierClubs and Leagues is designed to build better experiences across our sport and one of the three areas of focus, based on insight into playing habits around the country, is developing female participation.

Table Tennis England has published a Best Practice Guide on Increasing Female Participation to guide Clubs and Leagues planning to focus on that area.

The guide helps clubs to understand barriers which may prevent women and girls from playing and how to remove them, guidance on how to engage women from different age brackets and create sessions tailored for women, plus case studies from clubs and leagues which have successfully introduced more female players to the sport.

[Click here to view the Good Practice Guide on Increasing Female Participation.](#)

Source of information

Liverpool John Moores University reports (21 May 2018)

Celtic FC leads way in tackling period poverty, now other clubs need to follow

Scotland's top football club, Celtic FC, [will become](#) the first in the UK to provide free menstrual products in its stadium this autumn. The move raises awareness of the global issue of period poverty and should prompt other clubs to follow Celtic's lead.

[Period poverty](#) – being unable to afford menstrual products – is a worldwide problem and has become a major focus of [campaigns](#) in numerous countries. It [affects](#) one in ten women aged 14 to 21 in Britain and [nearly](#) one in five in Scotland.

Many women and girls are prevented from [participating in sport](#) both because of period poverty and lack of access to sanitary products – plus the shame and stigma associated with menstruation. A recent study [found](#) 48% of girls aged 14-21 feel embarrassed by their periods, while 71% have felt embarrassed buying products. For this reason campaigns like [#freeperiod](#), which pushes for free menstrual products in schools, focus on stigma as well as access.

Celtic got involved after three supporters [started](#) a petition requesting that the Glasgow club provide menstrual products in its toilets, which went on to attract 2,700 signatures. It is fitting that Scotland should be leading the way in this regard, since the movement to end period poverty has been particularly active in this country. To quote the Labour MSP Monica Lennon, who [has been](#) one of the lead campaigners:

"Menstruation should never be a barrier for women participating in football or supporting their team."

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Sport Industry Group reports (22 May 2018)

Sky & Women's Sport Trust launch #ShowUp

Sky Sports and the Women's Sport Trust have partnered to encourage sport fans to 'show up' and support women's sport by watching, attending or playing.

Launched this week, the #ShowUp campaign will include multi-platform support from across Sky and WST channels, including on-air, social media and PR.

The campaign has been launched in support of the diverse range of women working in sport, both on the field and off it, from athletes to behind the scenes.

As part of the campaign, Sky is asking famous faces, fans and the general public to pledge their support using #ShowUp across social media to document their experiences of women in sport.

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[Also, view the Sky Sport video for the campaign](#)

Women's Sport Trust (25 May 2018)

Winners announced for the Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards 2018

The World Cup winning England women's cricket team, footballer turned professional boxer Stacey Copeland, England and Wales Cricket Board and England Rugby's Inner Warrior campaign are amongst the winners of the Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards 2018.

Women's Sport Trust has announced the winners of this year's Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards, celebrating the visionaries and game changers driving the future of women's sport.

A range of individuals, organisations and initiatives were honoured at the event which took place last night at Troxy, East London.

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The full list of winners is as follows:

Sporting Role Model – Individual - Stacey Copeland

Sporting Role Model – Team - England Women's Cricket Team

Ambassador of Women's Sport - Lorna Boothe

National Governing Body of the Year - *England and Wales Cricket Board

Brand / Sponsor Partnership of the Year - Investec is 'Principal Partner of GB and England Women's Hockey'

Inspiring Initiative – National - England Rugby's Inner Warrior campaign

Inspiring Initiative – Local - Crawley Old Girls (COGs)

Media Initiative of the Year - The Tough Girl Podcast

Imagery of the Year - Standing in the Light

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Women in Sport (23 May 2018)

Statement in response to allegations of RFU sexism

Women in Sport recently completed a series of in-depth interviews and a survey of over 1,000 people working in the sport sector. Today's revelations about the RFU reinforce some of our findings, which we will be launching in full in June.

We already know, from audits of women in leadership roles in sport that we have undertaken for the last 7 years, that women are massively under-represented at both the paid and

voluntary leadership levels of sport. In 2016, for example, half of the National Governing Bodies of sport in England and Wales had less than 30% women on the board.

Our research helps us understand what is holding women back – and we found, in line with the RFU investigation, that it is aspects of tradition and culture that impede women's progression.

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Women in Sport - E-Newsletter, May 2018 - [available to view](#)

Publications....

Editor - I've just come across this Youth Sport Trust / Women in Sport report from last year on the WIS website.....

Key Findings from Girls Active Survey. YST Girls Active. Youth Sport Trust and Women in Sport, November 2018 (8 pages)

We hope our findings will be used to help teachers and other sports providers offer girls a more tailored programme of activities that meet their needs and encourage wider participation. This will give girls access to numerous physical and mental health benefits as well as the transferable skills and confidence.

The Girls Active programme developed by the Youth Sport Trust and delivered in partnership with This Girl Can and Women in Sport, involves girls in the design and delivery of PE and physical activity in secondary schools. The programme is already having a huge impact. So far 50,000 girls have been reached in 200 schools with a further 200 soon to join programme. Girls are consulted and given leadership positions which give them influence over the PE curriculum, making it more appealing and relevant to their everyday lives.

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Inside the games reports (21 May 2018)

Former FBI executive appointed senior director of athlete safety by USOC

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) have announced Wendy Guthrie as their senior director of athlete safety.

The organisation claim it is their latest measure to "help prevent and respond to abuse, and enhance athlete safety".

It follows a series of scandals which have rocked sport in the US.

USOC revealed that Guthrie will lead the implementation of all athlete safety policies and procedures, while she will work closely with National Governing Bodies on their athlete safety efforts.

She will also lead training efforts throughout the US Olympic and Paralympic bodies.

Guthrie spent six years at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) prior to her appointment at USOC, working as senior executive of human resources.

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