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Bhagawati Rana Magar

(Nepal, Sunsair District Women's Football Committee)

Bhagawati Rana Magar is part of the Sunsair District Women's Football Committee in Nepal and has been coaching girls football for over 13 years. During her football training sessions she focuses on performance but also on women's education and rights. For Bhagawati, not only is it very important that during her coaching the girls become good football players, but also that they develop their personality. On the one hand, she shares her big passion - football - with the girls of her team through her coaching expertise. On the other hand, through coaching and football she wants to change the girls' behaviour by speaking with them about their rights and positions in society. According to Bhagawati, football helps her become a confident and strong woman in a life full of obstacles and barriers.



Everlyne Anyango Ochieng

(Kenya, Vijana Amani Pamoja)

Everlyne Anyango Ochieng is a football coach in Nairobi at Vijana Amani Pamoja (Swahili for "Youth together in Peace"), a Community Based Organization (CBO) that empowers adolescent youths through football. For seven years she has been coaching girls from the age of nine to 21. The intention of Vijana Amani Pamoja is the integration of social and economic values through football by creating a pro-active healthy environment. Through her football programme she educates young girls about the importance of hygiene, sexual reproductive health and issues relating to HIV/AIDS. She connects all these topics with physically healthy activities. Everlyne Anyango Ochieng fights for the participation of Kenyan women and girls in the world of sport.



Fomum Victorine Agum

(Cameroon)

"Coaching is my passion. It gives me broad base skills in how to deal with people", says Fomum Victorine Agum, who has been coaching for 15 years. She has coached all types of teams including girls and boys, beginners as well as advanced footballers. In her opinion, football still being a mainly masculine activity needs more female coaches and players to show the world how powerful women are. Fomum Victorine Agum loves sportive challenges, interactions with people and intercultural exchanges. Together with her team she uses football as a tool to fight against discrimination and for human as well as women's rights.



Margaret Andreason

(Australia, Football United)

Margaret Andreason has been working as a Head Coach for Football United since 2015. As a volunteer and a coach she interacts with different people: students, refugees, etc. Her passion is helping young people to improve their confidence, to develop new skills and to understand other people. She considers her position as a coach as a role model function for other girls, women and men. With her work at "Football United" she promotes women's rights, empowerment and social change.



Zein Twal

(Jordan, PACES)

Zein Twal coaches for the charity organisation "PACES" to get Palestinian girls out of their homes and into programs that empower them within their communities, homes and refugee camps. For six years, she has been coaching girls. She considers female coaches as important role models and hopes to convince more and more girls to play football. Unfortunately, according to her, it is a struggle to play football as a woman in the Middle East. Thus, with her work as a coach she wants to set a sign against the discrimination of women in sports and in societies in general. Zein Twal also promotes sport and healthy living to other women and girls via her instagram page.



Lebogang Maranda Tlhako

(South Africa, Premiere Skills)

In 2010, Lebogang Maranda Tlhako decided to become a coach. She had started playing football when she was six years old and was only able to play as a girl because of her short hair. She played in several football clubs until she got injured. As a professional coach educator she now works with "Premier Skills". Through this organization young people, often including the most vulnerable in society, are given opportunities to become better integrated into their local communities, to develop their skills for employability and to raise their self-esteem. Being a coach in this grassroots football program she has a lot of responsibility because kids look up to her and see her as a woman with authority and expect guidance.



Juliana Roman Lozano (Argentina, La Nuestra Fútbol Femenino)

Born in Columbia, Juliana has been working and living in Argentina for the past 14 years. She played for several Argentinian football clubs as well as on the U-19 national team of Columbia. Currently, she is a professional football coach and works for an NGO called “La Nuestra Fútbol Femenino”, which promotes women’s football in impoverished neighborhoods in Buenos Aires. She and her colleagues use women’s football as a tool to empower women, to work towards gender equality and to fight violence against women. Juliana says that football and sports in general should take up more space on feminist agendas. She wants the pitch to welcome everyone, no matter where they come from, how they identify, who they love and how they choose to live their life. For Juliana football and life belong together: it gives you the courage and power of endurance to better understand people and to take responsibility.



Linda Whitehead (Canada)

Linda Whitehead has spent most of her life connected to football: as a player, coach, administrator, and educator, in volunteer and professional roles. She says that the game has always given her more than she can give back. Now she wants to share her experience in a positive, educational manner. In doing so she hopes to assist in moving the game forward so the next generation of female players/coaches can have similar and even better experiences. During her 35+ years in coaching, which have ranged from working as the Assistant Coach of the Canadian Women’s National Team to volunteering with YUWA, an India based NGO that uses football to empower girls, she has seen over and over again the power of sport as a social influencer. She does not believe that there is a simpler yet more powerful tool than football to build confidence, teamwork and leadership in young girls. Linda is now retired from fulltime professional coaching and works as a college professor in the area of Recreation and Leisure Services at Fanshaw College, London, Ontario. However, she is still involved in the game as a consultant and clinician.

