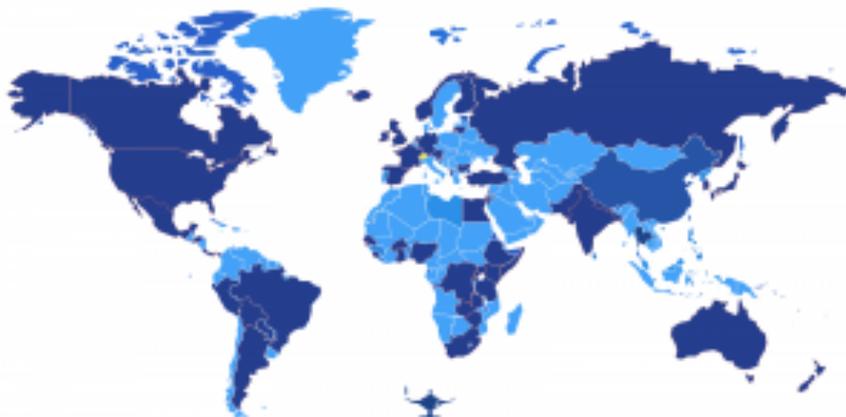


GWI Triennial 2022-2025

NFA Reports

Building the Future:
Integrating Culture, Education and Empowerment for Sustainability



Graduate Women International



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Introduction

The following NFA reports provide a comprehensive overview of the ongoing and emerging initiatives undertaken by GWI national federations and affiliates (NFAs) highlighting their commitment to promoting the education, leadership, and empowerment of women and girls across the globe. These updates encompass both newly affiliated associations embarking on ambitious strategic programs, as well as long-established federations reinforcing and broadening their positive influence within their respective regions.

By highlighting innovative approaches, collaborative partnerships, and impactful advocacy efforts, this report captures the collective dedication these organizations demonstrate in advancing gender equality and educational opportunity. The diversity of projects and strategic priorities showcased herein underscores the vibrancy and resilience of the global network, as each affiliate contributes to a shared vision of empowerment and progress for women and girls worldwide.



Australian Graduate Women (AGW)



Australia

During the current triennium – we had the AGW Centenary and celebrated this in November 2022. We had a distinguished panel of scholars and academics for our Centenary Panel. We offered three centenary scholarships in March 2023. Education and empowerment of women are our main themes. We offer three fellowships worth AUD \$ 8000 dollars to three female PhD students each year (see our winners for 2023, 2024 and 2025 – outstanding young women undertaking their PhDs). AGW has ECOSOC status since 2022, and as such we have delegates who have attended CSW and presented at CSW in 2023, 2024 and 2025. We were a member of National Women’s Alliances – Equality Rights Alliance (ERA), Economic Security for Women (eS4W) and Harmony Alliance until they completed their terms in 2023. AGW had the largest delegation of 15 members to CSW and Prof Shirley Randell and Belinda Mason and her team of Unseen Women presented Parallel Sessions. AGW President Jaya Dantas was selected to speak on 18 March at the High-level interactive dialogue: Accelerating implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: the role of the Commission on the Status of Women on 18 March 2025. At United Nations Headquarters – Conference Room (CR) 4.

AGW has undertaken advocacy work in the following areas: Higher Education of Women, Refugee Higher Education, Older Women’s Issues, Homelessness. As Professor of International Health, Prof Jaya Dantas has provided significant media commentary on COVID-19, Vulnerable Populations and Health Equity in the last four years. Prof Dantas has assisted in submissions to the National Women’s Health Strategy for 2020-2030, the Department of Home Affairs response to the Afghan Crisis, and Australia’s Migration Policy. In 2024, she has been invited to present her views to two parliamentary enquiries into financial abuse and refugee youth.



Figure 1: The Australian Delegation at CSW 69 2025



Figure 3: President Jaya Dantas presenting at CSW 69 on 18 March 2025



AGW Centenary 2022 Distinguished Panel Webinar Women making a difference

Saturday 26 November 2022
(1.30 to 3.30 pm AEST, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm WST, 12.30 to 2.30 pm Brisbane)

Part 1: Journeys of Strength and Resilience - The Uncontested Power of Education

Professor Deborah Terry
Professor Sandra Eades
Professor Raina MacIntyre
Dr Sandy Chong
Dr Morley Muse

Part 2: Reflections of the War in Ukraine and Impacts for Women and Education
Dr Tetiana Bogachenko & Dr Iryna Khodos

Our Distinguished Panelists

Professor Deborah Terry AO

Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Queensland | BA(Hons), PhD ANU, Hon LLD (hon), FASSA
Professor Deborah Terry AO is a leading Australian academic and higher education leader, serving as Vice-Chancellor of The University of Queensland since 2020 and previously Curtin University (2014–2020). A social psychologist with a PhD from ANU, she began her career at UQ in 1990 and progressed to Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor. She is a Fellow and former President of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2015.



Professor Sandra Eades AO

Associate Dean, Indigenous | Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics | School of Population and Global Health | Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences | The University of Melbourne
Professor Sandra Eades, a Noongar woman, is a pioneering leader in Aboriginal child health. She was the first Aboriginal medical doctor to earn a PhD on health determinants in Aboriginal infants and has held senior roles including Dean at Curtin University Medical School. In 2025, she joined the University of Melbourne as Rowden White Chair and Associate Dean, Indigenous.



Professor Raina MacIntyre

MBBS (hon), M App Biol, PhD, FRACP, SAFFHM

Professor Raina MacIntyre is Professor of Global Biosecurity and Head of the Biosecurity Program at UNSW's Kirby Institute. She leads research on epidemics, pandemics, and emerging infections, and developed EPIWATCH, an AI-driven outbreak observatory. With over 400 publications and multiple awards, she serves on WHO advisory groups and was on a US National Academies pandemic committee in 2021.



Dr Sandy Chong

Dr Sandy Chong, Harvard alumna and Founder of Verity Consulting, is an award-winning business leader in sustainability and consultancy. She serves on multiple boards, including the UN Association of WA, and was named Australia Community Citizen of the Year (2020) and appointed Adjunct Professor at Curtin University (2021).



Dr Morley Muse

Dr Morley Muse is a Chemical and Renewable Energy Engineer, STEM advocate, and co-founder of iSTEM Co, supporting women—especially women of colour—in STEM. She serves on boards including Women in STEMM Australia and has won multiple awards, including Emerging Leader in STEM (2022) and the Lift Women Social Impact Award.



Dr Tetiana Bogachenko

Dr Tetiana Bogachenko is a Senior Research Officer at Curtin University, specializing in language teaching, Aboriginal education, and equity in education. She leads research projects, publishes widely, and serves on the Australian Review of Applied Linguistics editorial team.



