

#CLOSETHEGAP

**CONVENING FOOTBALL'S THOUGHT-LEADERS+** CHANGE-MAKERS TO TACKLE THE **TOUGH ISSUES AND CLOSE** THE EQUALITY GAP IN SPORTS.

# **PARTICIPANT LIST & BIOS**

(The fun kind!)



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Adam Keal	Xero	I'm the comms director for Xero, but I'm gutted Liverpool didn't make the quadruple!
Adam Sidky	Minute Media	A creative strategist at Minute Media, ideating concepts for global brands
Aisha Nazia	StartChange.To day	Engineering & Sport Management Graduate by Education; Strategy & Growth Facilitator by Profession; Hustler, People's Person & Hardcore believer of Spontaneity by Passion.
Alex Culvin	FIFPRO	I work in union and player relations but used to play professional football!
Alex Giacon	90min / Minute Media	I am the General Manager of 90min, and you'll catch me thinking of tactics using a trusty old whiteboard! You can't go wrong!
Ali Rampling	90min	I'm the Women's Football Editor at 90min.com.
Alicia Ferguson	Football Australia	Former Matildas and current Project Manager of Matildas docuseries commissioned by Disney+
Allie Heppell	Woso show	I am a presenter on the Woso show and have travelled over 20,000 miles following West Ham women.
Amir Jabari	Popcorn	I am a techie working in web3, social impact and new paradigms for collaboration.
Andrea Ellis	Bromley FC Community Sports Trust	I am Women and Girls' Lead at Bromley FC and I am I living the dream!
Andrew Aris	Spirit of Football	I am the President of Spirit of Football, the non-profit I founded 17 years ago. I always wanted to be President of something but no one chose me, so I decided to choose myself.
Andrew Mitchell	Office of Julie Elliott MP, House of Commons	I work for a Labour MP, and lead on Women's Football for Labour policymakers.
Andy Clayton	New York Daily News	I'm a sports editor in New York but my wife says I just watch ESPN for a living.
Anna Allerton	Allerton Coaching & Consulting	I am the Director of Allerton Coaching but used to work at Sky for 17 years, most recently as the Head of Internal Comms and former producer and founder of the Sportswomen show for Sky Sports.
Appu Suresh	Pixstory	I am CEO of Pixstory building the first electric car of clean social media
Arianna criscione	N3XT Sports	I am working off the field helping womens football growing but in my old like I dabbled in ripping up grass and throwing my body at it regularly.
Ashley DiClemente	PUMA	N/A



















Ayushi Goel	King's College London	I am a student at King's doing Literature!
Becca Roux	USWNT Players Association	I am the Executive Director of the USWNT Players Association and have the dream job I never knew I wanted.
Ben Marlow	Ben&Jack Studio	Fan of sports and equality
Benny Bonsu	International Olympic Committee	I am the Director of Daily Content at the International Olympic Committee, but in my spare time, I fight men and some women for equality on all levels
Beth Norman- Walker	Fulham FC	I am a Commercial Sales Executive at Fulham FC, this has been my first year working in the sports industry and we have won the league and been promoted to the prem, easy stuff!
Bex Smith	Crux Sports	Used to kick a ball as a living, now stepped over the white line
Bradley Pritchard	Sporting Way C.I.C.	Just your typical football kicking, Law book reading, Emotional well-being Zimbabwean immigrant gardener and also founder of Sporting Way
Brendan Burke	After Sports Consultancy	Used to try and play football now work in football
Briony Painter	Minute Media	I am a Social Media Designer for 90min, but I studied Computer Games Art & Animation at University.
Carl Anderson	Ledger	I'm a techie and now VP Engineering at Ledger where I'm spending my time securing the web3 revolution
Carol Bates	Crawley Old Girls (COGS)	I founded COGS just so I could have a kickabout, aged 48, and over 7 years later, my life has changed beyond recognition!
Catherine Joy White	UNITAR	I'm a gender advisor at UNITAR by day and an actor/writer/filmmaker & founder of a production company by night!
Ceylon Andi Hickman	FBB	Head of Brand at FBB, occasional podcaster and Centre Back for Dulwich Hamlet FC (if I get off the bench).
Charlie Copsey	Underground Fan Club	Producer and founder of Underground Fan Club, always hustling, talking and getting sh*t done
Chris Hurst	Women's Sport Trust	I have been a Trustee of the Women's Sport Trust since 2017 and lead on our visibility research
Chris Paouros	Proud Lilywhites or Kick It Out or FSA	I am a consultant, advisor, Charity Trustee and Non-Exec Director who believes that the 'hierarchies of oppression' seek to divide us and the most effective way forward is intersectional



















