



Graduate Women
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Geneva, Switzerland, 10 March 2024 – Graduate Women International (GWI) announces three significant parallel events during the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) held from 11-22 March 2024 in New York, NY. Gathering under the theme aimed to alleviate women and girls' poverty by strengthening institutions and gender perspective financing, nearly 100 GWI members worldwide are gathering in New York, along with thousands of other GWI members participating virtually, as advocates that education reduces poverty. These events will educate, raise awareness, challenge norms, and offer solutions to tangible change. "With thousands joining virtually and nearly 100 members convening in New York, GWI is poised to ignite impactful change for women and girls worldwide," said GWI President Patrice Wellesley Cole.

The first event, developed by GWI's Vice President of Education, Shirley Gillett, and the Education Committee, **Educating Outside the Classroom: Women's Museums Empowering Girls and Women**, will illuminate the importance of museums as institutions for their invaluable educational potential. It will take place on **12 March 2024 at 7:30 p.m. CET or 2:30 p.m. EST. Register [here](#).**

The second event, **Financial Institutions and Infrastructure Perpetuating Poverty – Gender Bias in Economic Policy**, developed by GWI Vice President, Advocacy Shaila Rao Mistry, will feature expert speakers addressing the role of financial institutions and infrastructure as exclusionary practices that systematically widen gender biases and propose policies for the better inclusion of women, specifically those unbanked and with diverse backgrounds. The event is taking place on **18 March 2024 7:30 p.m. CET or 2:30 p.m. EST. Register [here](#).**

GWI's final parallel event, developed by GWI's Young Member Network President and GWI Treasurer, Sudha Srivastava, will be an interactive event on **Sustainable Financing for Gender Equality: Young Women's Perspective**. Panelists will explore the role of financing in gender disparities through young women's lenses, presenting a comparative analysis of practices from around the world and innovative solutions. The event will take place on **19 March 2024, 1:30 p.m. CET or 8:30 a.m. EST. Register [here](#).**

"As CSW68 unfolds, GWI's events will serve as inspiration, providing fellow advocates with innovative and impactful ideas to drive gender equality and reduce poverty through the power of education. Join us as we ignite dynamic dialogue and open new lanes of collaboration to improve the lives of women's and girls' lives," says Stacy Dry Lara, GWI Executive Director.

About GWI: GWI is a membership-based international NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, with a presence in over 60 countries. Founded in 1919, GWI is the leading girls' and women's global organization advocating for women's rights, equality, and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels. GWI is in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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