# ALONG CAME A SPIDER

#### Quantitative Research

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# Introduction

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# **Research Methodology**





A nationally representative sample of 1003 respondents aged 16+ was undertaken.



The sample was sourced from B&A's online research panel, www.acumenpanel.ie



The sample was quota controlled by; gender, age, socio-economic and region.



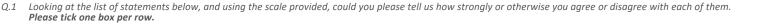
Fieldwork on the project took place between the 11-20 March 2020.



Base: All respondents 16+ - 1003



*Very strong improvement in the perception of women's sport in the last two years. While the shift has been across all demographics, it is higher amongst males of all ages and those who are aware of the 20x20 initiative.* 





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In the media and online I am seeing/reading about more female athletes, teams and competitions nowadays compared to 2 years ago

Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003



Over 90% of those aware of 20x20 agree that they are seeing/reading about more female athletes, teams and competitions nowadays compared to 2 years ago, whereas it is 81% for those not aware of 20x20 (note the latter is also a very good score and points to the broader impact of the 20x20 movement).



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I am more aware of women's sport nowadays compared to 2 years ago Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003



Q.1 Looking at the list of statements below, and using the scale provided, could you please tell us how strongly or otherwise you agree or disagree with each of them. Please tick one box per row.

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#### Women's sport is seen as cooler now than it was two years ago

Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003



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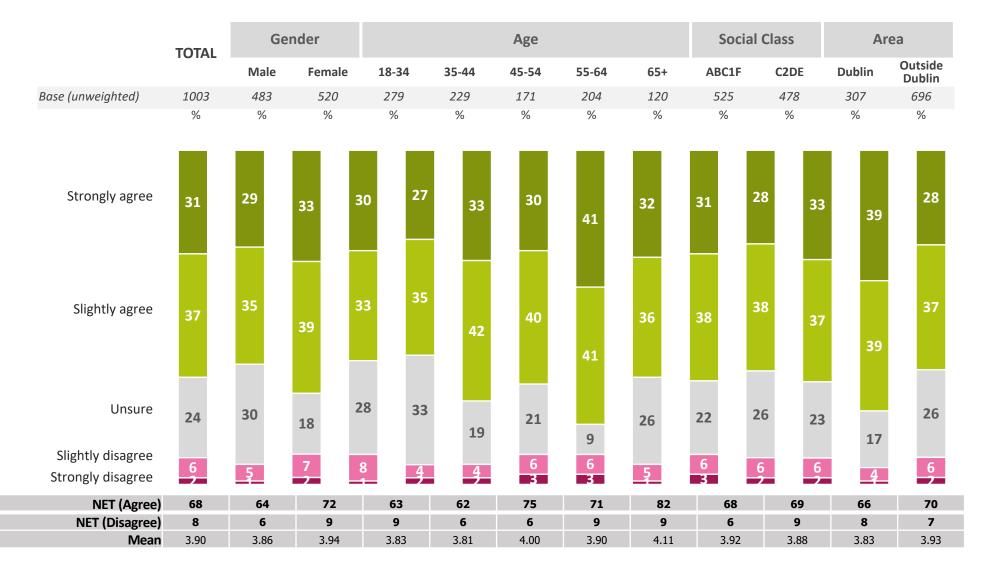
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I notice there are more girls or women taking part in sport / physical activity than there were 2 years ago

Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003

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Q.1 Looking at the list of statements below, and using the scale provided, could you please tell us how strongly or otherwise you agree or disagree with each of them. Please tick one box per row.



I hear more about women's sport among my peers / in my community now that I did 2 years ago

Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003

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Q.1 Looking at the list of statements below, and using the scale provided, could you please tell us how strongly or otherwise you agree or disagree with each of them. Please tick one box per row.

