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Hi, I'm Kate Holland, and welcome to another episode of Newsreel.

Coming up:

Making the UK's streets safer.

Katrina: If it's dark I really try not to walk home alone, but if I have to, I'll call someone and I'll share my location.

But first.

Tokyo Olympics 2021

Athletes competing in this year's Olympic Games are struggling to get fit because of the impact the Coronavirus pandemic has had on their physical and mental training. The games were due to take place in Tokyo last year, but will now be held this July.

Allyson Felix is an American runner. This is her talking on the BBC's podcast, The Conversation.

Allyson Felix: I'm based in Los Angeles and there are very few facilities that are even open, currently right now we're training in the street.

Allyson has been able to continue her training in the street. Others have been more severely affected.

Hollie Arnold is a British Paralympic athlete. This is her speaking to BBC Sports.

Hollie Arnold: I can't do training. I feel like it's like a mental block right now. I don't have any energy, I don't have any oomph in me at all to try and do something.

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But Hollie says that she will be training hard over the next few months before the Olympics begin.

Street Harassment

On the 3rd March, a woman called Sarah Everard was murdered as she was walking home alone in London. Her death has sparked a huge national conversation about street safety and harassment towards girls and women, by men.

An investigation by UN Women UK found that 97% of women aged 18-24 have been sexually harassed. That includes unwanted physical and verbal harassment.

Katrina: If it's dark I really try not to walk home alone, but if I have to, I'll call someone and I'll share my location. And then if I see people in front of me, I'll cross the road.

This is Katrina. She's 21 and lives in Suffolk. She told me that she has felt unsafe alone in public since she was very young.

Katrina: Walking to school and stuff, that's when I first noticed, you know, the cars like beeping or you know, just people shouting stuff at you.

Katrina thinks there is a big problem with girls being taught that it is their responsibility to keep safe.

Katrina: The problem has been put on the women, because we've been taught what to do, what not to do, which then obviously creates the feeling of guilt if something happens.

Joe is 20, and lives in Durham in the North of England. When he went to university, he realized it was a bigger problem than he thought.

Joe: A lot of my female friends have told me about harassment and the fact they're scared to walk home alone at night. But I do think with more awareness raised around it and more discussion in male spaces, there will be a reduced risk of this occurring.

Katrina agrees that more discussion among men is the best solution.

Katrina: Until we stop teaching girls it's their job to keep themselves safe, and we start teaching boys and men not to hurt women and not to harass women, nothing will change.

Verbal street harassment, sometimes known as catcalling, is not illegal in the UK. But two young sisters, Maya and Gemma Tutton, started a campaign

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called Our Streets Now, which aims to end Public Sexual Harassment in the UK by making it a criminal offence. This is Maya, speaking on BBC News.

Maya Tutton: We need to as a society, and our politicians need to be answering this problem with real solutions, and that's what we're asking for.

Maya says that making street harassment illegal would help to improve women's safety.

I'll be back on the 24th April with more Newsreel stories. But for now, goodbye!

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