Dr Iryna Khodos

Dr Iryna Khodos is a language education specialist in bilingualism and CaLD communities, holding research and teaching roles at Curtin University and UWA. She focuses on supporting CaLD learners and promoting culturally inclusive education.



Online webinar via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81075672504?wd=cENSZ1Z00U03dVvhSFRIYnSb1kvdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 7567 2504
Passcode: 301545

The event will be facilitated by **Professor Jaya Dantas**: President, Australian Graduate Women; Deputy Chair of Curtin University Academic Board and Dean International, Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University. Since 2021, Prof Dantas is also a member of the Global Gender Equality in Health Leadership Committee of Women in Global Health, Australia.





Building the Future: Integrating Culture, Education and Empowerment for Sustainability

11-13 September 2025, Lusaka, Zambia



CONGRATULATE OUR NEW AGW CENTENARY SCHOLARS!

Emeritus Professor Jane Scott, Australian Graduate Women Fellowships Officer and AGW President Professor Jaya Dantas are delighted to announce the winners of the Centenary Scholarships. We send Emily Bowden, Tanya Kwee and Alison Quigley all the best wishes for their future studies and careers.



Emily Bowden is an experienced midwife and has extensive experience working with women from culturally and linguistically diverse populations, including several years in Cambodia, and more recently with Australian First Nations women from remote communities. She has worked in the Top End of the Northern Territory, predominantly with Australian First Nations women receiving maternal health services, for 7 years. She has a strong interest in respectful maternity care and has chosen this as the topic of her PhD studies.

Her project is seeking to develop an interactive audio-visual survey, using an avatar and story-telling, in four First Nations languages, to measure respectful maternity care in 200 women. The results from this survey will be compared to determine if the babies of the women who felt they were treated with more respect during pregnancy are healthier at 12 months of age than the babies of the mothers who felt they were treated without as much respect. This will privilege the voices of Australian First Nations women in a culturally safe way, with the anticipated outcome being that changes will be made to the way maternity care is provided to First Nations women in the Top End of the Northern Territory.



Tanya Kwee is a PhD candidate at the University of New South Wales, Australia, with over 15 years of experience working in various educational settings. Her research interests span across teacher education and professional development, language and literature, education for sustainability and mentoring. She has published her work in academic journals, book chapters, and conference proceedings. Inspired by the United Nations' Global Partnership Summit in New York, Tanya is motivated to contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5, which aims to empower women with fair opportunities and participation in professional industries. Her proposed project is developing and implementing a peer mentoring programme for female immigrant teachers.

Through building a supportive network at the community level, Tanya believes that female immigrant teachers can empower each other by sharing professional knowledge, career advice, and strategies for navigating school and education policies. Through her proposed peer mentoring programme for female immigrant teachers, she hopes to foster collaboration and support to facilitate their career progression and leadership potential in the challenging teaching environment to create a strong, more diverse and inclusive teaching force.



Alison Quigley was a former gymnast who later worked as a journalist, sailor, and teacher of English as foreign language. In her late twenties she undertook a Bachelor of Arts/Law, followed by a Masters of Philosophy at the University of Queensland. In 2020 *Athlete A* triggered survivors to speak out about abuse, and she went public with her story about the child sexual abuse she'd suffered in gymnastics and the conviction against her coach-perpetrator. She contributed to the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)'s *Change the Routine* published in May 2021, joined the international organisation Gymnasts for Change, and co-founded Athlete Rights Australia. In 2022 she was formally accepted onto the doctoral program at Queensland University of Technology with her research proposal 'Are We Safer Now?'.

Her doctoral thesis analyses the historical progress of child safe policies in Australian gymnastics, a sport predominately comprising female athletes aged under twelve. She uses public health and regulatory theories to ascertain if safeguarding policies are congruent with the latest understandings in this field. The fellowship assists with archival investigations that will deepen understanding of safeguarding policy development and inform future directions to keep girls and women safer in sport.



2024 AGW Fellowships

AGW is pleased to announce the 2024 AGW Fellowships awardees:

BARBARA HALE FELLOWSHIP

Amanda Wilkins

University of Melbourne, Faculty of Medicine, School of Paediatrics



Amanda Wilkins is a clinician scientist, trained as a general paediatrician and clinical pharmacologist, and is completing her PhD at the University of Melbourne. Her research focuses on improving vancomycin use in young infants, a critical antibiotic for life-threatening infections. She is also a consultant paediatrician at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne.

The Barbara Hale Fellowship will support a multicentre clinical trial evaluating novel approaches for therapeutic drug monitoring and dose adjustment of vancomycin. This includes testing a new micro-sampling method (single drop, 0.02 ml) compared with standard sampling, with the potential to improve early treatment, reduce morbidity and mortality, and extend to broader applications in older children and adults. Amanda's work has already had real-world impact: her dosing strategy and online dosing calculator are now in clinical use at the Royal Children's Hospital. She has published as first author in a leading peer-reviewed journal and presented her research at international and national conferences.

BARBARA HALE FELLOWSHIP

Laura Dowling

University of Newcastle, School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy



Laura Dowling is a PhD candidate in the School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy at the University of Newcastle, where she also completed a first-class Honours degree in Biomedical Science. Her PhD research investigates gut metabolites and inflammatory responses in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), the third leading cause of death worldwide, affecting 1 in 7 Australians over 40. Current treatments manage symptoms but do not cure COPD and may increase susceptibility to respiratory infections.

Her work explores the gut-lung axis, where gastrointestinal disease and altered gut microbiota are linked to heightened lung inflammation. By studying the COPD metabolome, Laura aims to identify nutrient-based interventions and novel therapeutic targets that could improve outcomes and reduce exacerbations. The Barbara Hale Fellowship will enable Laura to characterise the metabolomics phenotype of COPD, broadening the scope of her thesis and enriching understanding of systemic metabolites in disease pathogenesis. She has published two first-author papers and presented at national and state Thoracic Society meetings.

JENNIFER STRAUSS FELLOWSHIP - HUMANITIES

Mia-Francesca McAuslen (Jones)

James Cook University, College of Arts, Society and Education



Mia-Francesca Jones is a doctoral candidate at James Cook University researching the impact of the climate crisis on representations of the self in women's autobiographical writing. Using phenomenological enquiry and literary analysis, her work expands qualitative understanding of how climate change influences identity and creative expression. With a background in literary publishing and as an award-nominated writer, she examines emerging trends in contemporary creative nonfiction during ecological upheaval.

