

5 Worksheet on Mediation – Answer Key

Text: “Going for Goal”, from: Michael Mitchell, *Ethnic Diversity in the UK*, Viewfinder Topics (München: Langenscheidt, 2010), pp. 34 ff.

B TASKS

1 Film title

ideas:

- SUPER SOCCER GIRLS
- FUßBALL IST FRAUENSACHE!
- FUßBALL UNDER COVER
- FAMILIE – FREUNDSCHAFT - FUßBALL
- WENN MÄDCHEN FUßBALL SPIELEN
- DIE FREIHEIT IST RUND (cf. headline newspaper article SZ, task 2)

2 Einen deutschen Zeitungsartikel auf Englisch zusammenfassen

Afghan women footballers

'Bend It' in Stuttgart

In January 2008, 18 women selected for the Afghan Women's national football team spent two weeks in Germany doing what they love best: playing football. But the training camp was not only about football, it was about escaping from the difficulties at home, about making dreams come true, about women's rights.

Since 2003, the German football trainer Klaus Stärk, 54, has been a kind of football aid worker in Kabul. The project, which was financed by the German government, also included youth and men's teams. Stärk used to work in Lebanon, Mongolia, and Pakistan training footballers and coaches before he came to Afghanistan. However, he admits that Afghanistan is different as it is more dangerous.

In fact, women aren't really allowed to play football in public. They hide their sports bags from their neighbours and have to play on a playing field which is part of the ISAF compound and which is protected by the military. This is because many people still believe that women shouldn't study, work, drive a car, or play football. There are no women's teams outside the capital, Kabul, and a lot of people in Afghan society oppose the idea of women playing. Others see it as symbolic: it is not so much the football, but the fact that women are doing something for women's rights in Afghanistan that is most important.

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