Chris Worsley	Ida Sports	I'm the head of Product at Ida Sports, I draw stuff and dont spell that good.
Daisy Cooil	King's	I'm a student at King's and athlete on the King's Sport Performance Programme
Dan Wood	World Freestyle Football Association	Building the biggest sport in the world that nobody knows about, to be the first ever community owned sport. I love disruption and getting the best out of me and everyone around me every single day. Football can't be fixed, but it can evolve.
Daniel Geey	Sheridans	I'm a sports lawyer, who loves reading and writing, watching sci-fi and exercising.
Daniel Harvey	Fulham FC	Looking to connect with new people within the industry!
David Mudd	King's Sport	I manage the King's Sport Strand Gym.
Deborah Dilworth	Football Supporters Association	I work for the FSA, used to be Supporters Direct, we love to support and support supporters. #SupportRock
Deena Rahman	IDA Sports	UK Project Lead at IDA
Denise Kiernan	Me, Myself, and I	I am a storyteller, rabble-rouser, and connector.
Dora Mezey	King's Sport, KCL	I am a third year Nutrition & Dietetics Student at King's and casual worker at King's Sport. Its not a secret that I prefer the later more.
Dr. Karli Richards	UPMC Richards Orthpaedic Center & Sports Medicine, as well as Spirit of Football	I am a foot and ankle surgeon, sports medicine Podiatrist and USA Ambassador for Spirit of Football. I also participate in wrangling 3 young kids and am a professional sports mom.
Eduardo Benavides	Girls United FA	lam a Partnerships Executive that love to do Football coaching in my spare time.
Ekta Sharma	Stats Perform	I am a student at SHU and summer intern at Stats Perform
Elise Kossaifi	Portas Consulting	I am a Senior Project Manager & Head of Women & Sports at Portas Consulting
Emily Wilson	Minute Media	I'm a video editor at minute media and I'm really bad at thinking of fun facts!
Emma Albon	The Space Between	I work at The Space Between, a sports marketing agency for challenger brands.
Erin Blankenship	Equal Playing Field	I am a Co-Founder and Director of Programmes for EPF - and even used to play professional footballbut in my "day job" I am the Regional Conflict and Emergencies Advisor for the UN World Food Programme in the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe and have spent most of the past 12 years living & working in war zones.

















Esther Jones Russell	Fare network	I am the Head of Policy: Social Inclusion at Fare network and a marauding left back for Goal Diggers FC.
Flora Ramsay	Sarreya Football Team	I am working with Sarreya Women's Football team in Somaliland but in my spare time I give international security advice to charities
Florence Lloyd- Hughes	Goal Click/Freelance	I am a freelance journalist, broadcaster and consultant. I'm terrible at saying no and I love to work all the time
Frankie Harrington	Her Game Too	I am the Chelsea ambassador for Her Game Too and PE Teacher by trade.
Gabi Lorenzo	Ida Sports	I am a footwear design intern at Ida Sports, and I recently graduated with my MS in Sports Product Design.
Gina Sparks	Camo Digital	I am a Social Media Executive for a Sports Marketing Agency
Hannah Baptiste	Football Beyond Borders	I am an educational Assistant for Football Beyond Borders. I also play football for the Guyanese national team and a strong advocate and speaker about diversity and inclusion in women's foot all
Hannah Fowles	Street Child United	Head of comms for Street Child United and champion of all things sport for goodAston Villa fan for sins!
Harriet Leach	Onside Law	I am sports lawyer and head up a specialist women's football legal division. I sit on the board of the OFA & chair their IAG. I am a season ticket holder at Chelsea Women and have spent the last few weeks following the Lionesses around!
Hayley Truskewycz	Monash University	I am an ex- Wleague footballer come researcher focusing on how sporting contexts facilitate social outcomes.
Helen Hardy	Foudys / Manchester Laces / The WOSO Show	I am about 3 football shirts away from a messy divorce with a collection of over 200 (and counting). I don't think I've gone a full day since 2019 without mentioning Lucy Bronze.
Holly Willis	Minute Media	I am the Production Coordinator on the video team at Minute Media, who has two pugs (Otis and Buddy) and a love for all things gin flavoured
Hunter Godson	The Players' Tribune - Minute Media	I am the Brand Editor at The Players' Tribune and used to work at FourFourTwo
lan Ridley	Floodlit Dreams Publishing	I am a writer, journalist and Founder of Floodlit Dreams sports publishing company.
Iqra Ismail	Football Beyond Borders	I am the Community Manager at Football Beyond Borders

















