

GROW THE GAME: BUILDING ATHLETES, LEADERS AND AMBASSADORS

GRASSROOTS CONVENTION 2026



22–23 JANUARY
MÄLMO / SWEDEN

• THURSDAY 22 / 01 / 26

08:15	Accreditation	
09:00	Welcome	
09:15	KEYNOTE	Viktor Glatthard: The digital boost for grassroots handball: The Learn Handball App
MAIN ROOM		
09:45	Harriet Barker: Handball Unlocked – Understanding handball as a tool for lasting change and social impact	
10:15	Filipe Duque: Baby handball on Terceira island	
10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15	Vanessa Patucca-Bourgeais: Kindergarten handball: A societal asset	
11:45	Carlos Prieto: Grassroots coaching: The importance of emotional intelligence	
12:15	PANEL	Andrea Lekić & Katrine Lunde: A unique voice for women's handball: Her Playground & the Role Models Project
13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:30	PANEL	Jennie Linnell, Ljubomir Vranjes: Paying attention to the invisible: understanding the value of mental health
15:15	Ljubomir Vranjes: Supporting athletes holistically	
15:45	Viran Morros: Support your players	
16:15	COFFEE BREAK	
16:45	KEYNOTE	Randi Gustad: Beyond the game: Norway's winning strategy for women's empowerment
17:15	Ricardo Candeias: Sporting CP Academy	
17:45	KEYNOTE	Magnus Guldager & Morten Christensen: Talent development in Skanderborg and Denmark
18:15	PANEL	Aleix Caussa, Ricardo Candeias & Jérôme Diaz: The academies of tomorrow: Models to develop players
20:00	NETWORKING	

• FRIDAY 23 / 01 / 26

08:30	Aleix Caussa Roca: BM Granollers: Competing against giants	Robert Novotny: The role of long-term athlete development in building players and supporting grassroots
09:00	Andrew Kinselle & Jérôme Diaz: The MHB Academy: an example of French-style training	Tanja Šarenac: Experiences from practice: Gender differences in learning, feedback, and cueing in athletic development
COFFEE BREAK		
10:00	KEYNOTE	Ricardo Clarijs: From Papendal Academy to international top level
10:30	PANEL	Tanja Šarenac, Robert Novotny & Jesper Bencke: Built to play: science, practice and individualised approaches to injury prevention
11:15	Closing remarks	