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MICHEZO HALISI KENYA

Nairobi, Kenya

Michezo Halisi Kenya has been a Community Based Organization (CBO) since 2013, focusing on transforming their community through sports. Michezo Halisi Kenya's work mainly targets young girls, for the prevention of drug use and delinquency in teenage years.

Through educational and sportif actions, girls and women are supported and acknowledged in their communities.

Besides taking part in tournaments and leagues, the Michezo Halisi Kenya organization empowers women of the community and of their own football team in business skills, health-related issues, education and lifestyle.

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RAINBOW WOMEN OF KENYA

Mombasa, Kenya



Rainbow Women of Kenya is a lesbian, bisexual, queer women football team who faces many challenges in its community. The team serves as a family and as a safe space for its players, where they can play the sport they are all passionate about. They are spearheading the fight for legal and health rights of women in their community. Rainbow Women of Kenya are keen on sharing their experiences as marginalized women in society because of their sexual orientation. They are also eager to share their knowledge and expertise on making reusable sanitary towels with other participants.

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DRAGONES DE LAVAPIÉS

Madrid, Spain



Dragones de Lavapiés' work is to weave, through sport and competition, bonds of solidarity, respect and community, fostering dialogue between people from very different cultures, from all corners of the planet. Its programmes consist of training, accompaniment and mentoring focused on study and the transition to adult life. Dragones de Lavapiés is a neighbourhood initiative, launched by a group of mothers and fathers from the neighbourhood, so that neighbours & members could have their own 7-a-side soccer club, a pressing and concrete demand among their children and adults of the “barrio”.

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RECLAIM CHILDHOOD

Amman, Jordan



Reclaim Childhood creates safe and inclusive spaces for refugee and local girls in Jordan to thrive by playing sports, working with coaches, and building community. RC operates both in Amman and Zarqa, recruits coaches or mentors from the same communities in which they operate and work with more than 200 girls each season. The 10 coaches of Reclaim Childhood are from all nationalities, and their capacity has been built to coach soccer, basketball, frisbee and other sports.

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JORDAN YOUTH INNOVATION FORUM

Amman, Jordan



JORDAN YOUTH INNOVATION FORUM's team members are passionate young women who chose football not only as a sport to practice, but to advocate and represent essential values for a positive change. JYIF team has participated in Global Goals World Cup raising awareness about the UN Sustainable Development Goals and create a local impact. All team members are energized and motivated to empower other females in the community through sports as an engaging method. JYIF team aspires a future where all women are safe and have equal access to development opportunities locally and globally.

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SPORTIF LEZBON

Ankara & Istanbul, Turkey

Sportif Lezbon is a football team open to players of all sexual identities and orientations.

Since their founding they have joined Özgür Lig, an alternative Turkish football league. The division was founded in 2015 and consists largely of university students and LGBTQI activists challenging racism, nationalism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia.

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SPORTIKUL

Kragujevac, Serbia



The NGO Sportikul was founded in 1923 and advocates in Serbia as well as in the former Yugoslavia and Balkan against racism and nationalism. Furthermore the NGO's focus is on promoting the participation of boys and girls of Roma population in their communities through football.

The first women's football team of the NGO was formed in 2013. Since then Sportikul fights for gender equality and promotes women's football in Serbia. The Sportikul team does not stand for competition but focuses on team spirit and fair play!

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NOVA ŽENA

Semizovac , Bosnia and Herzegovina



The NGO „NOVA ŽENA“ from Semizovac works with girls and women in rural areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The NGO formed a women's football team in 2017 that does not play in the Bosnian league, but plays football in the name of gender, social and ethnic equality. The training of the team is for free and includes women from Roma population. In the future, the team would like to participate in more tournaments and networking events at the international level. The team and the NGO would also like to focus more on the implementation of positive practices to promote women's rights in their local community.

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QUEENS SCORPIONS

Banjul, Gambia



The Queens Scorpions team invites former national players, league club players, activists and sport enthusiasts for a common training and political commitment. Queens Scorpions advocates for an end to female genital mutilation of girls and women in their communities and society in Gambia. Furthermore the team works on the development and exchange of women's football programmes nationally and internationally.

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INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

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During our DISCOVER FOOTBALL festival 2021, our tournament matches will be led by seven international referees. They will all enrich the tournament and the festival with their broad experience. At the beginning of the festival, the international referees will define the rules of the tournament in a workshop, together with coaches and players and will focus on the topic of fair play. They will also take part in a referee & coaches exchange with Hertha BSC.

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