ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Library Resource

Welcome

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Deborah Goatley-Birch
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Artist Deborah Goatley-Birch was originally commissioned to create this resource by The FA and UEFA organising team behind UEFA Women's EURO 2022, with support from Libraries Connected, Arts Council England and Host City Partners, to enable communities to come together and celebrate the tournament in England. Following the success of the tournament and a spectacular England win, the pack has been re-purposed to be used as an on-going resource to celebrate our England Women.

The resource is accompanied by a reading list, curated with the support of The National Literacy Trust, as part of the #WEURO2022 tournament Schools Resources. This can be found on:

https://www.figc-fis.eu/

Additionally, there are supporting documents of templates and help guides.

The resource can also be used at home for family craft activities.

Use #EnglandWomen and #Lionesses to share your community's work with us on social media

The activities within this pack draw on aspects of **celebration, fanzine** *and* **campaigning**, *with items such as banners, posters and rosettes.*

There are tips and suggestions on how this can be linked into broader library/community activities and events. We have provided three case studies which reference a key person from the history of the England Women team. You will find books featuring trailblazing sports people and other inspirational stories in the reading list to help create dialogue about **inclusion, overcoming barriers and celebrating communal 'team spirit'**.

Resource Overview

The women's game has faced many challenges and triumphs. Spanning many generations, from the original trailblazers to the current players, the history of women's football illustrates that with determination and support, as individuals and communities, ***we can overcome barriers and inspire others****.*

You can find more history of the women's game on:

https://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/history

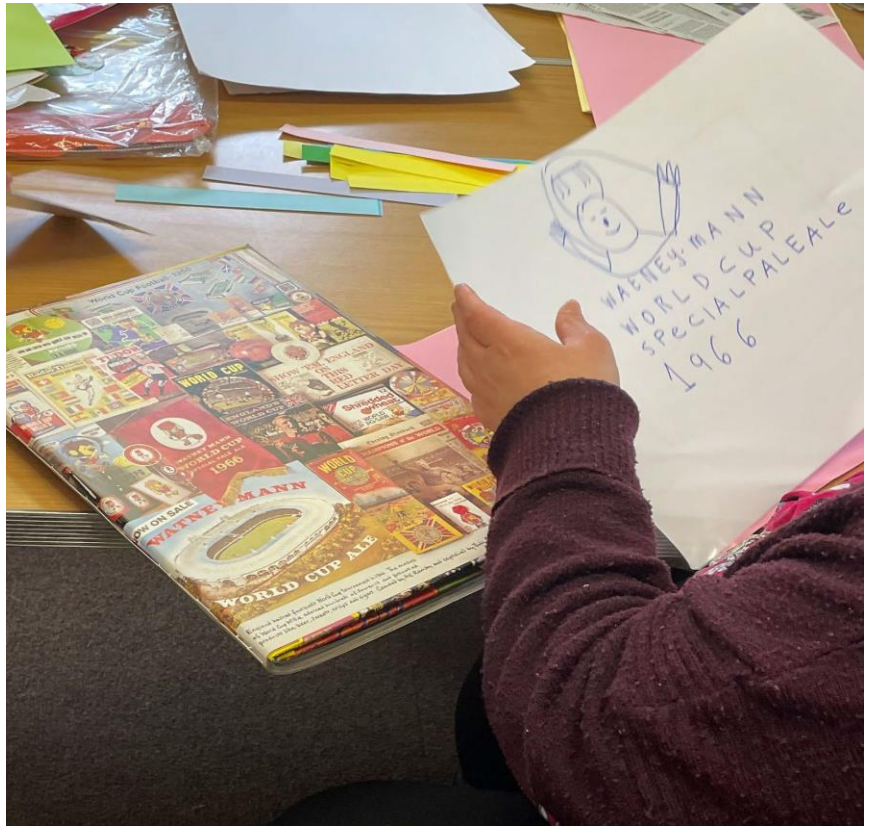

Image taken at an artist workshop with members of the FNC, a charity for adults with learning disabilities

Libraries Overview

This resource aims to engage your library community to celebrate and be inspired by England Women. The pack gives librarians the tools to work creatively with a range of communities such as young and older people, refugees, with Rhyme Time or Knit and Natter groups. There are additional resources to enable you to work more effectively with disabled participants.