Jack Tompkins	Ben and Jack Studio	Sports Documentary Producer with a focus on using sport for social good
Jane Purdon	Women in Football	I'm a Director of Women in Football and Chair of the Professional Game Academy Audit Company
Jasmin Nur	Halvlek med Jazz	My biggest flex is that the one and only Zlatan Ibrahimovic is aware of my existence.
Jatila Blake	SportsPro Media	If you can pronounce my name correctly first time, I owe you a drink!
Jawahir Roble	JJ ROBLE	Football is my favourite game, so please only serve me that - Thank you
Jen O'Neill	She Kicks Magazine	I am the antiquated editor of a 25-year-old women's footie magazine/website/thingummyjig and I take my football seriously but not myself.
Jennifer Green	Barclays	I currently manage the day to day running of Barclays Women and Girls football sponsorships and prior to that I spent time at Nike within Sports Marketing and Player Management. My route into football was unconventional in that I started my early career in the beauty industry!
Jenny Laurence	Ogilvy	I am into sustainability but also womens equality in sport so this works for me plus I used to EPF back in 2019
Jessica Berman	The National Women's Soccer League	I am the Commissioner of the NWSL and this is my dream job.
Jo Tanner	UKWPFC	First time footie player at 40yrs old, decided to set up the first UK Parliamentary Women's Team with no idea what I was doing
Jo Tongue	TT Management	I am a CEO of a cool company but my hardest/ favourite job was working in McDonalds
Joe Marinkovich	Football for the World - USA	I am the Director of Programming for Football for the World - USA and I would love to find some people for pick up while here.
Joe Toogood	Barclays	I work in the Sponsorships team at Barclays, focussing on Women's and Girl's football
Johanna Small	DISCOVER FOOTBALL	I am a consultant, project leader, coach and activist that uses football to power social transformation.
Jon Abraham	SportsPro	Head up Strategy and Business Ops at SportsPro, including our Women In Sport strategy
Jonas Baer- Hoffmann	FIFPRO	I am the GS of FIFPRO, which means 24/7 fighting above our weight class so that the players are as central to the game off the pitch as they are on it!

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Josh Emerson	Girls United	I'm the marketing and comms manager at Girls United
Judith Solanas	National Insitute of Physical Education of Catalonia (INEFC)	I am a university lecturer on a mission to awakening the mind of students to promote inclusivity, equity, diversity in and through sport.
Julie D'Adamo	Freelance	My professional background is in documentary film production, graduating in Film Studies and Italian over a decade ago. For the last 10 years, I've worked producing sports content for television audiences worldwide, always looking to tell stories with purpose. Away from the camera I volunteer for a local charity in Hertfordshire as Media and Sports Lead. Most recently we have started running free women's football sessions for over 30s!
Julie Vasquez	Birkbeck University of London	I am an international postgraduate student working on my dissertation surrounding gender diversity in coaching, but I spend most of my time finding the best places to eat in London.
Kara Nortman	Angel City	-
Kara Nortman	Angel City	I am the co-founder of Angel City, and dabble in start-ups, wealth creation for women and starting gender equity organizations that emerge from energetic dinners.
Karen Dobres	Lewes FC	I'm an elected director at Lewes FC, but have never played football in my life, and am interested in fashion, swimming, feminism and staying sane.
Kat Craig	Athlead	I am CEO of Athlead and passionate about sport and human rights.
Kat Okholm Kryger	St Mary's University, Twickenham	I am a senior lecturer and women's football research nerd
Kate Hamer	Kate Hamer Ltd & AxisStars	I'm a Digital Marketing Consultant & have co- founded a private community for pro-athletes to help them personally develop.
Kate Hayward	Xero	I am the Director of Operations at Xero; passionate about Small Business, Accounting and Technology
Kelly Lindsey	Lewes FC	I am Sporting Director at Lewes FC and can't wait to start my donkey sanctuary in the sunshine one day!
Kelly Smith	Barclays	N/a
Khalida Popal	Girl Power / Right to Dream	Natural born as an activist with the mission to be the voice for the voiceless

















