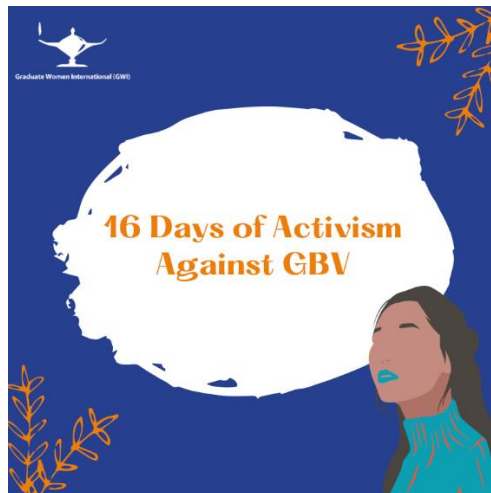




GWI UPDATE – 23 November 2022



*GWI marks the 2022 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign with series of inspirational quotes and reflections!
[Click HERE](#) for the new social media pack!*

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —










16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins Friday, 25 November!


From 25 November- 10 December 2022 GWI will mark the 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) with a 16-day social media advocacy campaign. The social media campaign will include 16 quotes for inspiration and reflection related to GBV; 16 things that men can do to be allies and prevent GBV as well as 16 posts about GBV in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals. [Click HERE](#) for the 16 Days of Activism social media pack! Also be sure to subscribe to the GWI [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts!

GWI concludes successful 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference!

From 11-13 November 2022 GWI held virtually its 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference cohosted by Indian Federation of University Women's Association's (IFUWA). Over 300 GWI members from 40 GWI national federation and association countries registered for the event! Members had the opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues from around the world in the Conversation Café. The General Assembly voting delegates elected new GWI 2023-2025 Board of Officers and Committee members, adopted 10 new policy resolutions, and IFUWA shared a beautiful cultural experience video. Participants heard from several 2022 GWI fellowship awardees and two of the GWI Teachers for Rural Futures students. On the third day of the event, the from Growth to Sustainability Conference offered 14 workshops and 11 seminars on various topics in line with the theme and five subthemes of the 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference. **GWI offers its warmest thank you to members who participated in the event, send appreciation to the outgoing 2019-2022 Board of Officers and Committees, and congratulations to all newly elected 2023-2025 Board of Officers and Committee members!**

GWl presents its newly elected Board of Officers

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— GWI Member News —

IFUWA Swayamsiddha Project

IFUWA Pune in collaboration with Kaveri college, undertook a 10-month National Project on 'Stress and Resilience Building of Graduate Women during Pandemic Times'. Members and non-members participated in completing a standardized questionnaire which was statistically analysed. The results showed areas where women of different ages and socio-economic backgrounds need skills development training to combat and cope with continuing Pandemic situation stress factors. The Project was spearheaded by Malati Kalmadi and her team members which was named as Swayamsiddha meaning becoming self-reliant. On completion of the project, certificates of appreciation were awarded to students, teachers and the Principal of Kaveri College on 17th October at University Women's Association (UWA) Pune by Dr. Ranjana Banerjee, IFUWA President for their valuable technical support on the virtual platform for 10 months which enabled a large number of member participation for the Swayamsiddha webinar series. UWA of Pune President Neelam Jagdale facilitated for Dr. Ranjana Banerjee and Dr. Ashok Agrawal, Principal Kaveri College. Student and teacher representatives shared their experience and valuable lessons they learned during the Swayamsiddha project. **GWI congratulates IFUWA on the success of this project!**



Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) releases 16 Days toolkit!

CFUW released toolkit for the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV campaign which is coming up from 25 November- 10 December 2022! [Click HERE](#) to download and widely distribute this comprehensive toolkit and learn more about what can be done to take action against gender-based violence! **GWI congratulates CFUW on putting together this impactful resource!**

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI submits United Nations 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum Consultation

Question: Please, share one policy recommendation to enhance partnerships and stakeholder engagement to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs from now until 2030.

GWI Answer: Graduate Women International's research on SDG implementation in 51 countries shows that the localization of SDGs is key to their accomplishment. Our recommendation is that United Nations agencies, nationally designated SDG agencies, and multilateral funders significantly expand their partnerships with, and funding for, local NGOs, women's professional organizations, youth associations, and beneficiaries' networks.

Question: Please share an example of a game-changer action and/or innovative multi-stakeholder partnership that is making an impact on SDGs implementation on the ground and that could be featured at the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum?

GWI Answer: Graduate Women International is training, organizing, and deploying its members in 45 countries to build capacity into UN and other agencies that will bridge gaps in SDG implementation identified by UN agencies. GWI's Renew and Rebuild Train-the-Trainer Platform will train its member organizations to exponentially increase their work in their constituent communities around the world as well as enhance their project and financial accountability to partners and funders

Question: What is your main message to world leaders and other stakeholders on strengthening partnerships and stakeholder engagement for SDG implementation, in the lead up to the SDG Summit (September 2023)?

GWI Answer: Based on purposeful research about a country's' specific needs and in partnership with NGOs best prepared to collaborate with governments, enable local NGOs to become the catalysts for scalable change in their communities for the successful implementation of the SDGs.

GWI UNESCO Representative participates in 215th session of the Executive Board

On 7 October, GWI UNESCO Representative, Elaine Didier, participated in the 215th session of the UNESCO Executive Board. Objectives include strengthening relationships between UNESCO and its partners from the civilian society (NGOs, foundations). Decisions: Admission of AIH (International association of hydrogeologists), Association status and candidature: Haiti; Admission and/or renewal of five NGOs and one foundation, renewal of two foundations, updating of the NGO partner list (65 in association status + 346 in consultation status), Liaison Committee Activity report (2021-2022) presented by Davide GROSSO (CL President). The report reminds 3 main objectives: Promoting youth involvement, promoting diversity, improving dialog with the National Commissions. To read the full report, click [HERE](#).

— Did you know? —

“My name is Jaden Wong and I am a current senior at Boston University in the United States. I will be graduating in May with a B.A. in International Relations with a regional focus in Europe and functional focus in International Systems & World Order. I am studying abroad in Geneva, Switzerland for the semester. Furthering my education in Geneva has been an exceptional experience, as I have learned a lot not only educationally and professionally, but personally as well. I have always been privileged to have a very positive and supportive educational environment to pursue my interests. I hope to utilize my own knowledge and experiences to improve the lives of other women and girls through educational empowerment. We are a sisterhood and can only achieve our goals through unity. With this in mind, I am so grateful for the opportunity to contribute to and learn from Graduate Women International. This work is so important, and I appreciate the dedicated women of Graduate Women International”.



Jaden Wong

—Dates and events worth noting—

25 Nov.-10 Dec.
9 December
10 December
18 December
20 December

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
International Anti-Corruption Day
Human Rights Day
International Migrants Day
International Human Solidarity Day

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