



Graduate Women International

Empowering women & girls through lifelong education

GWI UPDATE – 22 November 2023



— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins Saturday, 25 November

Join GWI in a powerful stand against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) during the 16 Days of Activism from November 25 to December 10. During this time, GWI will mark the 16 Days with a 16-day social media poster campaign. The social media campaign will include 16 posters from GWI members as inspiration and reflection related to GBV, gender equality and education. GWI invites you to engage with us, follow, and share the campaign from our social media platforms [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X!](#) #GWI16Days

GWI Young Members Network Monthly Conversation Series 2023 - "Growing Together"

With great enthusiasm, the GWI Young Member Network (YMN) launched a new monthly conversation series under the theme "Growing Together", with its first session held as Meet & Greet in October. Each month, the YMN will spotlight one to two young members

with an interactive session sharing their work or expertise, offering collaboration opportunities with other network members, and much more. Sessions are for one hour, relaxed, and can be joined via Zoom from anywhere. The series is “By Young Members, For Young Members”. Each month, it is held in alternating morning or afternoon sessions to allow fair participation of all GWI time zones. The series is open to all GWI young members from National Federations or Associations (NFA) and Independent Members. New members interested in joining GWI are also welcome. The next session will be on 25 November 11:00 a.m. Central European Time (CET). **Please see the flyer at the bottom of the Update for details. Click [HERE](#) for the registration link.**

— GWI Member News —

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) E-Club hosts Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation Conversation

On 17 November, Canadian Association of University Women (CAUW) E-Club and the University Women’s Club of Vancouver held a webinar on human trafficking for sexual exploitation. Speakers included renowned former inner high school teacher, advocate and author, Ms. Cathy Peters, who has given over 650 presentations on human trafficking for sexual exploitation to more than 20,000 people, and award-winning Canadian country music artist and founder of Not in My City, Paul Brandt. Not in My City is a non-governmental organisation that aims to end sexual exploitation. Also presenting was Janine Benedet, lawyer and professor at University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law. Her expertise includes civil law and labour law with a current focus on sexual violence against women. **The webinar recording can be seen on the GWI Vimeo channel [HERE](#).**

GWI YMN member, Perine Wagdy, presents at Building Information Modeling Summit

In September, Perine Wagdy, Egypt Association of University Women, and GWI YMN,



delivered a presentation at the Building Information Modelling (BIM) Coordinators Summit 2023 in Dublin, Ireland. The BIM celebrates excellence and digital innovation in Architecture, Engineering, and Construction. The event hosted 235+ BIM expert speakers from 45+ countries. Wagdy virtually presented at Stage NetZero, a presentation titled, 7-11 for Better Sustainability. The focus of her

presentation was the direct impact of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on the architectural and construction fields, highlighting strategies to mitigate environmental challenges in project development. “Being a youth and future developer of YMN, one of the organisers of the 2021 GWI Organisational Development (OD) group and YMN SDG Ambassador, gave me a better understanding of the SDGs goals and put on my shoulder the responsibility to work and encourage others. I am delighted to be a part of the YMN and the OD group of GWI”, says Wagdy. **GWI congratulates Perine Wagdy for her exceptional work as one of the brightest minds in the field of architecture.**

— GWI at the United Nations —

Join GWI in the Human Rights 75 Civil Society Pledge Initiative!

The United Nations Human Rights 75 Civil Society Pledge Initiative aims to generate pledges that bring about concrete change towards a greater enjoyment of human rights for all and envision the future of human rights. We invite all who are passionate about human rights and who want to advance the human right to education and equality for women and girls to join GWI in making a Civil Society Organisations (CSO) pledge. A CSO pledge is a commitment to take specific actions with the aim of promoting and protecting human rights. A CSO pledge does not require any monetary contribution; it is simply your "promise" to bring about concrete change towards a greater enjoyment of human rights for all and to envision the future of human rights. Pledges will be made public during the December 2023 Human Rights 75 Initiative High-Level event. CSO pledges can relate to actions at the domestic, regional, and global levels. **Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about CSO pledges.**

— Give the Gift of Membership —

Whether you are a recent graduate, a seasoned professional, or a passionate advocate about education, GWI offers a welcoming space for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of many. Give the gift of membership to the outstanding graduate women in your life! GWI membership allows graduate women to join the leading women's international organisation that works to empower girls and women through access to lifelong, quality education and training. Give the gift of membership to become part of a global community of some 8,000 members in 60 countries, either as a GWI independent member or as a member of one of our National Federations or Associations. **To learn how to become a member click [HERE](#).**

— Did you know? —

GWI has Independent Members from more than 19 countries!

Did you know that in addition to its National Federations or Association members worldwide, GWI also has independent members in some 19 countries including Albania, Brazil, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Honduras, Iran, Jordan, Morocco, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Sweden, and Tanzania? **To become a valued independent member we invite you to click [HERE](#).**

— Dates and events —

25 November	End Violence Against Women Day
25 Nov-10 Dec	16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, Global
18 December	International Migrants Day, Global

20 December	Human Solidarity Day, Global
24 January	International Day of Education
06 February	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

GWI Young Members Network (YMN) invites you to...

YMN Monthly Conversation Series

“GROWING TOGETHER”

“Women helping women: Our role as Young GWI Members”

Spotlight Speaker

Charity Abraham

Young Member from Ghana
Association of University Women (GAUW)



Assistant Registrar & PhD
Candidate in Business
Administration at University of
Cape Coast, Ghana

Expertise: Human Resource
Strategist

Session Moderator

Tzazil Valencia

Young Member from Mexican
Federation of University Women





SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

11 AM CET
(CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME)

REGISTRATION LINK:
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89063142325?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89063142325?pwd=QUJUSGPEWMJNNTYRQU9LRGS2QMZOUT09)
[PWD=QUJUSGPEWMJNNTYRQU9LRGS2QMZOUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89063142325?pwd=QUJUSGPEWMJNNTYRQU9LRGS2QMZOUT09)

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