Kiraz Öcal	Kızlar Sahada (Women on the Field)	Sometimes feels like an alien who passionately works to change the football industry for good as a psychologist.
Kirsty Darlington	Unwired	I work in event marketing where a day at work doesn't feel like a day at work!
Laura Duffy	The Women's Soccer Show (The WoSo Show)	I am the girlfriend of one of the hosts of The Women's Soccer Show - guess which one!
Laura Edwards	King's College London	I am the Performance & Workforce Manager at King's College London but used to do some flips and tricks!
Laura Phillips	Frame PR	I handle the PR for UEFA Women's Football and I bloody love it!
Laura Youngson	Equal Playing Field	I run a women's football boot company, Ida Sports, but have a habit of doing World Records on the side.
Layne Vandenberg	Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)	I am an Executive Office Project Manager at UEFA and conducted my PhD here at King's College London.
Lindsay McCombie	Minute Media	I'm head of the 90min video team, formerly of Sky Sports & Charlton Athletic (in a non playing capacity!)
Lindsey Jones	Goal Five	I am the Co-CEO and "Official Wear Tester" of Goal Five.
Lisa Parfitt	The Space Between	I'm the Co-Founder of The Space Between sports marketing agency, a Director of Women in Football and reached grade 8 in ballet but am guaranteed to trip or knock into stuff in all circumstances.
Liseli Sitali	Sky Sports	I work as Head of Marketing at Sky Sports and ran a podcast called In Her Corner which is all about celebrating and empowering women working at every level of sport on and off the field. I have an unhealthy addiction to icecream and cheese.
Louise Matthews	Women in Football	I work at Women in Football, which is my first job in football apart from volunteering as a football coach years ago.
Lucy Mills	READY	I'm all about being curious and positive, oh and I work at FC Barcelona, am a Board Member at Lewes FC, and started a new project about Web 3 and Women's Sport.
Luke Strong	Arsenal	I'm a part of the Partner Services team at Arsenal, looking after some of our key partners





















Lyndsey Clark	UEFA	I work in marketing at UEFA, primarily across women's football - I'm super passionate about this as well as good food, good wine and karaoke!
Maggie Murphy	Lewes FC	I am the CEO of Lewes FC but used to dabble in anti-corruption and human rights and help run Equal Playing Field!
Marguerite Anderson ki	The medical chambers	I am a private GP specialized in women's health
Maria Georgiou	HerGameToo	I am an ambassador for HerGameToo, working to make football a safe place for women including players, staff and fans.
Mariana Gutierrez	Liga MX Femenil	I am the Head of LIGA MX Femenil, Mexico's women professional league, and truly believe we will conquer the world.
Mariia Romanchenk o	FC Chernomorets	I am a footballer of FC Chernomorets and I work as a bartender, so when something falls I kick it with my foot
Marije Holman	Women Win	I'm a sports loving Programmes Manager at Women Win, who indulges in one ice-cream a day between May-September
Marios Christos Sfantos, Esq.	Athens Women's Football Summit	I'm the Co-Founder of the Athens Women's Football Summit and my life is dedicated to driving the global growth of girls' and women's football. I also love sea turtles!
Matthew Barrett	Goal Click	I am the Founder of Goal Click, telling football stories around the world from North Korea to Newcastle.
Matthew Weiss	Equal Playing Field	Strategy and growth consultant with a passion for social impact and gender equality
Maura Everett	PUMA	I am a senior brand strategist at PUMA working with women in sport
Maya Herm	Relo Metrics	Sponsorship analytics is my day to day, but furthering women in sport is my bae.
Mereki Nieman	Ida Sports	Organising stuff is my thingI am the Operations Manager at Ida Sports where I organise getting shoes from A to B, managing our customer service and managing money across so many different currencies. To add to my organisation bent, I am on the Board of the Darebin Women's Sports Club, coach a junior soccer team and run a skills acquisition program at the club.
Michelle Dorgan	Women in Football	I head up marcomms and commercial at Women in Football and unsurprisingly, football is my first passion from a sports perspective - LFC in men's football, neutral ish in women's (although am a Lewes FC owner), loving the WEUROs and the impact it looks to be having

