

SPEED SISTERS



Vanina Ickx

Vanina Ickx is a professional Belgian racing car driver. She has been racing for 15 years internationally with career highlights including three appearances in the Dakar Rally, victories in the Ferrari Challenge EU 2000-2003 and Formula Ford US 2000. She was on the podium of Spa 24 Hours and Nurburgring 24 Hours and has participated in Le Mans 24 Hours seven times. Vanina is the daughter of racing driver Jacky Ickx and her motto is “why not?”



Avi Goldstein

Avi Goldstein is a creative producer and filmmaker, and co-founder of SocDoc Studios. He was a 2014 Sundance Institute Creative Producing Labs Fellow as the producer of Speed Sisters, and recently produced Fire Lines with the Ma’an Network in Bethlehem and Common Ground Productions. Avi was previously a business consultant at Vantage Partners consulting firm. In addition to filmmaking, he leads a program that teaches high school students constructive approaches to negotiation and problem solving in daily life.



Laurence Gillois

Laurence Gillois is Programme and Partnership Specialist at the UN Women Brussels Office. Prior to joining UN Women, Laurence has worked for the European Commission and several NGOs on human rights, gender equality, conflict and crisis management. From 2001 to 2005 she worked as Political Adviser at the European Union Delegation in Jakarta, and from 2005 to 2007 as Programme Manager on conflict and crisis response in the EU External Relations Department. Laurence is a French citizen and holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science and International Relations from Sciences-Po Rennes



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WOMEN IN SPORTS, SHATTERING GLASS CEILINGS IN SOCIETY AT LARGE

Sport has enormous power to generate social, economic and environmental change and contribute to sustainable development, social cohesion and even to challenge mind sets and prejudice. In particular, sport has huge potential to empower women and girls. Sport can be a force to amplify women's voices and tear down gender barriers and discrimination. Women in sport defy the misperception that they are weak or incapable. Every time they clear a hurdle, kick a ball, or change into higher gear, women and girls demonstrate not only physical strength, but also leadership and strategic thinking, and they take a step towards gender equality.

UN Women is collaborating with several sports organizations, including the International Olympic Committee (IOC). In Brazil, a joint UN Women and IOC programme works with the National Youth School Games and targets adolescents to advocate for the messages of equality and non-discrimination, non-violence, girls' empowerment and to positive masculine traits among boys. The programme is reaching out to girls aged 12-14, using quality sports activities to build leadership skills. It aims to foster self-esteem, support positive and healthy decisions, and help prevent gender-based violence.



Photo: Tiempo del Fuego, Colombia



Girl participates in training organized under the UN Women - Valencia CF partnership - Photo: Valencia CF/Lázaro dela Peña

UN Women partners with Valencia Club de Fútbol (CF) to promote gender equality across the globe. Thanks to this partnership, the UN Women logo is featured on the back of the Valencia CF players' jerseys when they play in European football competitions. Valencia Club de Fútbol also participates in the training of young players thereby supporting a UN Women programme on peer education and leadership. During the training students learn that everyone wins when girls are empowered through sport.

ABOUT UN WOMEN

UN Women is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.

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