The resource can be used flexibly across age ranges and is accessible to people of all abilities. The focus of the activities can be linked to football matches or tournaments, to fans, to local archives, and can also be adapted to the history of women's football and its link to social and political activism and the development of women's rights.

Good To Know

- *Activity times vary between 15-60 minutes*
- *Ability to choose individual activities from the resources*
- *Ability to interpret resources as appropriate to your library community*
- *Inclusive resources to engage with wider community*

Case Studies

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Introducing Patricia Gregory

Patricia Gregory may not consider herself a great football player, but she is a football hero. Her story is integral to the history of women's football and inspirational to sportswomen worldwide. Patricia organised the first ever match for the England Women in 1972 when they played there first ever international.

Her determination, strength, and resilience inspired others to join her, showing football can bring communities together. A written account of Patricia's inspirational story is provided in the printable resource sheets.

You can see a film of her talking about that first 1972 match at: https://www.englandfootball.com/england/womens-senior-team/Legacy

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Introducing Kerry Davis

One of the Lionesses' all-time top scorers, Kerry Davis was one of the first players of duel heritage to play for the women's national side, forming a crucial part of the Lionesses attack for almost sixteen years. She racked up an astonishing 44 goals in 82 games – a total surpassed only by Kelly Smith in 2012, and Ellen White in 2021.

Born in Stoke to a Jamaican father and English mother, Kerry joined Crewe Women at the age of sixteen, making her England debut in 1982 whilst at the club.

Case Studies Activities

Case studies can be used with Activities 1 - 4 to create a rosette, a library letter trail, a banner or display with books from the reading list. You could reach out to local community such as to Girlguiding groups for volunteers to help with some of the activities.

You may also want to create your own case study of a local hero or get participants to write/tell stories of people who have inspired them. Maybe, like Patricia, participants might want to write a letter to their local paper or create a short poem about an issue that think is not fair, this case study can be used to inspire ideas.

You will need: PVA Glue

Activity Time: 30-45 mins

Activities

Activity 1: Paper Rosettes

A Rosette can be used as a form of celebration, award or achievement. In the early 1900's supporters of the women's movement were encouraged to wear rosettes in the campaign for 'Votes for Women'.

Make and dedicate a rosette to England Women or for a local football team, country or inspirational sportswomen, or perhaps it could celebrate a friend or family member. You can engage with Knit and Natter groups to create rosette bunting, knitted or crocheted rosettes. You can also recycle old magazines, fabric (using pinking shears).

An 'Easy Read' version of this activity is available from the downloadable resources