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Milica Okicic	Ipsos UK	I am a MSc student of Sport Management and Marketing, working in marketing research, but would love to work in women's football (preferably in Spain because there's lots of sangria and sun).
Monique Choudhuri	Women in Football	I am a board director at Women in Football, a Non Exec Director at Brentford FC and MD of Versify, an inclusion consultancy - as well as wife, mother and passionate dog owner.
Moya Dodd	Women Onside	I'm a lawyer and ex-WNT player (Australia) who had a wild adventure in FIFA and football governance
Murad Ahmed	Financial Times	I'm the technology news editor for the Financial Times, but until recently was the Sports Editor and was highly reliant for ideas and speakers on the women's game from the founders of Equality Summit. Time I gave something back
Mya Powell	Girls United	I am a coach for Girls United and also played football semi-professionally
Naomi Gross	Ida	I am the athlete engagement specialist for Ida simultaneously getting my masters in Sports Marketing.
Niamh O'Mahony	Football Supporters Europe	I'm COO at FSE and support the greatest club in the world, Cork City FC (IRL)!
Nick Ortiz	N3XT Sports	I am a post-grad student at the University of Edinburgh and an intern at N3XT Sports
Nicola Dutton	CSM	I currently work strategy-side at CSM having had a former life in The City
Nicole Dietrich	Ida Sports	I am the Online Content and Community Coordinator for Ida Sports!
Oli Perkins	Veo Technologies	I am the UK Market Manager for Veo Technologies, the little green machines that film football automatically!
Oscar Killick- Dodd	N/A	I'm a uni student on a gap year!
Owen Skerritt	King's Sport	
Philippe Auclair	Josimar/Eurosp ort	I am an investigative reporter and, if you really want to talk to me, it's likely I'll want to talk to you too.

















Pip Penman	Women in Soccer	I'm the content producer at Women in Soccer and I'm a Scottish transplant working in American "soccer!"
Polly Bancroft	Brighton and Hove Albion FC	General Manager for Women's and Girls football at Brighton and Hove Albion.  Nottingham Forest tragic. Trail runner, flat white drinker yeah one of those
Preeti Shetty	Upshot	I am the CEO of impact measurement company Upshot and also sit on the Board of Brentford FC, London Sport and Street Child United
Priyanka K	University of Cambridge	I am a researcher at University of Cambridge and I work on all things gender!
Rachel LaSala	Women in Soccer	Managing Director of WIS, 3x skydiver.
Rachel O'Sullivan	GirlsontheBall	I am co-founder of GirlsontheBall. I've covered women's football for 10 years but have also worked in Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and Counter Terrorism Policing!
Rachelle Vickery	King's College London	I am a health and Fitness Coach at King's College London
Rebecca Sowden	Team Heroine	Founder of Team Heroine & Women's Sport Director at WeAreFearless currently living a nomad life!
Rimla Akhtar	Muslim Women in Sport Network (MWSN)	Driving positive change through strong governance, leadership and inclusion in sport, business and beyond
Rob Martindale	Kings Sport	I am the Physical Activity Coordinator of Kings Sport.
Robert Wright	Girls United	I am the London Programme Lead at Girls United and run my own women's 5- and 11-a- side football teams in South London. Always looking for new players!
Romaney Pinnock	Badgers Football Academy	I started the first women-owned, women-run football club for women in Cape Town
Romina Calatayud	Girls United	I am CEO of Girls United and been kicking footballs since I was 3yrs old.
Rosie Crampin	Veo	I am UK Partnership Development Manager for Veo. I work in football and rugby, but tennis is my sport
Rowena Samarasinhe	GEN Sport Limited	I'm a commercial sports lawyer but now focussing on changing perceptions in any way that I can, especially in our sporting world because sport really should be for all!
Ruth Shaw	Premier League Charitable Fund	I run the Premier League Charitable Fund, which helps children and young people achieve their potential through the power of football.