Through the Barbara Hale Fellowship, Mia will undertake research and professional development in Iceland. She will present at the International Auto/Biography Association Worldwide Conference, collaborate with volcanologists at the University of Iceland, and access the Library of Water's archival collection of glacial water. This builds on her recent research trip to the Hauppapa/Tasman Glacier in New Zealand and collaboration with the Antarctic Research Centre. These activities will enrich both her scholarly and creative writing, offering a vital intercultural perspective on northern hemisphere cultural responses to weather and climate.



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2025 AGW Fellowships

AGW is pleased to announce the 2025 AGW Fellowships awardees:

BARBARA HALE FELLOWSHIP

Hanadi Hoblos

University of Melbourne and Walter Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI)



Hanadi Hoblos is a PhD candidate in Medical Biology at the University of Melbourne and WEHI, specializing in understanding the molecular mechanisms and structures underlying biological cells. Hanadi has worked at leading microscopy facilities, including the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Germany and WEHI's Center for Dynamic Imaging, developing expertise at imaging cellular processes at various scales.

Visualising cell death and inflammation with cutting-edge microscopy. Using state-of-the-art light and electron-based microscopy techniques, her research explores a form of programmed cell death linked to inflammatory diseases, called Necroptosis. This knowledge could pave the way for new therapeutic strategies to control cell death in disease and reduce inflammation. The Fellowship will enable Hanadi to train at The Astbury Centre for Structural Molecular Biology in the UK, where she will gain hands-on experience with the latest microscopy technologies, including cryo-electron tomography (cryo-ET). This opportunity will not only advance her research but also help contribute expertise in Australia, fostering new discoveries in medical biology.

BARBARA HALE FELLOWSHIP

Hannah Greenwood

Bond University, Institute for Evidence-Based Healthcare



Hannah is a PhD candidate at Bond University's Institute for Evidence-Based Healthcare. She holds a Bachelor of Psychological Science with first-class Honours from the University of Queensland. Her research focuses on improving the use of potassium-enriched salt in primary care for cardiovascular disease—the leading cause of death worldwide. Potassium-enriched salt lowers cardiovascular risks, but it is not widely adopted. Hannah aims to co-design and test evidence-based implementation strategies to bridge this gap.

Indigenous Australians face a higher risk of cardiovascular disease and may benefit from using potassium-enriched salt (salt low in sodium and high in potassium). In her fellowship project, Hannah will use Yarning circle, a culturally sensitive qualitative method, to understand Indigenous Australians' perspectives on using potassium-enriched salt. She will also undertake training to deepen her understanding of Indigenous research methods. This fellowship will enhance Hannah's methodological skills and extend the impact of her existing work to implement potassium-enriched salt. This project is a crucial first step in making potassium-enriched salt accessible to Indigenous Australians in a way that aligns with contextual values.

GEORGINA SWEET FELLOWSHIP IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHS AND MEDICINE

Rashmi Pithavadian

Western Sydney University



Rashmi Pithavadian, BA, MRes, FHEA, is an award-winning health researcher, sessional academic, and PhD candidate at Western Sydney University. Her MRes thesis examined, and proposed a model to understand and mitigate, women's help-seeking challenges for their vaginismus. She published four peer-reviewed journal articles on this work. Her current mixed methods PhD research will develop resources for health professionals to better support women with vaginismus. Part of this research is accepted for an international conference presentation.

Rashmi's PhD focuses on developing a clinical questionnaire with user guides to holistically support women's biopsychosocial challenges with vaginismus – a common yet often-overlooked female sexual dysfunction. The Fellowship will enable Rashmi to recruit health professionals into focus groups in hospitals, universities, and national organisations across Australia. These focus groups are designed to collect health professionals' feedback to improve the questionnaire's quality and feasibility. It will also facilitate the project's wider exposure to translate the research into practical healthcare use. This supports the goal to develop resources that improve healthcare and quality of life outcomes for women with vaginismus.

Distinguished panel of scholars and academics for the Centenary Panel



Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (AFDUB) / Benin Association of Graduate Women (BAGW)



Bénin

As a newly affiliated NFA in 2025, the Benin Association of Graduate Women (AFDUB) has focused on laying a strong foundation for impactful programming and advocacy. Guided by our strategic plan (2025–2028), we are developing initiatives across four key pillars: education, leadership, economic empowerment, and advocacy.

In education, our flagship program *Filles & Savoirs pour Demain* promotes equitable access to secondary and higher education for girls, particularly in rural areas. We have launched awareness campaigns in rural high schools and initiated partnerships with school administrations to support scholarship access.

In leadership, Campus Leadership Féminin (CLF) trains young women as civic leaders and mentors. The program includes workshops on public speaking, community engagement, and leadership ethics, with the goal of building a network of female ambassadors across the country.

Our advocacy work is structured under the axis *Plaidoyer, Droits et Inclusion*, which includes the Femmes & Justice initiative. This program raises awareness of legal rights and gender justice through forums and community dialogues. We have begun drafting advocacy memos and engaging with local authorities to promote inclusive policies.

In digital inclusion, we launched *Femmes Connectées*, a program focused on digital literacy for rural women and girls. In collaboration with Women Empowered–Benin (WE), we work directly with women from savings and loan groups and intervene in rural schools to deliver workshops on basic computer skills, internet safety, and digital entrepreneurship. These trainings are conducted in French and local languages to ensure accessibility and have already reached over 120 participants.

To support these efforts, we have initiated fundraising and partnership development activities. Our executive team is working on grant proposals and outreach to national and international stakeholders to secure resources for program expansion.

All these initiatives are ongoing and form the backbone of our strategic vision for the next three years. They reflect our commitment to advancing the rights, education, and empowerment of women and girls in Benin, while contributing to global advocacy efforts through GWI.



Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)



Canada

CFUW Passed Resolutions from 2023-2025

2023

- Immigration Detention in Canada
- Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy
- Advancing sustainable development and gender equality through International Trade Agreements

2024

- Restore and Preserve Canada's Peatlands
- Preserving Deep Sea Ecosystems
- Ageing in Place: Resources for all Canadians to Age at Home and in Community Settings
- Incentives to Adopt Current Standards for Long Term Car

2025

- **Resolution #1: [Addressing Period Poverty and Menstrual Inequity in Canada](#)**
- **Resolution #2: [Expanding Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services](#)**
- **Resolution #3: [Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ Rights](#)**
- **Resolution #4: [Strengthening the Awareness and Safekeeping of Individuals and Their Animals Experiencing Domestic Violence](#)**
- **Resolution #5: [Equitable Phase-Out of Fossil Fuels](#)**
- **Resolution #6: [Archiving Select CFUW Adopted Resolutions](#)**
- **Resolution #7: [Affirming Housing as a Human Right and Social Good](#)**

International Service Project (ISP)

The International Service Projects (ISP) are engaged in by CFUW working with a Canadian non-profit organisation with educational projects in countries outside Canada.

