

IN 2014 THE GENDER GAP STOOD AT 1.8M



Source: Active People Survey









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women size 18 or above

backgrounds.

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85% of the images only showed slim, toned, women perceived to be a size 10 or smaller

Just 2% of imagery showed women as being sweaty, red-faced or visibly out of breath, and

65% of imagery returned by this search term also appeared to show women aged under

Less than one third of imagery featured women from Black, Asian and minority ethnic

Only 14% of women were thought to be size 12-16, with only 5% of images showing

in only 9% of imagery did women appear to be finding their activity challenging

35, with only 20% perceived to be between 35-50 and 15% considered to be 50+



What makes This Girl Can different?

TLDR? Our women

| Being sweaty | | fit enough | Wearing tight clothing | |
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| | UNIVE | ERSAL B | ARRIER | |
| Having a | | | ules Showing their bo | ody |
| Family shoul | d be more importar | nt Bringir | ng the wrong equipment | |
| Not being | good enough | Looking silly | Holding back the group |) |
| Studying sha | | FJJD | GEMEN | up' |
| Exercise isn't | cool Not ap | pearing feminine | Wearing sports clothing | |
| Time with fr | iends should be mo | re important | Changing in front of oth | ers |
| Being the on | ly new person | Wearing the | wrong clothing/kit | |
| | Not being competi | tive enough | Developing too many muse | les |

Body parts wobbling when exercising



Being seen as too competitive



JUDGED ON WHAT?







An authentic celebration of active women everywhere

- Streetcasting
- Breadth of activities that our women and girls genuinely did
- Variety of ages, shapes, sizes & skill levels
- ALL with a 'don't give a damn' attitude

We quickly learnt that being relatable was key

| Looks like m | е | Acts like me | Sounds like me | |
|----------------|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Red faced | | Isn't an expert | That's what I worry about | |
| Swea | ting | Isn't the fastest | | |
| No air-brushir | ıg | Isn't the strongest | Talks like one of the girls | |
| | size ethnicity faith age disabilities | Diversity in: location/venu sport/activit alone/friend | ty | |

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I jiggle, therefore I am.





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I kick balls. Deal with it.



A kick right in the stereotypes.



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I swim because I love my body. Not because I hate it.



This Take me as I am or watch me as I go.

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Cuter than a dumbbell, but just as heavy.



THIS Ny alarm clock is set for 6 °C.

The insight also told us to go where women are



This Girl Can | Sprinkle of Glitter | ad

Sprinkleofglitter 20 1 year ago * 267,426 views Previous Video - http://bit.ly/1JjZH9L Being Body Confident http://bit.ly/1v8zH7N Vlogmas 2014 - http://bit.ly/1Gn6nBG - Paid for ...





Lauren @LaurenTeresa95 · 3h @ThisGirlCanUK Feeling empowered while waiting for the train! #ThisGirlCan pic.twitter.com/sXV7YBwDBH

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@LaurenTeresa95 That's what we like to hear!

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tori @Stickytoria · Dec 15 On the way to the gym....end up in Costa. ...oops!! #nomotivation pic.twitter.com/GtEeCWS1sq

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@Stickytoria We couldn't help but smile...and you did have the initial motivation kudos for that! Another try tomorrow #thisgirlcan



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Gotta get my fitness back. Changing up my routines to avoid boredom & shock my body back to shape. Running sucks but if #ThisGirlCan you can

| Another try tomorrow? :) | * t3 * ··· |
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| | 9:00 PM - 9 Mar 2015 |
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| | Reply to @Moxie_Burlesque |
| UK @Stickytoria | This Girl Can @ThisGirlCanUK · Mar 10 |
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| <pre>ICanUK · Dec 15 k for tomorrow! Let us know how it goes :) d #thisgirlcan</pre> | Miss Moxie @Moxie_Burlesque · Mar 10 @ThisGirlCanUK thanks! Routine is: run Mon, yoga Tues, burlesque Weds, weights/core Thurs (in Apr) pole with @Etrois_LouLou |

#DoWhatYouLove



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Reply to @ThisGirlCanUK @Stickytoria

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3:42 PM - 15 Dec 2014



tori @Stickytoria · Dec 15 @ThisGirlCanUK haha yes. I'm trying again tomorrow, with no #motivation #thisgirlcan





This Girl Can @ThisGirlCanUK · Dec 15 @Stickytoria Good luck for tomorrow! Let us know how it goes #coffeeandcakeallowed #thisgirlcan

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We celebrate the active women who are doing their thing no matter how they look or even how sweaty they get. Powered by National Lottery players. vm.tiktok.com/eh91u6

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#FITGOT REAL

WHAT FREE OR LOW COST ACTIVITIES CAN YOU RECOMMEND TO DO IN YOUR LOCAL PARK?



When the world changed, so did we...





And the results....

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- Four million women took action as a result of This Girl Can
- We influenced the representation of women and girls in media and marketing around the world
- Over 16,000 organisations use our free images to promote physical activity
- A new editorial image library has recently opened this up to media







Building local impact



BUILD A COMMUNITY OF TRUST WITH PARTNERS



PROVIDE THOUGHT LEADERSHIP



ANCHOR ACTIVITY IN INSIGHT



BAKE SUSTAINABILITY INTO PROGRAMME DESIGN



DRIVE FOR A RIPPLE EFFECT



ADDRESS WOMEN'S HOLISTIC NEEDS



PROVIDE A PLATFORM TO ELEVATE FEMALE LEADERS



MAKE COMMUNICATIONS LOCALLY MEANINGFUL



FOSTER INTERNAL CONNECTIONS



ADOPT MULTI-LAYERED EVALUATION



Lessons we've learned

- 1. Remember we are all individual
- 2. Use everyday, relatable people
- 3. Don't sanitise, airbrush or filter
- 4. Don't always go for the obvious or easy option
- 5. Keep challenging your own unconscious and confirmation biases
- 6. Make it easy for partners and the media to find images too
- 7. Recognise it's about changing cultures as well as achieving objectives
- 8. Accept that the work is never done

