



Greetings from the Anita White Foundation,

Our spring newsletter contains exciting developments with the Women's Sport Leadership Academy (WSLA) and the success of its graduates, news about our involvement at the forthcoming World Conference on Women and Sport, and updates on the various activities undertaken by AWF Scholars.

European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data Protection law is changing. We value your support and would like to update you about a few things. At the end of this newsletter is our privacy statement, which is written in accordance with the privacy policy of the University of Chichester.

The new legislation provides individuals with enhanced rights, including the right to correct errors of fact or omission or to object. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know with reference to the information on page 5.

Women's Sport Leadership Academy (WSLA)

Planning for WSLA 2018 continues apace as we look forward to welcoming 38 women in middle-to-senior leadership roles based in seventeen countries around the world to our residential week in June. The delivery of content during the residential week in Bognor Regis in June will be led by Lucy Faulkner and Pauline Harrison from Females Achieving Brilliance (FAB). They will be joined by Anita and Lombe (AWF Scholar) from the AWF and a team of seven WSLA graduates based in Australia, South Africa, the USA and the UK who will return to facilitate sessions. Jordan (AWF coordinator) and Lucy (AWF Scholar) are leading the organisation of the week.



We are thrilled to announce that Baroness Sue Campbell (Director of Women's Football at The Football Association) will be the guest speaker at the Celebration Reception to close the residential week. Sue will share her experiences and reflect on her journey to becoming a senior leader in sport. We are excited to be contributing to the University of Chichester's growing reputation as a centre of excellence for women's football too.

Participants in WSLA 2018 continue to fundraise for their involvement but some are still facing challenges. If you would like to contribute to help them participate in WSLA 2018, please visit our [fundraising page](#). The AWF has already awarded scholarships to women from India, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria and Zambia, as well as travel grants to women from Nepal and Cameroon.

WSLA Botswana

In 2016, WSLA began discussions with Women and Sport Botswana (WASBO) to collaborate on a bespoke programme for 30-50 African women in middle-to-senior sport leadership roles immediately proceeding the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) World Conference on Women and Sport in Gaborone, Botswana – allowing women the opportunity to attend both events.

We are excited to announce that this Botswana Chapter of WSLA will occur in mid-May. Tsosi Magang (*pictured*; WSLA 2015 graduate; WASBO Vice-Chair) has led its development and the programme will be facilitated by Lucy and Pauline (FAB), with the assistance of African WSLA graduates, and supported by Lombe, Jordan and Anita. Some of the graduates, including Tsosi, have since 2015 been provided financial assistance by the AWF to return to the central WSLA programme in Bognor as international facilitators and will utilise their experiences to train other African graduates so they can advance WSLA elsewhere.



Graduate successes

WSLA graduates regularly inform us of progress they have made, exciting experiences they have had, and new job roles they have assumed. All of this helps us assess the impact of the WSLA residential week. Below are some examples we have collated since January.

Jaya Tiwara (*pictured centre*, WSLA 2016; India) met HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, who visited Jaya's netball programme which forms part of a NAZ Foundation programme in Mumbai. The programme is a nodal centre for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.



In February, **Ann Bevan** (WSLA 2017; UK) became the new Chief Executive of Welsh Gymnastics. In March, we heard from **Jane Booth** (WSLA 2015; UK) who was working with **Rachel Waterman** (WSLA 2015; UK) at the LGBT Foundation on an organisational review around inclusion and equalities. In April, **Aya Noguchi** (WSLA 2016; Japan) became an Assistant professor at Juntendo University, Japan.

Zola Starke (WSLA 2014; South Africa) has been appointed the Assistant Coach of the North West Flames, currently the number two team in the national Netball Premier League. Her *Lady Starke Netball Academy* – which was developed thanks to her attendance at WSLA – was recently featured in a special episode of Supersport; the country's leading sport channel.

Julia Symons (WSLA 2014; Australia) has received a Winston Churchill International Fellowship to research culturally safe elite environments for sportswomen. The Fellowships are awarded annually and provides an opportunity for recipients to travel overseas to conduct research in their chosen field that is not readily available in their home country. Julia is visiting New Zealand, the UK and the USA between March-May this year, and using the WSLA network to conduct her research.