- 2022-23 Darakht-e- Danesh Library (DDL) by Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan. \$24,097.13 was donated by CFUW clubs
- 2023-2025, "She Belongs in School" was initiated with 60 Million Girls
- In 2023-24 CFUW clubs donated \$7685.56 towards the project "She Belongs in School" in Mozambique and in the 2024-25 for a similar project "Retaining Girls in School" in Nepal \$15,275 was donated.

Pieces4Peace



- CFUW members from across Canada made visual panels promoting peace. Hundreds of locals & visitors from around the globe stopped by to look at our display of more than 1000 colourful panels. They invited entry into rich & meaningful conversations about peace and children happily joined in by helping to place panels on the lawn. For 3 hours, on Parliament Hill, on the International Day of Peace (September 21st, 2024), it was clear that people appreciated the distraction from the heaviness of the daily news. Handouts were distributed describing CFUW's national standpoint on Peace and its importance for women and girls.

CFUW prepared a [written submission](#) for pre-budget consultations in advance of the 2023, 2024 and 2025 Federal Budget, outlining recommendations to ensure the budget improves the lives of women and the most marginalized.

Commission on the Status of Women

CSW 67, March 2023

- CFUW: Evening the Odds in Digital Education for Marginalized Women and Girls
- CAMEUS: Digital Education: Lessons Learnt and Innovations Introduced.

CSW 68 March 2024

- CFUW: Women Rising from Poverty: Strategies, Transformative Educational Projects, Empowering Initiatives.
- CAMEUS: Challenge to Empowerment: Experiences and Replicable Strategies of Refugee Women

CSW 69 March 2025

- CFUW. Educating Women and Girls: Advancing their Empowerment and Equality”
- CAMEUS: *Recognizing Qualifications for Employment of Women Migrating to North America*

As an ECOSOC-accredited organisation, CFUW sent 17 delegates to attend the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) in New York in March 2024. The GWI North American Regional, CAMEUS, a collaboration of CFUW, Women Graduates-USA, and Federación Mexicana de Universitarias, focuses on migrants and education. The CSW 67 virtual presentation was Digital Education: Lessons Learnt and Innovations Introduced.

Ahead of CSW68, CFUW prepared a [written statement](#) on the priority theme. We were also honoured to participate in Women and Gender Equality Canada's “rapid response group” to provide feedback on the Agreed Conclusions throughout the negotiations.

CFUW National released a [statement](#) on the CSW68 Agreed Conclusions, and wrote to the Prime Minister and several relevant Ministers encouraging the outcome document's implementation in Canada and internationally.



CFUW sent 26 delegates to the 69th UN Commission on the Status of Women, where we have ECOSOC status, produced a [written statement](#), and provided input to the political declaration. This year, the theme of CSW was a review of progress since the 1995 Beijing Conference and Platform for Action.



2024 CFUW Annual General Meeting

NGO CSW/NY PARALLEL EVENT

EDUCATING WOMEN & GIRLS: ADVANCING THEIR EMPOWERMENT & EQUALITY

MARCH 13, 2025
12:30-2:00PM ET
CCUN 2ND FLOOR
NEW YORK

THE HON. JOAN MARIE AYLWARD
Lieutenant Governor
Newfoundland & Labrador
Opening doors to leadership through education

WANDA BEDARD
President & Founder,
60 Million Girls
Supporting girls' agency through a quality education

GEETA DESAI
Co-Director, Global Alliance Women Graduates - USA
Fostering women's and girls' thrives critical thinking skills

SOON-YOUNG YOON
Founder, Crisis Etc.

Women





Egyptian Association of Graduate Women (EAGW)



Egypt

We made a presentation with photos for all our activities in Cairo branch and Alexandria branch. But as written here:

1. In Cairo branch we had trips to Cities like Port-Said, Mahala, Rashid. Seminars about gender equality, environmental architecture, one of our iconic pioneer members, youth effect, cultural changes, about a story book, and about celebrating the African woman. Also, our annual iftar in the holy month of Ramdan. And conferences about women 's empowerment. Workshops about handcrafts. Exhibitions.

2. In Alexandria branch we had trips to Alsharqiya , Sohag and Mahmoud Said Museum, and a visit to a factory in Ras elSoda . Seminars about elimination of Violence against Women and girls, about public health and nutrition, about balancing women's health, childcare and family income, about mental health for women in different ages, about self-development and family counseling, and about agricultural and food technology with a speaker from FAO. And activities from the BRIPD project like swimming training course in Alexandria Stadium. And workshops for teaching Altally.

For full report of the exceptional activities by EAUW, click here: <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/PPT-EAGW-WORK-FROM-2023-to-2025.pdf>

Ghana Association of University Women (GAUW)



Ghana

The Ghana Association of University Women (GAUW) has been actively engaged in various initiatives and achievements during the 2023-2025 triennium, focusing on promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls in Ghana. The following were activities that took place:

- A) Empowerment Programs: GAUW organized an empowerment program for selected girls from Akotokyir Anglican School, aiming to provide them with essential skills and knowledge. This project is expected to be replicated in other schools.
- B) Menstrual Hygiene Project: GAUW also launched a Menstrual Hygiene Project to address menstrual health issues among girls.
- C) Partnerships and Collaborations: GAUW has established partnerships with other women's groups and organizations to amplify its impact.



- D) Leadership development and Capacity Building: The association organised a seminar on global competencies and leadership development for members Networking: GAUW has members sister universities and is building a network of women in academia and establishments.
- E) Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Interview for Female Mechanics: GAUW conducted this study to examines the experiences, challenges, and opportunities faced by female apprentices working in traditionally male-dominated trades within Ghana's informal TVET sector. This study exposed some challenges as:
- Insufficient funding and lack of access to start-up capital which hinder their ability to pursue their chosen trades.
 - Persistent Gender Stereotypes: Negative perceptions and biases against women in male-dominated fields, such as auto mechanics and construction, limit their participation.
 - Insufficient Access to Training Equipment: Limited access to tools and equipment necessary for their trades hampers their skill development. Despite these challenges, female apprentices exhibit high levels of dedication and competence. Some master trainers have become proponents of including women in TVET programs, citing their discipline, reliability, and humility.
- F) Symposium on Entrepreneurship: The association organised a symposium on entrepreneurship, providing a platform for female students from TVET schools and those working in the garages to develop entrepreneurial skills.