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#### I am more likely to support women's sport now than I was 2 years ago Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003

	TOTAL	Gender		Age					Social Class		Area	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	ABC1F	C2DE	Dublin	Outside Dublin
Base (unweighted)	1003	483	520	279	229	171	204	120	525	478	307	696
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	26	28	25	29	23	25	24	32	30	23	28	26
Slightly agree	35	35	35	37	32	37	37	32	35	35	33	36
Unsure	20	20	21	20	22	19	20	21	20	21	21	20
Slightly disagree	12	11	13	11	17	13	10	6	12	12	11	12
Strongly disagree	6	6	6	4	5	6	10	9	4	8	7	6
NET (Agree)	61	63	60	65	55	62	61	64	65	58	61	62
NET (Disagree)	18	17	19	15	23	19	20	15	16	21	18	18
Mean	3.63	3.67	3.60	3.75	3.50	3.62	3.55	3.72	3.75	3.53	3.64	3.63

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# Awareness & Impact of 20x20



Base: All adults 16+ - 1003

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# Awareness of women in sport

Base: All respondents 16+ - 1003



The strong impact of the campaign has been acknowledged, with 3 in 4 adults now seeing/reading about women's sport more than before, because of the 20x20 movement. Also a similar proportion acknowledge that the 20x20 movement has changed their mindset positively towards girls and women in sport. 49% of 18-34 year old females now participate in more sport because of the 20x20 movement.



Impact of the campaign: 9 in 10 agree having seen the 20x20 content that Women's sport is worthwhile watching/supporting/taking part in, with 3 in 4 wanting to do something more to support women's sport

Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003



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Feelings towards brands linked with the women in sport movement

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Base: All respondents 16+ - 1,003

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Q.8 Looking at the list of statements below, and using the scale provided, could you please tell us how strongly or otherwise you agree or disagree with each of them.

### **Summary**



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# Overall attitudes to women in sport

• Very strong improvement in the perception of women's sport

in the last two years. While the shift has been across all demographics, it is higher amongst males of all ages and those who are aware of the 20x20 initiative.

Over 90% of those aware of 20x20 agree that they are seeing/reading about more female athletes, teams and competitions nowadays compared to 2 years ago, whereas it is 81% for those not aware of 20x20 (note the latter is also a very good score and points to the broader impact of the 20x20 movement).



#### Awareness and impact of 20x20

Strong awareness of 20x20, with 25% of all adults spontaneously aware of 20x20 'If She Can't See it, She Can't Be It', without prompting of any stimulus material.

In addition, a very strong **one third** of the population is **aware of the 20x20 initiative** when prompted (i.e. total awareness of 20x20). This peaks to almost half of 18-34s. **Strong recall across males and females**, but the impact of the initiative seems to be even great at **changing male attitudes**.

# The strong impact of the campaign has been acknowledged, with 3 in 4 adults now seeing/reading

**about women's sport** more than before, because of the 20x20 movement. Also a similar proportion acknowledge that the 20x20 movement has changed their mindset positively towards girls and women in sport.

**42%** of females – rising to 49% of 18-34 year old females who are aware of 20x20 now agree they **participate in sport or physical activity more than before**, because of the 20x20 movement.

**Involvement in women's** sport compared to two years ago **has improved** for watch/following (in particular for males) and participating (in particular females, 18-34's, middle classes and Dubliners).

However **amongst those how are aware of the 20x20 campaign** the level of watch, participation and attendance is significantly higher.





We asked young girls from across the country what it was like to be an athlete in modern Ireland.



But they're missing the inspiration



# Summary

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Impact of the 20x20 campaign

**9 in 10 agree** having seen the 20x20 content that Women's sport is worthwhile watching/supporting/taking part in, with 3 in 4 wanting to do something more to support women's sport.

Feelings towards brands linked with the women in sport movement

**3 in 5 feel more positively towards the brands** that are associated with the women in sport movement, rising to **7 in 10 of all 18-34 year olds**. Males and females equally as positive.

Half of the public feel they would be more inclined to purchase from the brands associated with the women in sport movement, rising to 60% of females.

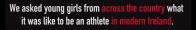
The results clearly indicate a societal shift toward positive views of women in sport, increased engagement, especially amongst males and younger

In summary

It also illustrates the **positive contribution of the 20x20 initiative** and how it has seeped into society. And, also, the impact of brands associated with the movement.









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cohorts.

# Thank you.



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