



## Sandra's at centre of ITTF equality campaign

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Table Tennis England Chairman Sandra Deaton has been singled out as an inspiring role model by an ITTF campaign to empower more women to play leading roles in the sport.

Sandra is part of the latest broadcast in the #FEMCampaign 2021 Virtual Interview Series, a four-part series leading up to World Table Tennis Day on April 6.

The main focus of WTTD is #FEMpowerment, and the lead-up to the day includes various initiatives towards women's empowerment and gender equality.

Sandra was interviewed alongside Constantina Crotta, competition manager for the Tokyo Paralympics and an international referee.

They talked about what had inspired them to get involved in table tennis, and the skills, motivation and passion they and other women need to achieve in the sport.

Sandra said: "I am honoured to be part of the ITTF FEM Campaign. The sport of table tennis requires players to have both physical and mental fitness and it is important that all females involved at whatever level realise they have these characteristics.

"Using these skill and believing in themselves gives them the tools to lead and drive in many different aspects of the sport.

"This campaign is highlighting the opportunities which are out there and I am delighted to be able to be part of the distribution of this important message."

The interview was broadcast on the ITTF Facebook page and YouTube channel – watch below.

It is the second in the series of four, each about outstanding and inspiring women in table tennis, and follows last week's film about female elite athletes and coaches with guests Tamara Boroš and Matilda Ekholm.

The next two films in the series will be shown on the ITTF Facebook page on the following two Fridays.

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