The Strategy

Fear of Judgement: appearance, ability, priorities

Celebrate

How getting active can make us feels - joyful, free, strong

- New creative material and updated messaging
- Updated website
- New social media strategy
- Stakeholder briefing

Agitate

Challenge the cultures and structures that reinforce emotional practical barriers: Body image & representation Tackling harassment, intimidation and fear Impact of lockdown on women's lives No woman left behind

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- Social media
- PR strategy
- TGC blog

Collaborate Stakeholder and influencer briefings

Work with a wide range of partners to better understand and meet the needs of our target audiences: Community Fund Brand and activation partners Local and community groups Motherhood orgs Selected charities/orgs tbc

Responding to the news or sporting agenda but only when we can add value

Naturally, tactics and channels will overlap and these lists are not complete

| 1. Strongly agree | 2. Strongly agree/ Agree | 3. Priority groups |
|---|--|---|
| Men are more likely to 'strongly | When we look through the lens of | Across every like-for-like |
| agree' that they 'find sport / exercise | overall agreement (strongly agree | demographic, women consistently |
| enjoyable and satisfying' with 37.3% | and agree combined) 76.8% of | find exercise less enjoyable |
| of men agreeing compared to 25.8% | men in and 69.3% of women agree | compared to men. White -11.2% Asian (ex. Chinese) -13.3% Black – 16.7% Ethnic (other) – 9.8% Lower-socio economic groups - |
| of women (difference 11.5%). | (difference 7.5%). | 10.4% Disability -8.6* |

Enjoyment is the biggest driver of engaging people in sport, exercise and activity. Currently however, there is a clear 'enjoyment gap' between women and men (approximately 11.5%*) that needs to be addressed and goes some way to explaining why fewer women are active in England compared to men. Of course, as with the fear of judgement, the perceived lack of enjoyment of exercise, sport and activity can exist for both men and women. However, there are clear, specific barriers that impact women's enjoyment of activity and stop them getting active.

In 2022, 'This Girl Can' will focus on addressing those key motivators that will make the biggest contribution to ensuring more women get active and enjoy their experience of exercise, sport and activity. We will bring onboard partners, giving them a clear role, to do what they can to close the enjoyment gap, thereby enabling them to make a meaningful and tangible difference to the female experience of exercise.

The four key motivators that we have identified that are:

- 1. Making it more <u>sociable</u> As humans, social interaction is essential to every aspect of our health. Having a strong network of support or strong community bonds fosters both emotional and physical health and is an important component in getting women to start or to maintain activity.
- 2. Making it more <u>suitable</u> Feeling that exercise and sport 'is for somebody like me' is essential for people to be able to get active. This means that activity needs to be able to fit into a women's lifestyle and is pitched at the right level to start or progress with.
- 3. Presenting it as something that is <u>self-affirming</u> Sport and activity for women is too often focused on weight loss or obtaining personal bests. Broadening the rewards of activity to cover how it makes women feel or how it can be done to benefit others will help to make women feel that exercise is something worth pursuing.
- 4. Making it <u>safer</u> Sport and exercise have traditionally been the reserve of men, where both structural and educational shortcomings that have led to intimidating environments, especially in gyms, for many women. This lack of feeling safe is a major factor that puts women off engaging in activity.

 *Source: Sport England Active Lives

Section 2: Behaviour change theories

How This Girl Can supports behaviour change



A whole range of factors shape who we are, what we think and how we behave



Source: Public Health England. Improving people's health: Applying behavioural and social sciences to improve population heath and wellbeing in England. 2018

Today's session



The SelfDetermination Theory



How the Sel-fDetermination Theory Works



How the Sel-fDetermination Theory Works Part 2



(Based on Ryan, R.M. & Deci, E.L. (2000). Self-Determination Theory and the Facilitation of Intrinsic Motivation, Social Development, and Well-Being. American Psychologist. 55(1), 68-78.)

Autonomy



Competence



Relatedness



Section 3: Your turn

Worksheet

- 1. Who is your target audience?
- 2. What do you know about them?
- 4. How could you find out more?
- 5. What are their barriers?
 - 1. Practically
 - 2. Emotionally
- 6. What extrinsic and intrinsic motivations would help them get active?

7. Using the Com-B model – what does this mean for how your sport or activity could be shaped and promoted?

8. Wht does digital marketing strategy and plans?

What does this mean for us?

Emotional (Motivation)

Feeling that others are judging me for my ability (Ingrained from school onwards)

Feeling bad about my appearance

Feeling that I should be doing something else

Practical (Capability)

Physical issues (e.g. tiredness, aches and pains, injuries, medical conditions, disabilities)

Exercises / classes / activities being too difficult

Not knowing how to exercise or what is best for my body

Not having the right kit / equipment / clothing

Not having enough time No one to look after the kids

Structural (Opportunity)

Concerns about safety when getting active / getting to / from activity

Feeling harassed, watched, or bothered by other people when exercising

Associating it with weight loss / weight management

Not having my personal needs (religious / cultural / medical) catered to

Not having access to or not being able to afford to do the type of exercise I want

A new, unifying, holistic barrier to exercise:



A FOCUS ON ENJOYMENT

Only 26% of women strongly agree that they find sport and exercise enjoyable and satisfying [Sport England – Active Lives Adult May 20-21]



Discussion

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