



GWI UPDATE – 16 August



**GWI Virtual Town Hall
13 September 2023**

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

Save the Date: 13 September for GWI's Town Hall 2023! (Two Sessions)

The GWI Board extends an invitation to all GWI members to join an interactive Town Hall to be held 13 September. The Town Hall, "Shaping GWI's Future through Member Conversation", aims to foster a positive and productive exchange of ideas between the Board of Officers and GWI members about the GWI Renew and Rebuild roadmap. The Town Hall is an opportunity for the Board of Officers to inform members of the Renew and Rebuild progress as well as to hear member's ideas and address questions about the Renew and Rebuild roadmap going forward, among other topics. **To engage as many members as possible, two interactive Zoom sessions are being offered.** For the first session (6-7:00 a.m. CEST) register [HERE](#). For the second session (6-7:00 P.m. CEST) register [HERE](#). **Pre-questions are encouraged via the registration process.** The PDF flyer can be downloaded [HERE](#). **The full flyer is also at the bottom of the Update.**

GWI marks International Youth Day

To mark International Youth Day, held annually on 12 August, the GWI Young Member Network (YMN) under the guidance of YMN President, Sudha Srivastava, produced an impactful video quote board. Embracing the 2023 theme, Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World. The YMN took center stage with a [video of important messages of commitment and calls to action](#) from their network of young changemakers. Their short video features ten messages from GWI YMN members in Egypt, Ghana, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.A. Click [HERE](#) to see the short video. **GWI congratulates Srivastava and the YMN for this thoughtful production.** Also, to mark International Youth Day, GWI released a [press release](#) urging governments to address their education investment shortages and integrate green skills into education programmes with access by all youth. Click [HERE](#) to read the press release.

— GWI Member News —

GWI participates to the Spanish Culture Bridge

On 11 July, three experts from Panama, Mexico and Spain presented their work in different areas related to the issue of migration of women and girls. A common concern highlighted during this

exchange is that migration has increased worldwide, and it impacts women and girls in an immense way. In this context it was underscored that in Spain as well as in Latin American countries, there are insufficient gender analysis in the field of migration. As a result, no legislative measures have been implemented to address this pressing issue. The discussions were very rich and helped to understand the needs, priorities and voices of refugee and migrant women and the ways to protect and assist them. **GWI congratulates the Spanish Culture Bridge project for organising an event about this critical topic affecting to many women and girls globally.**

University Women Europe organises a conference on “Peace, Equality, Solidarity, and Women” in collaboration with the Turkish Association of University Women

University Women Europe (UWE) in collaboration with the Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) is organising a conference on the vital theme of Peace, Equality, Solidarity, and Women. This event promises to be an enriching experience, that aims to inspire and educate. It will take place from 5 to 7 October 2023, at the Swissotel Buyuk Efes in Izmir, Turkey. Engaging sessions including a thought-provoking panel discussion on "Women of the Republic on the Centenary", as well as workshops that will explore the dynamics of "Women’s Leadership" are planned. This conference will end with a gala dinner and for those seeking deeper immersion, an optional city tour will be possible. This conference marks a meaningful convergence of minds dedicated to advancing the principles of peace, equality, solidarity, and the empowerment of women. GWI congratulates UWE and TAUW for organising such an important event. Members of GWI UWE regional group are invited to click [HERE](#) to register.

— GWI at the United Nations —



GWI participates International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples celebration

On 9 August, GWI participated in the virtual celebration of the International Day of the World’s Indigenous People provided an occasion to accentuate the pivotal role undertaken by Indigenous youth as agents for self-determination. The United Nations organised a virtual commemoration, affording Indigenous youth an event to articulate the adversities they confront, talk about their future aspirations, and propose measures conducive to ameliorating their situation. The online event emphasised the vulnerabilities and land displacement that Indigenous communities are facing. The panellists called governments to protect Indigenous rights, wisdom, and traditions for a more just and equitable future.

Among the panellists, Josefa Cariño Tauli, an Ibaloi-Kankanaey Igorot Indigenous youth from the Philippines, explained the criminalisation endured by her community members as a consequence of land protection efforts. Moreover, she stressed her apprehensions concerning the diminution of Indigenous knowledge due to marginalisation and participation barriers. Integrating Indigenous youth into the decision-making process is of crucial importance, given their possession of discernment and insights that can bring solutions to current problems faced in the world such as environmental issues.

The commemorative event emphasised the tenacity and resilience of the Indigenous youth, demonstrative of their capacity to effectuate positive change. **GWI supports the initiatives of Indigenous youth as agents of change for self-determination, and on this occasion a press release and an infographic were released. GWI encourages you to read our press release by clicking [HERE](#), and to have a look at our comprehensive infographic by clicking [HERE](#).**

— Give the gift of Education —

Give the gift of education to women and girls worldwide by contributing to the Girls' Education for Brighter Futures Post- COVID-19 programme, which directly supports GWI's international advocacy work and projects held throughout the world to remove socio-cultural, gender-related and economic barriers girls face towards education endeavours. GWI's goal is for 500 supporters to commit to a moderate monthly donation. To learn more about the Girls Education for Brighter Futures project, click [HERE](#). Join the 500+Challenge today by clicking [HERE](#).

— Did you know? —

Did you know that GWI has a new intern? Meet Sonia Timalisina!

Greetings everyone! I am Sonia from the land of the Himalayas, Nepal. As a graduate of law, I am driven to bring positive change in the areas of education and women's rights. I envision breaking all the stereotypes and sculpting a better future for each woman from the corners of the world. I extend my sincere gratitude to GWI for this incredible opportunity. It is certainly a great pleasure to be a part of an organization advocating for a noteworthy cause, surrounded by visionary leaders. I am eager to contribute my utmost to the team's endeavours, learn, grow, and make the most of this journey. Thank you for welcoming me into the GWI family. **GWI warmly welcomed Sonia to the team!**



Sonia Timalisina, Intern

— Dates and events —

8 September	International Literacy Day
11 Sept – 13 Oct	54 th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
18-19 September	SDG Summit, New York
21 September	International Day of Peace
5 October	World's Teachers Day
11 October	International Day of the Girl

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1. Click [HERE](#) to register for Session 1 to be held 6-7:00 a.m. CEST.
2. Click [HERE](#) to register for Session 2 to be held 6-7:00 p.m. CEST.



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 Registration links
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Transforming GWI's Future Through Member Conversation



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Registration links found separately above or below, and in the Update write up, and also in the PDF flyer.