



Dear friends/GWI Young Members,

Hope you are keeping safe and well. Since we have many new members in the Network, I would like to take this opportunity to brief about the YMN. GWI has a long history of young members' contribution over decades. The YMN was formally established in July 2019 during GWI Triennial Conference in Geneva. We are proactive female change-makers from more than 20 countries/GWI National Federations and Affiliates (NFAs) advocating and working for issues impacting young women. The YMN team meets monthly to discuss, plan events/activities and liaise with GWI Board and Executive Director additional to regular email/chat communications. The network is growing significantly in numbers and diversity and I would like to ask again- what kind of activities you would like to be involved with YMN in coming months?

Wonderful to see that members have been making collaborations within the network members in similar professions or interests. Keep collaborating – We rise by lifting others!

New members – We welcomed 3 new member in the Network this month. Katherine Barnett Rivas from Paraguay, Irina Prokhorova and Ekaterina Marnitsyna from Graduate Women Russia. Few more new members are in process of joining.

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

YMN Monthly Conversation Series 2022 – The purpose of this series is to strengthen our friendship bonds across the globe, across cultures, across professions and grow together by supporting each other. We launched the Young Members 'Professions' segment of our monthly conversation series on 6th August. We talked about STEM careers and heard story of a Microbiologist from Ghana, Dr Cynthia Adinortey. Please see the presentation slides attached. The recording of the session is available to watch at: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/737094635>. Do get in touch if you would like to share your professional life/story with other young members. The sessions are relaxed and last for one hour. You can join from anywhere – travelling, café etc. (no formalities needed).

The next session will be held on 3rd September 2022 from CEST 4-5 PM – 'Career in Academics: Inspiring Stories from Graduate Women Russia'. Zoom registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeqsrDkjGt15FNAsp8h-VfOEvpRjiok>. Please find attached the event flyer for further details.

GWI 34th Triennial General Assembly and Conference, 11-13 November 2022 - YMN: Early bird registration until 31st October! Under the theme, From Growth to Sustainability, the Triennial will examine education and prepare participants to renew and rebuild GWI as a substantial contributor to the global, national, and local acceleration and implementation of the SDGs, in particular SDG 4. The draft agenda can be found [HERE](#). Venue: Online via Zoom. The virtual General Assembly and Conference is open to all GWI members worldwide. Please click [HERE](#) to register. There are GWI Board and Committee positions advertised for the next triennium, to be filled in November 2022. Young members are encouraged to have a look and apply – GWI needs young leaders! The application deadline is extended to 11th September and nominations should come via your NFA. You can access details on the GWI website, here is the direct link: <https://graduatewomen.org/34th-triennial-general-assembly-and-conference/> or contact your NFA leader/CIR. YMN will be holding a workshop at the GWI Triennial (virtual) on Sunday 13 November under the 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.

See you in September on WhatsApp, meetings, events or one to one calls. Have a fruitful month ahead!

September Motto: Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces - Leverage, Adapt and Transform! (Sustainable Development Goal 4 defines literacy as an integral part of education and lifelong learning premised on humanism.)

Sudha Srivastava, President YMN

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

1. International Conference on Sustainable Development 2022, 19-20 September. Registration is open and free for all - <https://ic-sd.org>
2. Fully funded UNICEF internships - <https://www.unicef.org/careers/internships>
3. Listen to GWI Every Women Every Girl song here: <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Every-Woman-and-Every-Girl-Emily-Lawson.mp3>
4. One of GWI's focuses - Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4): <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal4>