Evgeniia Nekorkina (WSLA 2017; Russia) is now a chief specialist in a sports fencing school. She also won a scholarship from the Olympic Solidarity and has, since September, studied international executive training courses in sport management. It was here that she met **Sevara Ganiyeva** (WSLA 2015; Uzbekistan) and both bonded over WSLA and their network. Evgeniia and Sevara both brought so much energy to their residential weeks and we were heartened to see that this energy continues in an image taken with the President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach!



Evgeniia (second left), Thomas Bach (centre) and Sevara (second right)

Catalyst Grants

The Catalyst Grant is exclusively available for WSLA graduates and its purpose is to enable them to advance the Women and Sport Movement in their countries, regions and organisations. In our previous newsletters, we have reported on two successful projects undertaken in [Bangladesh](#) and [Kenya](#). We welcome other WSLA graduates to submit proposals for a Catalyst Grant. Further information can be found [here](#).

To read more about WSLA, including reports of the 2014-2017 residential weeks, press [here](#).

IWG Conference

The 7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport will be hosted in Gaborone, Botswana, next month. The AWF is a strategic partner for the conference and we will have a significant presence. Jordan and Elizabeth (AWF co-founder) will be presenting findings from the Global Progress Report during a keynote session on the first day. Jordan, Anita and Lombe will all be either presenting, moderating or participating in plenary sessions too. We strongly encourage others to register for this vitally important women and sport conference via [the IWG website](#).



AWF support

As well as supporting WSLA Botswana and having a presence at the Conference, we are keen to assist WSLA graduates who wish to attend the IWG Conference. We have therefore granted bursaries to cover the registration fee to attend the Conference. Ten WSLA graduates successfully applied to take advantage of this opportunity. However, further costs such as travel and accommodation continue to pose significant barriers. If you would like to contribute to this endeavour to enable more women to attend the conference, please visit our [fundraising page](#).

During a dedicated AWF-session at the Conference, we will be hosting a mini-WSLA reunion to celebrate the growth of an African network and the progress made in the five years since the first WSLA residential week.

Women of the Year awards

Lucy and Lombe were invited by the Female Empowerment Society at the University to present an award at the Women of the Year Awards. The evening, hosted in March, celebrates the University's female achievement and contribution and is now in its third year. Sian Burrows (*pictured centre, with Lombe and Lucy*) won both Sportswoman of the Year and BME Student of the Year.



Lucy and Lombe are both in the writing-up stage of their doctoral research ahead of anticipated completion later this year. Jordan and Elizabeth (supervisors) are certain that their findings will contribute to discussions about addressing the challenging experiences women sport leaders encounter.

Continued recognition of Professor Celia Brackenridge

Lucy and Lombe continue to develop AWF projects associated with recognising the contribution of Professor Celia Brackenridge to sport. Lucy has completed a new section of the *Women and Sport: The ChangeMakers* website. Titled 'Personal Story', it features images and reflections by Celia of her life, particularly her strong belief in the feminist tenet that the personal is the political. You can view the website [here](#).

Lombe has helped to establish the *Celia Brackenridge International Research Award*. Launched on International Women's Day in March, the aim of the Award is to recognise and promote excellence in scholarship on child welfare in sport and/or women and sport. The AWF offers this award within our broader aims of contributing to the preservation of the heritage of women in sport and to facilitate research. For further information and application guidance, please press [here](#).

WSLA Botswana, the IWG World Conference and WSLA 2018 will mean a very busy period for the AWF team and we look forward to reporting on each of them in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the AWF and our projects. If you would like to make a donation to the AWF to support women to attend WSLA 2018 or contribute to the [Catalyst Grant](#) projects, we would be most grateful. Please visit our [fundraising page](#) or [download a gift form](#) from our updated website. If you wish to unsubscribe from this newsletter, please reply to the email.

Anita, Mike (AWF interim Chair), Jordan (coordinator of the AWF), Lucy and Lombe (AWF scholars)

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