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Quantitative Research
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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.
(a) Fieldwork on the project took place between the 11-20 March 2020.


## Attitudes to women in sport

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 $20 \times 20$ initiative.

## Attitudes to women in sport:

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

|  | TOTAL | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  |  | Social Class |  | Area |  |
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|  |  | 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 | 41 | 44 | 39 | 43 | 38 | 46 | 38 | 43 | 43 | 39 | 42 | 41 |
| Slightly agree | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 41 | 39 | 45 | 46 | 43 | 42 | 44 | 42 |
| Unsure <br> Slightly disagree Strongly disagree | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ -=3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ 6 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 9 | $14$ | $\begin{array}{r}10 \\ \text { [ } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}9 \\ -5 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}5 \\ \hline-6\end{array}$ | 9 <br> + | 10 5 4 | 11 | $\begin{array}{r}9 \\ -5 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| NET (Agree) | 84 | 86 | 81 | 84 | 79 | 86 | 83 | 89 | 87 | 81 | 86 | 83 |
| NET (Disagree) | 7 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 8 |
| Mean | 4.16 | 4.23 | 4.09 | 4.19 | 4.07 | 4.27 | 4.08 | 4.23 | 4.25 | 4.08 | 4.23 | 4.14 |

Over $90 \%$ of those aware of $20 \times 20$ 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 $20 \times 20$ (note the latter is also a very good score and points to the broader impact of the $20 \times 20$ movement).

## Attitudes to women in sport:

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.

## Attitudes to women in sport:

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

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|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| Strongly agree | 34 | 34 | 34 | 33 | 28 | 38 | 35 | 40 | 36 | 33 | 36 | 34 |
| Slightly agree | 41 | 41 | 42 | 44 | 42 | 37 |  |  | 43 | 40 | 42 | 41 |
|  | 18 | 19 | 17 | 17 | 24 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 18 |
| Slightly disagree Strongly disagree | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 4 | $\frac{-2}{6}$ | 5 | $\begin{array}{r}5 \\ \hline 3\end{array}$ | 5 | 5 |
| NET (Agree) | 76 | 76 | 76 | 77 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 77 | 79 | 73 | 77 | 75 |
| NET (Disagree) | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Mean | 4.02 | 4.03 | 4.00 | 4.03 | 3.90 | 4.06 | 4.08 | 4.03 | 4.08 | 3.95 | 4.06 | 4.00 |

## Attitudes to women in sport:

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

|  | TOTAL | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  |  | Social Class |  | Area |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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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.

Attitudes to women in sport:
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
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.

## Attitudes to women in sport:

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

|  | TOTAL | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  |  | Social Class |  | Area |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| 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 |  | 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 |

Awareness \& Impact of $20 \times 20$ She Can't Be It' without prompting of any stimulus material


## Awareness of women in sport

Base: All respondents 16+-1003

The $20 \times 20$ movement has changed my mindset positively towards girls and women in sport


I now support girls or women in sport more than before because of the $20 \times 20$ movement

I now participate in girl's/women's sport or physical activity more than before, because of the $20 \times 20$ movement


| 18 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 20 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

- Strongly ag ree $\quad$ Slightly agree $\quad$ Unsure $■$ Slightly disagree ■ Strongly disagree

I now see/read about women's sport more than before, because of the $20 \times 20$ movement



I now see/read about women's sport more than before, because of the $20 \times 20$ movement

| $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 \%}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| (of | (of |
| women) | women) |

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 $20 \times 20$ movement. Also a similar proportion acknowledge that the
$20 \times 20$ 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 $\mathbf{2 0 \times 2 0}$ movement.

Impact of the campaign: 9 in 10 agree having seen the $20 \times 20$ 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



## Feelings towards brands linked with the women in sport movement


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- Strongly agree - Slightly agree - Unsure - Slightly disagree - Strongly disagree

I feel more positively towards the brands that are associated with the women in sport movement


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.

## 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 $20 \times 20$ initiative.
- Over $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ of those aware of $20 \times 20$ 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 $20 \times 20$ (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 $20 \times 20$, with $25 \%$ of all adults spontaneously aware of $20 \times 20$ '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 $20 \times 20$ initiative when prompted (i.e. total awareness of $20 \times 20$ ). This peaks to almost half of $18-34 \mathrm{~s}$. Strong recall across males and females, but the impact of the initiative seems to be even great at changing male attitudes.

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about women's sport more than before, because of the $20 \times 20$ movement. Also a similar proportion acknowledge that the $20 \times 20$ 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 $20 \times 20$ now agree they participate in sport or physical activity more than before, because of the $20 \times 20$ 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 $20 \times 20$ 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


## Impact of the $20 \times 20$ campaign

9 in 10 agree having seen the $20 \times 20$ 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.

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## In summary

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

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


But they're missing the inspiration


## Thank you



## Delve Deeper

