



Graduate Women International (GWI)

Graduate Women International (GWI) 2021 YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE



GWI on the front line of unprecedented and multidimensional challenges to the education systems from COVID-19.

Aiming to influence the creation of more resilient education systems that are responsive and adaptive to future crises.

- ✓ Initiated **Organisational Development Process** in support of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4 and capacity building within the United Nations (UN), its agencies and GWI.
- ✓ Announced the 100% virtual **34th Triennial General Assembly** and conference cohosted by the Indian Federation of University Women's Associations.
- ✓ Relocated GWI headquarters to Chemin de Balexert, 7-9, CH-1291 Chatelaine, Switzerland.
- ✓ Awarded **Top-Ranked and Effective** badges from GlobalGiving.



GWI Membership

- ✓ Served over **14'000 members from around the world**. Our members work nationally and internationally to promote safe access to quality, lifelong education for women and girls everywhere.
- ✓ Successfully ran **Membership Marketplace NFA-to-NFA Projects** such as Spanish-speaking culture bridge, sexual harassment at work, Afghan peace negotiations; and **Peer-to-Peer courses** on positive parenting, early career skills, Spanish lessons, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) literacy skills and more!
- ✓ Supported **52 international affiliates**.
- ✓ **Graduate Women New Zealand (GWNZ)** turned **100 years old!**
- ✓ Gained **37 Independent Members** from **22 countries**.



GWI Webinar Series

Adapting to the virtual world, GWI organized multiple webinar series, virtual Meet-n-Greets and educational series amounting to 15 webinars. Thanks to the GWI Board, Committees, NFAs and Independent Members as well as the Office staff and interns who made these webinars a success.



More than **1000** GWI members from **45** different countries participated in the 15 webinars.



Over **90%** of participants rated the webinars as excellent/ very good.



100% of participants reported that they will recommend a **GWI** webinar!



Hosted webinars on **networking**, **women's leadership** and **women in Afghanistan**.



Communication



Through a comprehensive communication plan of daily social media, the Update Newsletter and press releases, GWI advanced its mission locally, nationally and internationally.



More than **2,000** social media posts published across Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.



Registered a **96%** increase in views for social media posts, updates, and other content.



Published **27** Update Newsletters, totalling around **210** article write-ups.

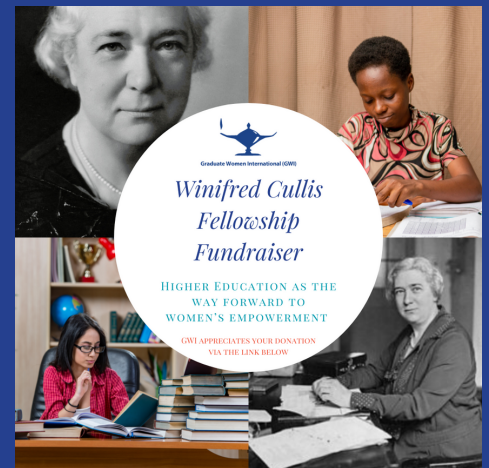


Issued **18** press releases, infographics and NFA press release templates.



GWI Projects and Programmes

- ✓ Continued the **Girls Education for Brighter Futures GlobalGiving fundraising programme** to develop, coordinate and manage advocacy projects and initiatives focusing on promoting the rights of girls and women post COVID-19. In the past year, nearly \$5000 has been raised.
- ✓ Globally, NFAs adapted to COVID-19 and initiated **new Bina Roy Parters in Development projects in Egypt, Ghana, Nepal and Uganda** to recycle plastics, educate on making female sanitary pads and income generation.
- ✓ Received the **second year of funding from the City of Geneva** to continue the Teachers for Rural Futures programme.
- ✓ Accepted three new students to the **Teachers for Rural Futures programme** to support women and girl's empowerment and quality education in rural Uganda.
- ✓ Launched the **Winifred Cullis Fellowship** to fund women's doctoral education.



GWI Advocacy

GWI created six impactful advocacy campaign toolkits offering impactful information, advocacy ideas and comprehensive social media campaigns, three of which were published by WUNRN.



- ✓ International Menstrual Hygiene Day Toolkit
- ✓ International Day of the Girl Toolkit (WUNRN)
- ✓ 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (WUNRN)
- ✓ International Day of Education Toolkit
- ✓ International Day of Rural Women Toolkit (WUNRN)

GWI at the United Nations

- ✓ GWI remained an active participant in global affairs this year, engaging with the United Nations through written and oral statements, event attendance and organization, and communication and collaboration with other international NGOs.
- ✓ GWI was appointed to lead role as **President of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, Geneva.**
- ✓ Delivered **three oral statements** at the United Nations and cosponsored **six written statements** by other international and ECOSOC NGOs.
- ✓ Submitted a written statement to the Commission on the Status of Women with **13 cosponsors.**
- ✓ Organized **two parallel events** at the Commission on the Status of Women.
- ✓ Held leadership role for the **NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva** and co-organised the first **NGO CSW Geneva Consultation Day.**

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



GWI Young Member Network (YMN)

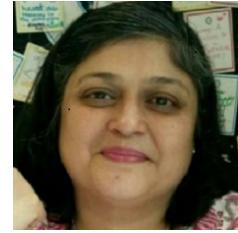


- ✓ GWI YMN is comprised of **passionate change makers and proactive young women from over 20 countries** across the globe, advocating for issues impacting youth.
- ✓ YMN President, **Sudha Srivastava**, regularly **contributed to the GWI Update Newsletter** and **submitted creative work on UN and GWI advocacy Days of Observance.**
- ✓ **Organised a successful 'Connecting Across the Generations' webinar series.** All four webinars marked special International Days and many guest speakers including ILO experts were hosted.
- ✓ **Co-organised and participated** in the GWI CSW65 'Mock Trial'.
- ✓ **Actively participated** in **ECOSOC Youth Forum, Generation Equality Forum, Geneva Peace Week, and NFA's gender forums.**

GWI Leadership, Staff and Interns

Seven Board Members:

(From left to right beginning top line)
Terry Oudraad, President, **Veena Bathé**, VP Legal and Governance, **Glenda Hecksher**, VP Marketing, **Louise McLeod**, VP Education & Advocacy, **Basak Ovacik**, VP Fundraising, **Katharina Strub**, Treasurer.



Two Staff Members:

Stacy Dry Lara, Executive Director, left, and **Clémence Mathiaud**, Programme Officer, right.



Five Interns:

(Left to right beginning top line) **Nell Yacef** (French/ Swiss/ Algerian), **Julie Oddon** (French), **Alexa Grace** (Canadian), **Alex Taylor** (American) and **Talysha Rustam** (American).



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