Activity 1: Examples

Activity 2: Rosette Letter Trail

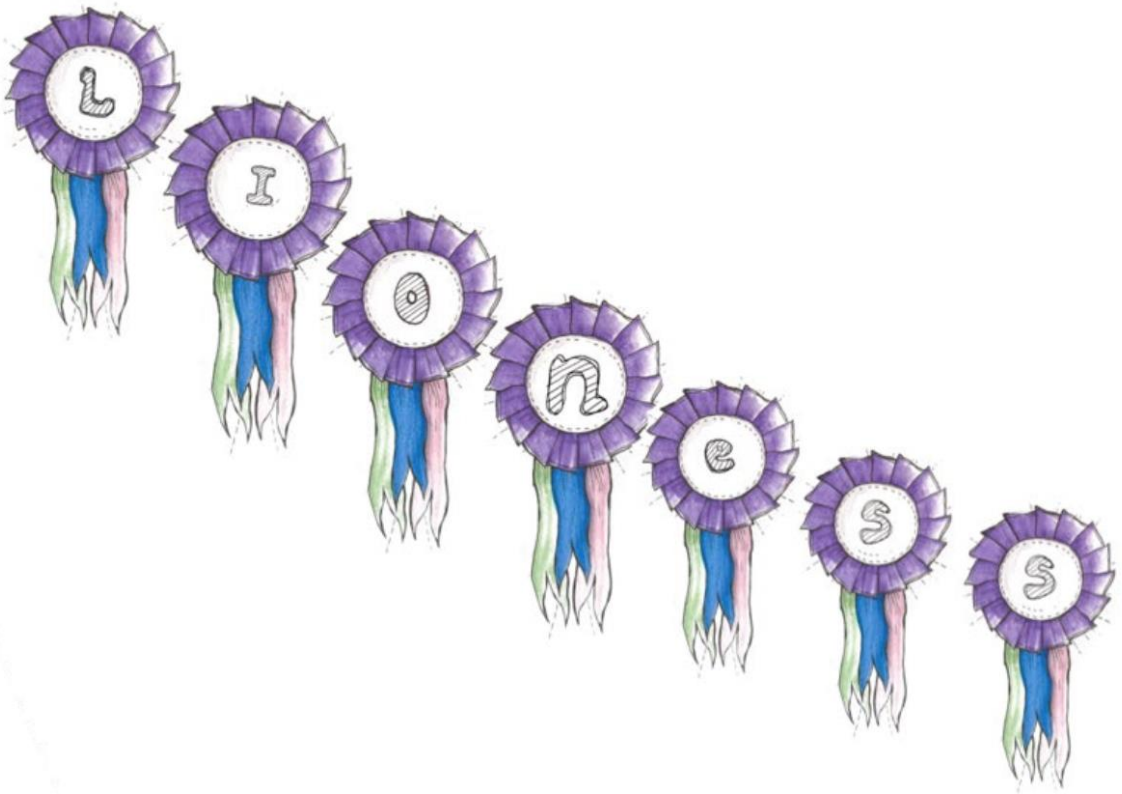
Create a rosette letter trail hidden around the library. You can print and colour one of our rosettes from the illustration provided in the printable resource sheets or make the paper rosettes in activity one.

The trail illustrated spells the word 'Lioness', however this activity can be reworked to be linked to one of the case studies provided or to the UEFA Women's EURO 2022 reading list.

Perhaps there is a local hero you would like to celebrate? You can extend this activity by searching your archive for local heroes.

You will need: Rosette Template

Activity Time: 20 mins



Activity 3: Paper Banners

Celebrate England Women by creating a colourful banner. The banner can be made using a combination of activities 1- 4.

A banner template is provided in the printable resource sheets. This activity can be linked to one of the case studies provided or a story from the reading list.

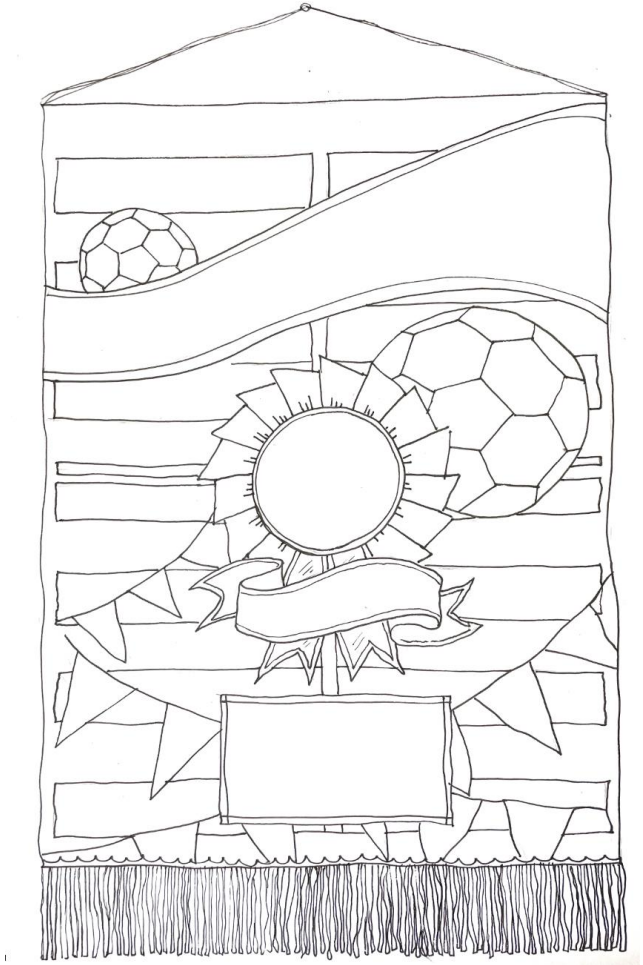
You can engage with local charities, toddler or young people's groups to take part in print and colour activity and then parade their banners!

