

**Westminster Media Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for women's grassroots and elite sports in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Grey-Thompson**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sport
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for women's sport across all levels**  
**Dame Caroline Dinenage MP**, Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Committee (pre-recorded contribution)
- 9.15 **Women's sports in the UK - current and emerging priorities for policy, growth, and competitiveness**  
Senior representative, sport body  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.45 **'How we need to change the sporting landscape for girls'**  
**Stephanie Hilborne**, Chief Executive Officer, Women in Sport
- 9.55 **Grassroots women's sport - closing the participation gap, increasing opportunity for young girls, and developing the sports offer in and out of school**  
**Lauren Spray**, Women and Girls in Golf Manager, England Golf  
**Ruth Wilkin**, Head of PE, Westcliff High School for Girls  
**Wendy Taylor**, Development Manager, Girls, Youth Sport Trust
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Grey-Thompson**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sport
- 10.35 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **The media landscape for women's sport - priorities for development and growth**  
**Jo Osborne**, Head of Women's Sport, Sky
- 10.55 **Increasing media exposure of women's sport - assessing key issues and further opportunities for driving commercial success and investment**  
**Tammy Parlour**, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Sport Trust  
**Kirsten Sibbit-Johnston**, Associate Director, The Sports Consultancy  
**Alan Rowan**, Sports Economy Lead, Department for Business and Trade
- 11.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Personal experiences of elite sport - journey to Olympic Gold**  
**Tessa Sanderson CBE**, Olympic Gold Medallist, Javelin
- 11.40 **Athletes' health and safety - tackling sexism, misogyny, and risks of abuse**  
**Dr Alex Culvin**, Head of Strategy and Research, FIFPro  
**Victoria Evans**, Solicitor, Level  
**Rachel Faull-Brown**, Player Welfare Manager, England Rugby  
**Sarah Powell**, Chief Executive Officer, British Gymnastics
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Women's sports as part of the Government's wider sports strategy**  
**Laura Denison**, Head of Elite, International and Women's Sport, DCMS  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster Media Forum