Title of an important project:

Breaking Barriers: Exploring the experiences of female workers and apprentices in Ghana's Informal Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector. **25th of February 2025**

- Interviews of female apprentices and workers in the male dominated informal TVET sector to gain nuanced insights into gender dynamics.
- Entrepreneurship symposium

Number of branches and members involved: University of Cape Coast branch and 10 members supported by 5 Post graduate students and Research Assistants.

Outcomes or results of action:

The findings reveal that female apprentices and workers exhibit high levels of dedication and competence; however, they face significant structural and socio-cultural barriers. These include limited financial resources, persistent gender stereotypes, and restricted access to post-training employment and start-up capital. Notably, while some master trainers initially expressed reservations about training female apprentices, many have become proponents of their inclusion, citing their discipline, reliability, and humility compared to their male counterparts.



Interviewing Paulina, a female sprayer at the University Spraying Workshop



Other girls interviewed at their workplaces



Group pictures with the various groups after the Entrepreneurship symposium



Presentation of GWI customized working apparels to the female working in the TVET informal sector.



These female are working at UCC Technical workshop auto sprayers, painters and Upholsterer

These girls are apprentices at the auto garages

Irish Federation of University Women (IrFUW)



Ireland

Key Initiatives and Achievements (2023–2025)

The 2023–2025 triennium marked a transformational period for the Irish Federation of University Women (IrFUW) as we celebrated our 100th anniversary and strengthened our leadership role in advancing education and equality for women and girls in Ireland. Under the leadership of the IrFUW President, our Federation delivered landmark initiatives, increased public visibility, and deepened our impact nationally and internationally.

1. Centenary Celebrations (2023–2026)

IrFUW marked a century of championing women’s education with a national programme of lectures, conferences, and cultural events hosted by our Associations, including a major celebration at Trinity College Dublin. These events:



- Showcased the historic contribution of IrFUW members to women's access to education and leadership.
- Attracted national media coverage, revitalised dormant branches, and inspired a new generation of graduates to join our movement.
- Highlighted GWI's global mission to a wider Irish audience, strengthening our national and international profile.

2. North/South Women's Leadership Conference (April 2025)

IrFUW successfully applied to the Department of Foreign Affairs for €10,000 in funding to enable North/South participation in this flagship event, held at Queen's University Belfast and headlined by former President of Ireland Mary Robinson. The conference brought together over 80 leaders, academics, policymakers, and grassroots activists from across the island to:

- Focus on cross-border collaboration in advancing women's education and leadership.
- President Mary Robinson's keynote call for universities to play a stronger role in empowering women, sparked valuable debate and national media coverage.
- Produced a joint action plan for improving the lives of young women, which has been shared with government departments and academic institutions on both sides of the border.

3. Girls' Public Speaking Competition

IrFUW continued to organise and promote this annual programme, securing sponsorship from a prestigious Irish law firm to sustain and expand its reach. The initiative:

- Reached over 150 schoolgirls annually, with increased participation from rural and disadvantaged Deis schools with a record audience of 250+ at the Galway event.
- Developed confidence, public speaking, and leadership skills in teenage girls.
- Strengthened IrFUW's grassroots impact and visibility nationwide.

4. Advocacy and Research

- Highlighting Issues Affecting Women and Girls: Through annual conferences, council meetings, and public events, IrFUW consistently raised awareness of barriers facing women in education and leadership, keeping these issues on the public agenda.
- Ethnic Minority Hiring Study: Led by IrFUW Secretary Nivali Mantramurthy and commissioned by the Central Bank of Ireland, this groundbreaking report examined barriers facing ethnic minorities in financial services recruitment and retention, influencing inclusive hiring practices nationally.



- Government Engagement: IrFUW President Gisèle Scanlon presented recommendations to the Department of Education on improving access to higher education for Traveller, migrant, and disadvantaged girls.
- International Platforms: Members contributed to GWI advocacy efforts, engaged with European NFAs, and participated in CSW69 preparatory dialogues to bring Ireland's perspective to the global stage.

5. Future-Focused Initiatives

The IrFUW President has laid the groundwork for a Leadership Institute to help women access senior decision-making roles and is developing a national scholarship for women (launching in 2026). These initiatives will ensure that IrFUW remains a leading force for equality in education for the next century.

Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW)



Japan

- ◆ took the theme and related topics in our national seminars, symposium and research projects, and in branch activities.
- ◆ sent delegates to CSW every year and held a seminar reporting the outcomes.
- ◆ hold an event at EXPO2025 on August 7, 2025, featuring "Women in Politics", where our members, who are female politicians, discuss the existing obstacles and how to eliminate such obstacles, and how to encourage more women to get involved in politics. An on-line session with GWI Executive Director Stacy Dry-Lala is also scheduled.

JAUW has its main theme running through these years on "Education, Gender and Inclusion", which are SDGs' Goal 4, Goal 5, and Goal 10. All the national seminars, symposiums and research have been developed on the theme. JAUW has started to address the issues of "Environments: Climate Change", "Well-beings" and "Young people's Voices and Perspectives" as our national seminar and research themes, which are SDGs' Goals 3, 7, 13, 14, 15, and 17.



Lithuanian University Women Association



Lithuania

- Support provided to long-term care patients at Prienai Hospital.
- Active collaboration with several local community centres.
- Participation in various projects and events led by the Lithuanian Women's Lobby Organisation.
- Engagement in events hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Women's Group.
- The LUMA West-American Branch (USA) established a Friendship Garden and organized events to celebrate Lithuanian national day and honour prominent Lithuanian figures
- Annual Project "Intersections of History and Cultures" (since 2022), partially funded by the Department of National Minorities under the Government of Lithuania.
- Ongoing Project "Harmony and Society", offering lectures on legal and environmental topics.
- Partner and implementer of three major programs under the Lithuanian Union of Political Prisoners and Deportees (LPKTS) initiative "For a Safe and Sustainable Community" (funded by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour

These included:

- Wellbeing programs
- Art therapy sessions

Conferences (2022–2025)

Hosted at the Lithuanian Parliament:

- "Sustainable Lithuania – Our Contribution to Nation Building"-2022
- "Lithuanian Women's Organizations and their Contribution to a Sustainable Society: National and International Cooperation" 2023

National conferences:

- Held in collaboration with the M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum and Kaunas University of Technology (KTU), in partnership with the Third Age University (MČTAU). 2024 (topics centered around the achievements of notable Lithuanian women).



Graduate Women Scotland (GWS)



Scotland

Graduate Women Scotland maintained strong visibility and impact across national and international platforms during the 2023–2025 Triennium. Flagship events included the annual Research Presentation Days, held online in 2022 and 2023, and in-person in Glasgow (2024) and Dundee (2025), featuring PhD students across a wide array of subjects.

