

With two years to go until the Netball World Cup 2023, World Netball reveals their ‘Your Netball World’ mosaic of inspiring global stories

Today World Netball reveals their ‘Your Netball World’ mosaic, filled with over 1,400 inspirational stories from athletes, officials, and grassroots netball players from around the world. With individual messages from every continent, big netball names such as South African Proteas Karla Pretorius, Botswana International Francinah Eyman, England International Beth Cobden, Jamaican International Shamera Sterling and the likes of Gary Burgess, Lisa Alexander AM and Tamsin Greenway and have all added tiles to the mosaic, celebrating a world united by our unique sport.

Here are just some of the inspirational stories from the mosaic’s entrants:

Karla Pretorius, South African Netballer and Vitality Netball World Cup 2019 player of the tournament: “The opportunity netball gives me to form long-lasting relationships.”

Francinah Eyman, Botswana International: “Behind this big smile is a girl who had a dream of playing for her country and has seen it all, from playing barefooted on a dusty court in school to leading the national team. I’m grateful for netball for teaching me teamwork, empath and love.”

Tamsin Greenway, former England player, Scotland head coach, Sky presenter/pundit: “Netball is my passion. It has given me friends, adventures and memories to last a lifetime.”

Beth Cobden, England Commonwealth Games gold medallist and 2021 VSNL winner with Loughborough Lightning: “Working together with a group of awesome women all chasing the same goal. Can’t beat the friendships, fun, challenges and memories netball provides!”

Urvashi Kumar, grassroots player from Australia: “Netball has raised me as a sport. I don’t know where I would be today without the assets and skills I have equipped mentally and physically, without it there would be a missing aspect of me. Netball revolves around my identity, and I’m eternally thankful.”

Eunice Kirsma-Ann Japone, grassroots player from the Philippines: “Netball has been my second home because I’m with my second family: my sisters through thick and thin.”

Marking the start of the two-year countdown to the Netball World Cup in South Africa, a prize draw will now take place, with one lucky winner winning a trip of a lifetime to be a spectator at the world’s most prestigious netball competition, which takes place from 28 July – 6 August 2023.

As well as this, World Netball will shortly be announcing their Courage Ambassador. Standing alongside fellow ambassadors, who will be globally recognised athletes, officials and sporting figures, the Courage Ambassador lives and breathes netball.

In recognition of their embodiment of a core World Netball value, the Courage Ambassador will have a role at the Netball World Cup 2023, South Africa in a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be part of the global, iconic event.

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