



GW I UPDATE – 13 August 2025



— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

World Youth Day Social Media Campaign

On 12 August, GWI proudly celebrated World Youth Day under the 2025 theme, “Local Youth Actions for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Beyond.” In line with GWI’s commitment to youth education, GWI respects the vital role young people play in advancing international collaboration and global agendas such as the Sustainable Development Goals within specific local contexts. Whether advocating for gender equality, expanding access to education, or building inclusive digital spaces, youth are leading the way in shaping a more connected and cooperative world and driving progress. Although the day has passed, it’s never too late to advocate for young women. GWI invites you to Like and Share our media post [HERE](#).

— GWI Member News —

Members will soon gather for the 35th General Assembly

The GWI 35th Triennial General Assembly and Conference will take place from 11–13 September 2025 at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka, Zambia. This milestone event will convene members and advocates from around the world to engage in critical dialogue on the future of education, women’s empowerment, and sustainability. The priority theme is: “Building the Future: Integrating Culture, Education, and Empowerment for Sustainability.”

With a focus on strengthening education systems through integrated cultural relevance, the public conference will explore key global issues across five interrelated sub-themes: education and empowerment for women in diverse contexts as pathways to a sustainable future; envisioning the future context in which education, culture, gender, and the economy will operate; gender-based cultural issues and barriers in education related to gender equity; the

role of relationships, including intergenerational and community ties, in enabling growth and sustainability; and the impact of technology, AI, and innovation on empowering women for the future.

Early bird registration is available to both members and non-members until 31 August 2025. Join other GWI members who have already signed up to attend the General Assembly! **Click [HERE](#) to register!**

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI is celebrating International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

In many parts of the world, Indigenous communities continue to face systemic marginalization, limited representation, and the erasure of their histories and cultures. On 9 August, GWI marked Indigenous Peoples' Day with an infographic, published by WUNRN, focusing on Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and equitable access to education. Under this year's theme, *"Indigenous peoples and AI: defending rights, shaping futures"*, GWI calls for collective action to recognise Indigenous contributions and support the right to equitable education. GWI remains committed to breaking down barriers, amplifying Indigenous voices, and leading efforts toward lasting change. **Access the infographic [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to read it in Spanish.**

— Give the Gift of Membership —

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.

— Did you know? —

UNESCO advocates for Indigenous Educational Inclusion

Ahead of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, UNESCO IESALC highlighted how the International Day serves as a reminder of persistent structural barriers Indigenous communities face in higher education. Their message called for a fundamental transformation of higher education, integrating Indigenous languages and knowledge systems, and promoting cultural recognition and self-determination. **Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this initiative.**

— Dates and Events —

12 August	World Youth Day
8 September	International Literacy Day
11 October	International Day of the Girl
11-13 September	GWI 35th Triennial General Assembly, Lusaka, Zambia

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