Distinguished speakers such as Roddy MacPherson (in 2 of his roles around the death of Queen Elizabeth II) reflecting on key UK state occasions, as well as speakers from numerous organisations working in the Women's and Care sectors.

These and other more social events provided members with opportunities to engage in research, policy, and creative expression.

Our CIR attended CSW in person as part of both the GWI and UKCSWA delegations, participating in UN sessions and daily strategy meetings with the UK government delegation. Both she and GWS members attending online contributed to CSW debriefs and advocacy efforts surrounding Beijing +30 negotiations, in a year without Agreed Conclusions.

Other International collaboration included active participation in UWE events in Metz, Izmir, and Belfast.

Advocacy efforts extended locally as well, with successful support for a petition and other action to preserve Glasgow's MCR Pathways programme in 2023. This is a programme supporting children as they progress to adulthood, with mentoring where parental or other support is unavailable.

Regular communications, hybrid events, and strategic programming helped us maintain member engagement and inclusion throughout the Triennium.



Spanish Federation of University Women (SFUW)



Spain

The main activity of the 3 FEMU associations is promoting education, lifelong learning, and cultural growth. Various activities held throughout the years such as Seminars, Cineforum, Literary Discussions, Conferences, Recitals, Lunches, Trips and Meetings with other Women's Associations etc... also serve the purpose of raising money for the scholarship fund which, during this period, has benefited more than 40 bright students.

Other activities carried out by the different Associations of FEMU during the year have consisted in the constant updating of the blogs and social media of each association, framed within the activities of the Market-place (Twinning), the Spanish-speaking Cultural Bridge, which began on 7 April 2021, has continued throughout these years with a bimonthly online meeting between the 6 countries that make it up. Currently, the presidency has passed from Spain to Mexico.

We have also published two manifestos:

- 2021.10.12 MANIFESTO FOR A FUTURE OF EQUALITY AND WITHOUT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE BEYOND BEIJING + 26
- 2023.12.18 MANIFESTO IN DEFENCE OF MIGRANT WOMEN.

We also translate GWI infographics into Spanish. Various of our members also participated in the VII Latin American Meeting of University Women held in Tres Arroyos (Argentina).

With the help of GWI, we were also present every year at the campaign against gender violence, in a bilingual version, from November 25th to December 10th.

Out of many projects organized by UWE we participated in the "Meet and Greet" from June 28th to July 2nd in Metz.

Meet&Greet in Marbella April 2024: We gathered our European members for a weekend of action, culture and fun, with the attendance of 34 European members, joined by 4 Spanish ones.

In April 2025 Marbella Association launched a successful Hackathon "Youth for More Equality and Less Violence– social media Marathon", funded by the Andalusian Government and supported by the Marbella City Council.

Two FEMU members have been elected members of two GWI committees (Fellowship Committee and Membership Committee).

The number of members is recovering from the loss of 22 during the pandemic and post-pandemic and we are now 148. We hope to continue growing!



Senegalese Association of University Women (ASFDU)



Sénégal

The ASFDU stands out for its pursuit of excellence and integrity in scientific production, which has earned it the collaboration of various public and private stakeholders in the execution of their most important agendas. It has regularly responded to all invitations from the MFFPE, particularly for the SNEEG review, workshops to develop action plans (women, peace and security, GBV), the preparation of country reports to be presented to the UN system, and other activities. Other state institutions have regularly responded to all our invitations. They have also received and involve the association in the majority of their activities.

The ASFDU, a non-denominational and apolitical association, collaborates on several national and international programs to achieve its mission. The year 2024 was a year rich in lessons learned both from the diversity of activities initiated and the programs undertaken as well as the innovations introduced, which are called digital education, eco-citizen education, the contribution to the completion of the classical secondary cycle thanks to the contribution of the Feminist Library and its annual animation system. Expanded, through the themes explored, precisely the awakening of girls' leadership which is also recognized as essential to the correction of the political participation of women assessed as "insufficient", in particular the quality of their participation in public life. Also the strengthening of girls' education through literary discussions, philosophical debates and book presentations in addition to human rights strengthens their general culture. Beyond this educational coloring, the Bineta DIOP Library of the ASFDU served as a framework for exhibition and opening as part of the 2024 Arts Biennale through the Heinrich Boll Senegal Foundation. Another component of the association's innovations is the development of partnerships, an essential lever for our organisation's influence.

Furthermore, with the presentation of ASFDU's work at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the organisation's position in national and international public institutions is strengthened.

Awareness-raising tours in partner institutions for more responsible student leadership in environmental preservation, in partnership with the CEFÉ/Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition (METE) for the joint implementation of eco-citizenship education. This is a way to strengthen the association's impact.



Schweizerischer Verband der Akademikerinnen (SVA)/ Association Suisse des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (ASFUDU)



Switzerland

2023 was a year of transition. The president, newly elected in 2022, resigned for personal reasons after one year in office. The writer accepted the presidency in March 2023 and announced a structural reform of the Swiss association. This was undertaken with the expert preparation of the working group “Quo Vadis” and, including the necessary partial revision of statutes (subject to being approved of by the board of GWI) was accepted by the Delegates’Assembly (DA), 10/05/25. The idea of the structural reform being to actively involve more interested members in the management of the association. The new organisational chart reflects this aim, with the delegates' assembly, in which all sections are represented, remaining the highest body. Strategic management is now the responsibility of the Presidents' Conference. The Board, the executive body, is responsible for the operational business, with clearly defined departments: Presidency; Finance; Communication; Program; International Affairs. The new board will start work after the summer break, cf. www.akademikerinnen.ch.

Apart from the proceedings for the structural reform on 31 August, 2024, the day of the celebration of our centennial, our new website could be launched. It offers more efficient possibilities for internal and external communication of the Swiss NFA and was warmly applauded by the DA.

The focus in 2024 was the centennial of the Swiss NFA. Women in science were given a platform to present their research in the field of AI. With the new director, Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter, in charge, the University of Bern hosted our conference. An audience of around 80, mostly interested women and a number of men, were informed about the challenges and possibilities of AI in music, by Monic Chirita Leménager, violinist, Academia d’Archi; linguistics, by Prof. Dr. Chantal Wright; art, by Prof. Dr. Marie-France Rafael; medicine, by Prof. Dr. Stavroula – Georgia Mouggiakakou and politics, by Dr. Judith Sild and the question of gender bias, by Prof. Isabelle Collet. The presentations were followed by an inspiring panel discussion, carried out in German, French and English, moderated by Isabel Bolli, MA.

