



## GWI UPDATE – 20 November 2024



*GWI Young Member Network mentorship series, 2025 fellowships, and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.*

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### — Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

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#### **GWI 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign**

From 25 November 25 to 10 December, GWI will run its annual 16 Days of Activism against GBV campaign. This year's campaign features 47 tailored posts, each spotlighting one of GWI's affiliates, to provide resources and vital information on how women can report GBV and domestic violence in their country, including contact details for national and local hotlines. The gladiolus flower was chosen for the cover image as a symbol of strength, courage and integrity, reflecting the resilience of many women overcoming the challenges of domestic violence. The campaign tagline, "Breaking the Silence, Reclaiming Our Power," calls on individuals and communities to stand up against violence and embrace empowerment in the face of adversity. With this campaign, GWI aims to inform victims where to report violence, encourage victims and families to amplify their voices, and provide support for violence survivors. **The campaign launches on all GWI social media channels on 25 November and will include multiple posts per day through 10 December. Each post offering important information for reporting and surviving GBV! Stay tuned to our social media for updates.**

#### **Applications now open for the 2025 GWI Rose Sidgwick fellowship and recognition awards**

Applications for the 2025 round of GWI International Fellowships are now open! These esteemed fellowships are designed to support women scholars enrolled in PhD programs worldwide as they advance their studies and research. **Don't miss this opportunity** to advance your studies with GWI's support! Please note that the **application deadline is 15 January 2025**. For more information on the application process, click [HERE](#) to view the 2025 Fellowship Guidelines and Instructions. Download the 2025 Fellowship Application [HERE](#).

The 2025 Rose Sidgwick Fellowship traces GWI roots back to 1919 when inspiring legacy, Rose Sidgwick, became one of the founders of the International Federation of University Women,

now GWI. As the first woman to lecture on history at the University of Birmingham Business School, Rose made pioneering contributions to international feminism and was dedicated to creating a sense of community for the university's female students. Inspired by her vision to advance education and equality for women globally, **GWI invites you to consider supporting the fellowships through a donation by clicking [HERE](#)** and selecting the corresponding reason for your contribution.

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## — GWI Member News —

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### **GWI Young Member Network (YMN) mentorship series: 4<sup>th</sup> session**

After the success of previous session, find the recording [HERE](#), the YMN looks forward to its upcoming fourth and last session of the mentoring series **on 25 November, 7:30 PM (CET)**. This mentorship programme will kick off the 16 Days of Activism against GBV and will welcome guest speaker Dr. Yennué Zárate Valderrama. Dr. Zárate is a researcher, documentalist and esteemed international consultant specialised in journalism studies and women in Latin America. She is a member of the Mexican National Researcher's Registry (SNI). She directed the award-winning short documentary, "They Will Not Silence Our Voices" (2020) on Mexican women journalists. She is a visiting lecturer at the Iberoamerican University, Mexico City. Her recent research has been published in The Routledge Companion to Local Media and Journalism. All GWI young members and guests are encouraged to join and benefit from this initiative hosted by the GWI YMN. A certificate of attendance will be provided to each participant. **Register [HERE](#) to join GWI YMN Mentorship Series final session on 25 November at 7:30 pm Central European Time (CET), and see the flyer at the end of the Update for further information.**

### **GWI Peer-to-Peer Conversation on the elimination of violence against women and girls**

Join GWI for an interactive Peer-to-Peer Conversation: UNite to Eliminate All Forms of Violence against Women and Girls. The event is hosted by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Montreal Lakeshore UWC and GWI Democratic Republic of the Congo. Distinguished speakers include Jolie Massay, GWI Democratic Republic of the Congo and Nancy Acemian, President, CFUW Montreal Lakeshore UWC. **See the flyer** at the end of the Update for more information and **click [HERE](#) to register now for the session on 28 November at 11:00 am Eastern Time (ET) / 5:00 pm CET.**



*Charity Abraham*

### **Congratulations Charity Abraham for her achievement**

GWI congratulates Charity Abraham, a GWI young member and Treasurer of the Ghana Association of University Women, on her appointment as the first Ghanaian and African women Board Observer on the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) Board of Directors. **GWI wishes her much success as she assumes her new role.**

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## — GWI at the United Nations —

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**GWI urges Member States to recommit to the Copenhagen Declaration**

GWI endorses the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, advocating for progress in education, gender equality, and poverty reduction to support sustainable development. In a written statement to the Commission on Social Development's 63rd session, GWI urges Member States to take concrete actions aligned with the Declaration. The statement emphasises the critical role of education in reducing poverty and achieving gender equality. GWI calls on Member States to uphold commitments to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, advocating for quality, publicly funded education, vocational training in fields like artificial intelligence and STEM, and the removal of systemic barriers to equality. GWI also encourages partnerships with NGOs to address poverty and inequality; and urges holistic approach that includes education, healthcare, and social inclusion, with specific goals for poverty reduction by 2027, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals. **GWI invites readers to explore the full statement [HERE](#).**

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### — Give the Gift of Membership —

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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 non-governmental organisation 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.

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### — Did you know? —

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#### **International Students Day Social Media Campaign**

GWI celebrates the recent International Students' Day, a commemoration to all the students who have fought for their rights to education and its importance in empowering many to achieve their full potential. There are still many challenges and barriers students face in education, especially women and girls globally. GWI works hard to achieve our aim in having hundred percent of women and girls access education, advancing beyond primary and encouraging more to pursue leadership roles. **Check out our media post [HERE](#) to find out more on how GWI helps students and the barriers they face.**

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### — Dates and events —

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25 November	YMN Mentoring Series 4/4
25 November	International Day Elimination of Violence against Women
25 November-10 December	16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence
28 November	GWI Peer-to-Peer Conversation
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day
10 December	Human Rights Day

18 December  
10-21 March 2025  
10 - 13 Sept 2025

International Migrants Day  
CSW69  
GWI 35th General Assembly and Conference, Location: TBD

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GWI, formerly IFUW, is in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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## Register today to join the Graduate Women International Young Member Network (YMN) Mentoring Series!

With a powerful launch on 12 August commemorating International Youth Day, we conclude the 4-part series on 25 November 2024 at 7:30pm Central European Time.

**REGISTER**



At the fourth, and final, session of 2024 GWI YMN Mentorship Series, we welcome guest speaker, Dr. Yennué Zárate Valderrama. Dr. Zárate is a researcher, documentalist and esteemed international consultant specialized in journalism studies and women in Latin America. She is a member of the Mexican National Researcher's Registry (SNI). She directed the award-winning short documentary, "They Will Not Silence Our Voices" (2020) on Mexican women journalists. She is a visiting lecturer at the Iberoamerican University, Mexico City. Her recent research has been published in The Routledge Companion to Local Media and Journalism.



**25 NOVEMBER 2024**

**7:30PM CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CET)**

Kick off the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

**All young women are welcome to join and benefit from this insightful event hosted by the GWI YMN.**

**A certificate of attendance will be provided for each session.**



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**UNiTE to Eliminate All Forms of  
Violence Against Women and Girls**

**November 28th, 11am ET, 5pm CET**

Join us for a GWI Peer-to-Peer Conversation  
hosted by CFUW Montreal Lakeshore UWC and  
the Democratic Republic of the Congo NFA



**Jolie Massay**  
Graduate Women  
D.R. Congo



**Nancy Acemian**  
President MLUWC  
Canada

[Register](#)

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