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Feminism, equal rights and democracy in sport

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All forms of social organisation and activity are political. We recognise the importance of power relations in everyday activities such as sport and aim to equality them. Sport is a fundamental element for sociality, social integration and the personal well-being: hence the right to access to sports has to be granted to everybody, equally.

Nonetheless, all the focus in sports in society is on men, women sports are often underfunded and get less attention than men. We need more equality and rights for all genders in sports and also for disabled people. We need to get rid of sexism, homo- and transphobia and discrimination in sports and appreciate athletes as they are. The focus must be on their sports career, not in their gender or sexuality. We mustn't treat the athletes as objects.

We the Young European Socialists demand that the international Olympic Committee and national Olympics committees only allow the Olympic Games to be held in countries where human rights are respected and protected. We ask FIFA also to stand up against corruption. Too many of the greatest sport stadiums in the world are built on slavery, even now as we speak. We cannot tolerate human rights violations hidden in the name of sports.

We stand for the participation and awareness of women and disabled people and LGBTQIA* rights in sports. We call on FIFA and all international sport organisations to sign the Brighton Declaration on Women and Sport. We oppose the weakening of democracy, and call out for transparency, access and participation in sport.