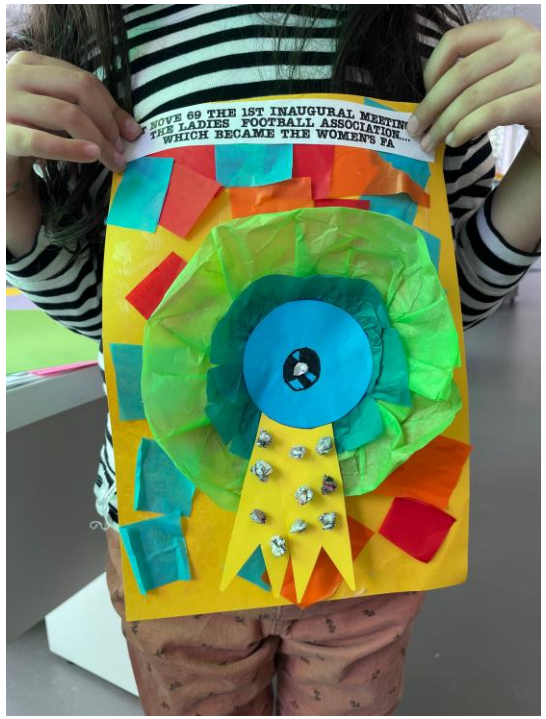
You will need: Print and colour image sheets

Activity Time : 30-60 mins handmade decoration

This additional resource can be found in the printable resources.

Activity 3: Examples





Print and colour banner – an accessible colouring guide version of this activity is available from the downloadable resources

Activity 4: Celebration Display

Tournament time celebration!

Make a football fan display or community collage to celebrate key tournaments (i.e. FIFA Women's World Cup 2023). The display can feature one of the case studies provided or other inspirational stories from local history and archival research. The display can be made using a combination of activities 1 - 3 and printable resources

This activity can be linked to the reading list. A local school or community group may like to participate in decorating the display using some of the other activities provided.

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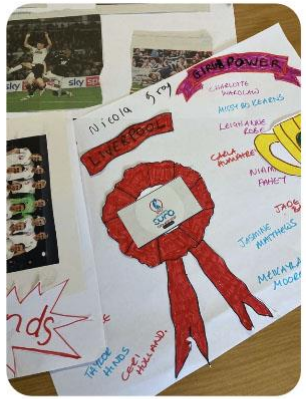
Activity Time: 30-60 mins handmade decoration

Activity 4: Examples



Activity 5 : Roar For England Noisy mask making session

As part of the UEFA Women's EURO 2022, The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) ran workshops in host city communities to help create 11 UEFA Women's EURO 2022 anthems.

Rhyme Time groups could create animal anthems by putting together different animal sounds. To help with this, you could print and colour a lioness mask. Instructions are provided in the printable resource sheets. This activity can also be linked to some of the books in the KS1 reading list.

You will need: Activity Time

Printed Mask Template: 15-30 mins

Activity 5: Examples

The Beautiful Game anthem

You can teach older groups or adults The Beautiful Game anthem or the Momentum Challenge commissioned with The RPO or use one of the host city anthems as inspiration for group writing sessions or discussions about your city or football club.

You can download the RPO materials (including BSL and Makaton versions) from: www.rpo.co.uk/rpo-resound/womens-euro-anthem.

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