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Graduate Women International celebrates the power of education in its webinar "International Day of Peace: Celebrations across Generations"

Geneva, Switzerland, 14 September 2021 – To emphasise how education is our most valuable weapon to foster peace and to mark International Day for Peace, the Graduate Women International (GWI) Young Member Network (YMN), will hold its fourth and final webinar in the "Connecting Across Generations" series on 18 September 2021, 4-5:30pm CEST under the title, *International Day of Peace: Celebrations Across Generations*. The webinar will welcome women from many parts of the world, all driven by the desire to promote peace through inclusive education up to the highest levels. GWI members are invited to register today by clicking HERE.

The purpose of the GWI YMN "Connecting Across Generations" webinar series is for GWI multigenerational members to learn from each other's life experiences and gain knowledge. And since knowledge sharing has a true community impact dimension, the network chose for this edition to invite their attendees to share their thoughts on what "Peace" mean for them.

In 2019, 48 GWI young members from around the world came together at the GWI Centenary in Geneva, Switzerland, to form a proactive group with the aim to "inspire, empower and mentor women through education". The YMN unites under the mission statement, "GWI Young Members Network stands for passionate proactive female change makers who inspire, empower and mentor women through education to embrace diversity, inclusiveness, friendship, freedom and peace, which leads to strategic actions and positive solutions".

GWI uses the webinar to mark International Day for Peace. In 1919, GWI was founded by Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, Professor Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sidgwick, three university women with the mission to foster peace in the aftermath of the First World War. Over a century later, thousands of graduate women throughout the world share the same vision that inspired those early leaders, and tirelessly advocate to call on States to work for women's empowerment through education as a necessary means to cultivate stability and peace. As contributors to the promotion of peace through education, GWI encourages the wide sharing of its comprehensive social media campaign on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

GWI is a membership-based international NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, with presence in over 60 countries. Founded in 1919, GWI is the leading girls' and women's global organisation advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels. GWI is in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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