The event was framed by an informal pre-conference dinner and a Gala with piano music by Coraline Parmentier as well as two tours featuring important women of the city of Bern. We were honored to welcome the Secretary General of GWI, Stacy Dry Lara, who also read a greeting message of our president, Patrice Wellesley-Cole, who could unfortunately not take part personally; Anne Nègre-Bergheim, president of UWE; Sybille von Heydebrand, Vice President International Alliance of Women, to mention the most important guests of honor.



Highlights in March 2024 and 2025 were the sessions of the CSW68 and CSW9, where two, respectively three representatives of the Swiss NFA – Tatjana Betschart, then our CIR; Isabel Bolli; Ursula Bolli-Schaffner, then president – were part of the GWI delegation. Unfortunately Participation in Interactive Dialogues, or a Side Event could not be realized. The participation in 2025 implied active collaboration with the Federal Office for Gender Equality, which included other Swiss NGOs participating in CSW69, and the Swiss Mission to the UN resulting in the above mentioned meeting with the Swiss Federal Councillor.

Türk Universiteli Kadınlar Derneği (TUKD)



Turkey

Following the devastating earthquake on February 6, 2023 the Board of our Association initiated a solidarity effort with all branches. In response, our Association successfully delivered nearly 100 truckloads of essential supplies, tents, and containers to Hatay, with a particular focus on the needs of women, children, and individuals with disabilities.

In the immediate aftermath, numerous urgent shelter requests were received from women who had lost their spouses and children and were compelled to stay in shared tents with remaining family members. Consequently, Türkiye's first-ever "WOMEN'S SETTLEMENT," consisting of 25 containers, was established in the Mağaracık district of Samandağ, Hatay. We remain in communication with the District Governor of Samandağ to address ongoing needs, including employment, playgrounds for children, and supply lists.

With the financial donations received, construction of an environmentally friendly, "TAUW PERMANENT SECONDARY SCHOOL" with 8 classrooms was initiated in Serinyol, Antakya, as part of the healing and rehabilitation process. The school's construction has been completed and interior furnishing is underway; it is scheduled to open in September 2025.

Through the support of the Air Liquid Fund, a complex of four containers was established. These include: two digital study units, one psychosocial support unit, and a guest accommodation unit designated for visiting Association lecturers providing educational programs for women. The container settlement hosts seminars on women's rights, health, family communication, entrepreneurship, and more.

Furthermore, emergency funding was mobilized to provide scholarships to nearly 600 female university students affected by the earthquake. These scholarships will continue until graduation.



Association of University Women Uganda (AUWU)



Uganda

During the 2023–2025 Triennium, the Association of University Women Uganda (AUWU) implemented a series of transformative initiatives aimed at advancing the rights, wellbeing, and opportunities of women and girls across Uganda. These efforts combined grassroots engagement, policy advocacy, and strategic partnerships to address pressing challenges in education, health, and gender equality.

Teachers for Rural Futures Project (2023–2025). AUWU spearheaded the Teachers for Rural Futures Project to address the shortage of female educators in underserved communities. By identifying promising young women and supporting their training and deployment, the project enhanced access to quality education and created role models for girls in rural schools. The initiative also included mentorship and leadership development components, contributing to improved retention and academic performance among female students.

Menstrual Health Training in Luuka District (2024–2025). In response to persistent barriers to menstrual hygiene and school attendance, AUWU conducted hands-on training for adolescents, teachers, and parents in Luuka district on making reusable sanitary pads. This initiative promoted sustainable menstrual health practices, reduced stigma, and empowered communities to support girls' education. Health education sessions and community dialogues complemented the training, fostering openness and awareness around menstrual issues.

Counselling and Career Guidance in Schools (2023–2025). Recognizing the importance of psychosocial support, AUWU delivered counselling and career guidance programs in primary and secondary schools for instance Tara Primary school, Mmanze Secondary School. These sessions addressed emotional wellbeing, self-esteem, and future planning, while career workshops introduced students—especially girls—to diverse professional paths, including STEM and leadership roles. The initiative helped reduce dropout rates and encouraged long-term educational engagement.

Policy Advocacy and Civil Society Engagement. AUWU actively participated in national advocacy platforms, including the 2024 launch of the Ugandan Parliamentary Forum to End Child Marriages and Teenage Pregnancies. The organization contributed to policy discussions and mobilized community support for legislative reforms protecting girls' rights. AUWU also engaged in CEDAW-related consultations and submitted recommendations to government bodies on menstrual health and education equity.

Cross-Border Collaboration and Mental Health Advocacy. In a groundbreaking effort to address mental health stigma, AUWU collaborated with regional and international civil society organizations—including Mental Health Uganda, ADAAM Uganda, Neo Health and Wellness Centre



Botswana, JCI Uganda, and SCOPE Foundation—in an X Space dialogue titled *Breaking the Stigma: Fostering Compassion and Empathy for Mental Health Wellness in Africa*. This platform facilitated cross-border knowledge exchange, amplified youth voices, and promoted inclusive mental health strategies across the continent.

Research and Public Awareness. AUWU conducted field research on barriers to girls' education and menstrual health, using findings to inform program design and advocacy messaging. Public awareness campaigns, including radio talk shows and community forums, were used to disseminate information and mobilize support for gender equality initiatives.

Through these integrated efforts, AUWU demonstrated a strong commitment to empowering women and girls, influencing policy, and fostering inclusive development. The organization's strategic blend of service delivery, advocacy, and collaboration positioned it as a key actor in advancing the GWI mission and driving sustainable change in Uganda and beyond.

British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG)



United Kingdom

The strategic plan that took place in the last two years provided a strong basis for sustainability and the ability to measure capacity within the leadership of BFWG, with ongoing assessment. The organisation took part in a long-standing project to modernise the BFWG's charitable foundation, Funds for Women Graduates (FFWG). The main advantages are to modernise the constitution and secure the charity's future with reduced administration. The name and strong relation between the two are preserved. The charitable donations of FFWG amount to £240,000 annually in the form of grants to doctoral students of different nationalities who are studying in British universities and find themselves in need.

The International Fellowship Fund (IFF) is from a legacy that stipulated that income should be applied to an award in the name of an early BFWG president, Ida Smedley Maclean (1929-1935). BFWG Scholarship Fund Trust, continue to offer annual academic awards to women doctoral students for excellence in their studies. For the past 25 years. Also organising the Research presentation day annually. The trust administers the (IFF) award. Additionally, in 2022 the first Cyntia Burek member Environmental Recognition Award was given by GWI, thanks to the generosity of the member. In 2024 the scholarship fund trust made seven awards given totalled £22,000. In 2025 the trust has made four awards totalling £20,000.

