



AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

#BeAGameChanger Awards continues to grow



ALL SMILES: Charlotte Edwards (left) and Kate Richardson-Walsh (right) pick up the Outstanding Contribution Award for their contribution to cricket and hockey respectively

By Milton Boyce

THE WINNERS of the Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards 2017, in association with Microsoft, were recently announced at a star-studded ceremony at the Troxy in East London.

Now in their third year, the #BeAGameChanger Awards celebrate the outstanding contribution that organisations and individuals make to raising the profile and participation of women's sport.

COMPELLING

Hosted by former England captain Sue Day and Women's Sport Trust co-founder Jo Bostock, the awards were attended by Olympic gold medallists, England hockey captain Kate Richardson-Walsh, skeleton racer Lizzy Yarnold and rower Anna Watkins as well as former England rugby star Maggie Alphonsi and Olympic bronze medallist Jenny Jones.

Bostock said: "Tonight the Be-GameChanger Awards provided

entertaining and compelling proof that women's sport is an unstoppable force.

"It's impossible not to be optimistic about the future when you hear from winners like cricket's Charlotte Wilson and Mel Bound, who picked up our local inspiring initiative award.

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"Our main hope is that people are galvanised by their example and actively seek out ways to back women's sport.

"The momentum is there but there is still work to do. With increased investment, more coverage and bold leadership we will change the sporting landscape for good."



THE 2017 AWARD WINNERS:

SPORTING ROLE MODEL- INDIVIDUAL
Dame Sarah Storey (Paralympic Cycling)

SPORTING ROLE MODEL- TEAM
GB Women's Hockey Team

AMBASSADOR OF WOMEN'S SPORT
Kelly Simmons, MBE (Women's Football)

SPONSOR PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR
Vitality- Together Changing Sport for Good

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE YEAR
British Triathlon

INSPIRING INITIATIVE- NATIONAL
Youth Sport Trust- Girls Active

INSPIRING INITIATIVE- LOCAL
This Mum Runs

MEDIA INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR
Red Roses (Women's Rugby)

MEDIA INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR
Eleanor Oldroyd (BBC)

IMAGERY OF THE YEAR
1000 Londoners

PHOTOGRAPHER/ FILMMAKER OF THE YEAR
Hannah Bailey

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
Kate Richardson-Walsh, OBE (Hockey)
Charlotte Edwards, CBE (Cricket)

Are you top draw?

FANCY YOURSELF as an artist? Bring out your paints, brushes, pencils, sketch pads and digital design programmes and get creating!

European Athletics requires assistance with the recognition of women who are making an active difference in the world of athletics by producing a piece of art that will become the main prize for the 2017 European Athletics Women's Leadership Awards.

VOTE

One piece of work will be selected by a public vote from the entries submitted to the competition. It will be professionally reproduced so that copies can be presented to the award winners at the European Athletics Golden Tracks Awards Night and at national ceremonies in the following months.

The creator of the selected work will receive a commission of some £800 and the contest is open to anyone - female or male - living in the 50 countries served by European Athletics. Students of art, design and related fields are especially encouraged to enter.

The deadline for the submission of entries is July 30.

This article appears on:
www.european-athletics.org

Women raising their game

WITH WOMEN'S Raise Your Game imminent, Kick It Out has confirmed some of the activities planned for the June 8 event.

The mentoring showcase, supported by the Premier League, is designed for those women who wish to forge a career in football, or wish to explore alternative career opportunities in the game.

Venue for the occasion will be the Etihad Stadium as Kick It Out continues its efforts to diversify football's workforce and ensure the game is reflective of society in 2017.

USEFUL

The event, hosted by BBC Sport presenter Jessica Creighton, who spoke at the Media Raise Your Game conference in 2016, runs from 10am - 3pm.

Vicky Kloss, chief communications officer at Manchester City is confirmed to speak and will open up the afternoon session.

The pitch-side panel - comprising of women who are in direct football-related positions in the



HOST: BBC Sport presenter Creighton

industry - will feature Emily Hill, children & young people's football development officer at London FA and JJ Jewels - the only hijab wearing referee officiating in men's grassroots football, as well as fellow official Lucy Oliver, who was in charge of last month's FA Women's Premier League Cup Final, amongst others.

A workshop looking at how you

present yourself to perspective employers, including a look at your CV, as well as a media workshop, featuring BBC staff such as Shelley Alexander (editorial lead on Women's Sport) and her colleagues Anna Thompson and Rhia Chohan, will provide guests with useful tips and industry information.

Visit: www.kickitout.org