On International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), GWI urges investment in women's sports as means to break education and societal barriers

In celebration of the IDSDP, marked annually on 6 April, GWI emphasises the positive influence of sport on the educational and professional achievement of women and girls. On this day, GWI underscores the positive role of sports in keeping girls engaged in education, strengthening their resolve to overcome challenges while concurrently building skills that are transferable to careers, social landscapes, and personal relationships, contributing to overall development and future success. Read this press release [HERE](#). Access the Infographic [HERE](#).

Celebrating three years of the Spanish Speaking Culture Bridge with a Spanish version of GWI’s constitution!

The Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge has emerged as a product of our Membership Marketplace NFA-to-NFA program. This platform actively cultivates collaborations between GWI affiliates. The Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge has been incredibly active and has been a highly valued contribution to GWI’s work. Find an overview of what they have done [HERE](#).

GWI congratulates the Spanish-Speaking culture bridge for their three-year anniversary! In honour of this anniversary, the Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge has translated GWI’s constitution into Spanish. GWI would like to thank the Culture Bridge for all their hard work, and invites everyone to read this Spanish translation [HERE](#). We also encourage all GWI
members to leverage the Membership Marketplace to foster further initiatives enriching our global discourse and strengthening our community bonds. Find it HERE.

— GWI Member News —

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) to host Earth Day GWI Outreach Conversation on 22 April
The Belleville & District CFUW will be hosting a GWI Outreach Conversation Event entitled “Planet vs. Plastics: Elimination of Single Use Plastics” featuring expert speakers from Canada, Ghana, and Spain on Earth Day, celebrated annually on 22 April. The event will take place on Zoom at 5:00pm CEST on 22 April 2024. Register for the event HERE, find the flyer HERE and at the bottom of this Update.

Graduate Women Association Singapore (GWAS) webinar on Culture transformation and workplace leadership
GWAS hosted a compelling webinar on the topic of “Culture Transformation and Workplace Leadership” on 30 March 2024. Moderated by Ms. Sujata Tiwari, a distinguished member of GWAS and the representative of its Women’s Entrepreneur Group. This event featured guest speaker Professor Rozario, renowned for his expertise and leadership experience in banking and finance. He delivered valuable insights and innovative strategies. His discourse revolved around fostering happiness and nurturing success within the workplace environment, emphasising actionable steps to cultivate a positive and thriving organisational culture. This webinar offered valuable knowledge and inspiration, with a focus on empowering women in entrepreneurship and leadership roles. For those interested in delving deeper into the Women Entrepreneur Group’s initiatives, further information is accessible on GWAS’ website.

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI participates in the 55th Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC55)
GWI reaffirms its commitment to advancing women’s and girls’ rights through education at the HRC55, taking place between 26 February and 6 April 2024. GWI advocates for education as a fundamental human right and the backbone for our Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). GWI submitted a written statement to HRC55 positing Green Education as a means to alleviate the disproportionate burden women face due to climate change and environmental degradation. Moreover, GWI sponsored civil society speaker, Chizuko Suzuki, from the Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW), during the General Segment of HRC55. Suzuki spoke about Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and called for the implementation of CSE in public education and in local governments to ensure safer and more inclusive societies. Suzuki’s video statement can be seen HERE. Read more about GWI’s participation in HRC55 in the press release HERE.
The GWI Independent Member network is growing, with many new members joining from around the world over the past few months. A thoughtful gift for the graduate woman in your life is a GWI membership. There are many benefits of being a member of GWI, including belonging to an influential international NGO composed of graduate women influencing policy and legislation on women’s issues at the international level and gaining an international perspective on women’s issues through networking activities. Click HERE to find out how to join GWI as a GWI NFA or as an Independent Member.

Did you know?

GWI welcomes new intern, Brooke Leggat
My name is Brooke Leggat and I am a second-year student at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, USA and majoring in Anthropology and Government. I am absolutely thrilled to be interning at GWI this spring gaining invaluable hands-on experience to develop my advocacy and communication skills and help empower women through secondary and tertiary education. Throughout my Anthropology and Government studies in college, I have developed a passion for women’s rights especially within the realm of breaking down the barriers that prevent women across the world from obtaining an education. GWI’s dynamic and energetic environment will allow me to turn my passion into action while getting the opportunity to meet and work with graduate women from all over the world. By contributing meaningfully to projects aimed at challenging one of the world’s gravest issues, gender inequality, I will undoubtedly gain a greater understanding about the world and be inspired and equipped to drive meaningful change. Following my internship at GWI, I will be returning to Dartmouth College where I plan to continue my research with the Anthropology department, write a senior thesis, and complete my bachelor's degree. Following graduation I hope to continue my advocacy work in either government or non-governmental organisations in promoting lifelong education for women and girls.
## Dates and events

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**Planet vs Plastics: Elimination of Single-Use Plastics**

Monday, April 22 at 11:00 AM EST

Join us for a GWI Outreach conversation hosted by Belleville & District CFUW featuring expert speakers from Canada, Ghana, and Spain.

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