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Ryan Hunt	King's Sport	Physical and Digital activity manager at King's Sport and Wellness
Sadaf Tayebi	Birkbeck, University of London	I am a MSc in Sport Management student. Currently working on my dissertation on Web 3 and fan engagement in the PL.
Sahaj Shah	Areto Labs	I'm a Product & UX Designer at Areto Labs, focused on making social media a safe & inclusive place in sportbut I'm also a dog mum to Coco
Sam Daniels	Xero	I help run the UK brand marketing and sponsorship for Xero. In every job I've had I've accidentally ended up working in football.
Sara Ach	The Women's Soccer Show	I'm a Women's Football Analyst and run a Women's Football Podcast - I call it Soccer sometimes because I'm from the USA and I'm so sorry about that!
Sarah Dwyer- Shick	The Sports Bra Project	Title IX Baby & soccer coach. Now spending more time talking sports bras and equality of access and representation than systems of play.
Sarah Gregorius	FIFPRO	A former international footballer now turned pencil-pushing administrator.
Sarah Van Vooren	Atoot / Equal Playing Field	I'm a nomad, travel junkie & the Co- Founder/Ex. Director of a S4D org which empowers girls in rural Nepal; but first thing first, coffee.
Savannah SImons	Gobanimo FC (Somaliland Women and Girls Football)	I'm the co-founder of Gobanimo FC, a women's football club in Somaliland and the Somaliland National Marathon Deputy Director.
Shahid Mlaji	womens Super5league	I am the CEO of the largest womens grassroots league in London and I love what I do
Shoko Tsuji	FIFPRO	Based in Amsterdam and originally from Japan, I am responsible for Player Relations at FIFPRO and have worked in football for the past decade.
Shrey Nilvarna	Lewes Football Club	I come from Finance to Fan engagement with an aim to grow women's sport.
Silvia Mogas	Fayre Labs	From Hilton Hotels to fill the gap between Web2 and Web3
Simon Dent	HERO	Founder of HERO talent agency and Dark Horses creative agency. Lewes FC owner.
Sophie Downey	Girls on the Ball	I am co-founder of GirlsontheBall and have covered women's football for the last decade.
Steve Greaves	FA	I am Senior Pro Game Coach Developer
Stuart Fuller	Lewes FC	I am the Chair at Lewes FC but in my working life I fight the bad guys on the internet





















Sue Anstiss	Fearless Women or Lewes FC	I am CEO of Fearless Women and love amplifying the voices of women in sport
Susanne Petersson	Camp Sweden	Im the chairman of Camp Sweden Love to create magig around football matches
Susie Petruccelli	Weatherhead Center	Former soccer player. Author. Sometimes producer. Gearing up for a research fellowship.
Suzy Wrack	The Guardian	I am a women's football writer for the Guardian
Tabitha Tice	Ida Sports & Equal Playing Field	I head up the marketing efforts for Ida Sports and handle the anything-they-throw-at-me tasks for EPF.
Tatjana Haenni	Swiss Football Association	I am the Director of Women's Football at the Swiss Football Association and have worked over 20 years in international football organisations, without losing hope.
Tim Lyne	King's Sport	Basically just love a spreadsheet and a process. Occasional foray into fitness as a PT and running coach
Tony Burnett	Kick it Out	Very tired freedom fighter
Victoire Cogevina Reynal	Gloria Football & UN Women	I'm the ceo of Gloria Football and the UN ambassador for gender equality in football
Yin Khoo	SportsPro Media	Production Director at SportsPro, started my career as a graphic designer, pawrent to a black cocker spaniel called Dexter
Yvonne Harrison	Women in Football	I'm the CEO of WIF, spent all my career in sport, spinning many plates, 3 kids, 1 dog

Plus many others! Go find them...















