

Thesis title: Boxing, Gender and Development: An Organisational Ethnography of Boxgirls Kenya

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What is your current role, and what does your work involve?

I am the Senior Sport Development Officer at British Blind Sport. At British Blind Sport we work to ensure blind and partially sighted people have the same opportunities as sight people to access and enjoy sport and physical activity. My role has two main work streams. The first is around establishing and managing strategic national partnerships; the second is focused on monitoring, evaluation, learning and research to ensure we can demonstrate our impact.

How did your PhD help prepare you for this role?

My PhD was focused on Sport for Development and gender, so it prepared me well for working in a sport development role with an inclusion focus. My PhD was also pivotal in me securing a role with a remit on research, as my PhD really demonstrated my research skills and experience.

What knowledge or skills from your PhD do you use most in your work today?

The skills I use the most are my inquisitiveness and my ability to create rapport with a range of stakeholders. My PhD also instilled in me to put the participant first and ask them their opinions - this is something I bring to my current role too.

What advice would you give to current PhD students as they think about their future careers?

While a PhD primarily trains you for an academic career - make sure you think about the vast variety of skills that you are developing through your PhD journey as these may just come in useful if you decide to venture outside of academia. It is also worth remembering that research skills are highly valued in a variety of industries.