

Graduate Women International (GWI) Young Members Network (YMN)

YMN President's Letter – June 2022



Dear friends/GWI Young Members,

First of all, congratulations to young members who have completed the GWI SDGs Ambassadors training (a four-week workshop in May by YMN) and have been awarded Certificate! 26 Certified Ambassadors in 12 countries. Another successful project towards our sustainable efforts of enabling the Network to grow and flourish. Thank you for your excellent positive feedback. It is rewarding to learn about your initiatives as SDGs Ambassadors. Would like to quote one : "I have put 'Sustainability' as one of the obligatory topics for all bachelor students at my university. It is officially in the curriculum now and every year 15000 students will have it! Thank you for knowledge and inspiration!" Commendable and inspiration for others. Looking forward to hearing more stories in the coming weeks.

YMN Workshop at GWI 34th Triennial General Assembly and Conference, 11-13 November 2022: This is a GWI Triennial year and registrations are open now. YMN team is planning a workshop at the GWI Triennial (virtual) on Sunday 13 November. Theme – 'Graduate women at the grassroots level: Localizing the SDGs through capacity building, awareness raising, outreach, community dialog, data collection, training, and support.' More details to follow soon.

New members – We welcomed 1 new member in the Network this month. Chinelo Nnazor from Nigeria and two more in process.

YMN Online Sign-Up: Any member (in their 40s and under) from GWI NFA can join YMN for free. If you know any friend in your NFA who is interested in joining the network, please share this online sign-up link: <https://graduatewomen.org/contact-us/>

YMN Monthly Conversation Series 2022 – We had launched this series 'by the young members, for the young members' at the start of the year 2022! A relaxed conversation to strengthen our friendship and know each other. Officially, we had planned the series between January to June. We had conversations with focus on Turkey, Egypt, Mexico and Ghana. All recordings are available at GWI Vimeo channel. Please find attached slides from our last session, Ghana. Since the series was well received with cultural aspects in the first set, we would like to extend further with focus on 'Professions'. Your opportunity to share your work with other young members. Please send your interests asap.

Thank you for those who responded to the call in my last letter to share a story that didn't make a headline but deserves recognition. Awaiting more stories to be compiled and shared with the next letter.

See you in July on WhatsApp, meetings, events or one to one calls.

July Motto: Transforming Education – Revitalising local, national and global efforts to achieve SDG 4.

Sudha Srivastava, President YMN

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Some other useful links to events, awards, info that might interest you:

1. 5-12 July 2022 - High-Level Political Forum "SDGs Learning, Training and Practice Workshops" hosted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). Discuss innovative approaches to achieving Transformative education via partnerships, best practices, and digital learning. Register here - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdliZDeS54fc1HuX63eUiuNXoc5yUKeRn-mK9JeGqqtMF657w/viewform?mc_cid=a99e3b9bcd&mc_eid=UNIQID&fbclid=IwAR2LDBjPhneWkXHBwltwN-kh4DeqJxRB64DYpzOhzEdELDx0XvPDNDkC984
2. **University Women of Europe (UWE) Conference & AGM 2022, 23-25 September, Kyrenia Cyprus.** Join to celebrate together 25 years of the Turkish Cypriot Association of University Women (TCAUW) and 42 years since UWE was founded as regional group of International Federation of University Women (IFUW – now GWI). More details here: <https://uweboard.wordpress.com> . Get in touch if you are planning to attend.