Research presentation day has been run for around 25 years. Entries received from postgraduate students across the UK, eight shortlisted to attend and present their work, the day is both valuable and enjoyable.



The BFWG have continued to take part with National Council of Women (NCW), 6-0 (influential women's organisations in Britain) and National Alliance of Women's Organisations. BFWG supported a resolution with NCW regarding violence against women and girls.

Women Graduates-USA (WG-USA)



United States

Key Initiatives

- We continued our partnership with the IIE Scholar Rescue Program, funding \$5,000 to a scholar.
- We signed a memo of understanding with Canada and Mexico to form CAMEUS. CAMEUS' mission is to target solutions to the security and educational needs of women refugees, immigrants and migrants. Annually CAMEUS presents at CSW.
- We held two in-person AGM/Conferences. In 2023 we celebrate our 15 anniversary with our annual meeting in Chicago.
- Throughout the Triennium we held Zoom webinar programs on Climate, Women's Health, Advocacy, and Membership targeting our younger and new members. In 2025 we began Town Hall meetings to keep our members and friends abreast of the actions of our government and how these actions have affected people. Recently we held a Webinar featuring two experts on immigration. The seminar was well attended. We invited all the GWI NFAs as well as key individuals in the USA.
- Our Small Grants Initiative awarded grants (2-3 each year) that positively impacting the lives of women and girls, support and showcase members who are passionate about our mission. Their projects are highlighted in our newsletter and at our AGM/conferences.

WG-USA at the United Nations

Throughout the 3-year period, the WG-USA's UN representatives attended numerous high-level meetings, including:

- Committee for Social Development
- Commission on the Status of Women with WG-USA member delegations (CSW 68, 69)
- High Level Political Forum
- 2024 UN Summit of the Future
- 2023 SDG Days UNGA (UN General Assembly) September 2023



- UN Stakeholders Meetings
- ECOSOC review meetings
- Various UN NGO committee meetings: NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons (member representation on the CORE committee), NGO Committee for the Rights of Indigenous Persons, NGO Committee on Migration
- Caucuses (NA/EU CSW Caucus, US Women's Caucus at the UN)
- UN Third Committee briefing meetings
- Briefings on the EDVAW Platform
- NGO CSW monthly meetings

Written Statements to the United Nations as per ECOSOC accreditation
The WG-USA UN Representatives submitted quarterly reports to the Board of Directors. Individual meeting reports are available upon request. Key submissions included:

- Written statements to CSW 68, 69; the High Level Political Forum 2024, 2025; Commission for Social Development 2025
- Zero Draft Recommendations for the CSW 67, 68 Agreed Conclusions and the 2024 UN PACT for the Summit of the Future
- CSW Revitalization recommendations 2025 to UN Women

Documents Prepared

- Executive Summary Reports of High-Level Meetings
 - UN Committee on Social Development Forum
 - UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68) 2024, 2025
 - UN High Level Political Forum 2024, 2025
 - UN Summit of the Future 2024 Action Days and Summit
 - UN SDG Action Days, September 2023
- White Papers
 - Summary of the 2023 UN Third Committee Resolution on Human Trafficking
 - Summary of the 2023 UN Third Committee Resolution CSW 2025 - 30th anniversary of Beijing Platform for Action
 - Summit of the Future 2024 (SotF)
 - CSW Revitalization 2025
 - Women Graduates-USA Position Paper on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) *June 2025*

Legislative Monitoring & Advocacy:

WG-USA tracks US federal and state legislation on:

- Women in Power and Decision making
- Access to healthcare at all life stages



- Education equity and public funding
- Gender-based violence and trafficking
- Technology and Impact and role of Artificial intelligence

Policy briefs, talking points, and summaries for members as follows:

- Submit public comments and Sign-on letters
- Meet with policymakers and legislative staff
- Mobilize members for timely action on key bills
- Testify on live legislative events as appropriate

Training & Capacity Building: To strengthen member readiness through:

- Advocacy toolkits - Charting Path of Advocacy
- Surveys seeking member input and engagement
- Live webinars on Policymaker engagement



At-a-Glance: National Federation Activities (2023–2025)

Organized by Category and Country

Collectively, each reporting federation demonstrated steadfast dedication to advancing women’s education, advocacy, and empowerment. By embracing innovative strategies, fostering international partnerships, and actively pursuing collaborative projects and strategic programming, these organizations underscored a global commitment to gender equality, leadership, and expanded educational opportunities for women and girls worldwide.

Advocacy and Policy Influence

- Canada: CFUW passed resolutions on social justice, health, and environment; participated in UN CSW and led advocacy events.
- Senegal: ASFDU collaborated with national institutions on policy and education and contributed to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.
- Uganda: AUWU led national advocacy and public awareness campaigns for gender equality and legislative reforms.
- United States: WG-USA passed national resolutions on climate ecocide, submitted written statements to the United Nations and policy briefs on women’s rights and tracked related legislation; was active at the United Nations.

Cultural and Community Engagement

- Egypt: EAGW conducted trips and conferences promoting cultural engagement.
- Lithuania: Lithuanian University Women Association engaged in community service, legal and environmental education, and hosted national conferences.
- Senegal: ASFDU’s Bineta DIOP Library supported cultural and arts initiatives.
- Spain: FEMU organized literary events, seminars, and cultural partnerships, including the Spanish-speaking Cultural Bridge and manifestos for gender equality.

Education and Scholarships

- Australia: AGW celebrated its centenary with scholarships and fellowships for women PhD students.
- Spain: FEMU provided scholarship funds to over 40 students to promote education and cultural growth.
- Turkey: TUKD built a permanent secondary school and provided nearly 600 scholarships to earthquake-affected female university students.
- United Kingdom: BFWG distributed over £240,000 annually in doctoral student grants and maintained academic awards.
- United States: continued partnership with the IIE Scholar Rescue Program, funding \$5,000 to a scholar.

International Partnerships and UN Engagement

- Australia: AGW was involved in UN forums and international advocacy.
- Canada: CFUW supported international education projects and participated in the UN CSW.



- Japan: JAUW took part annually in CSW and global sessions.
- Spain: FEMU joined international projects and meetings to address gender violence.
- Switzerland: Swiss NFA participated in UN sessions and collaborations on gender equality and public policy
- United States: WG-USA partnered with the IIE Scholar Rescue Program and collaborated with Canada and Mexico through CAMEUS.

Health and Well-being

- Egypt: EAGW organized seminars and workshops on public health, mental wellness, and women's empowerment.
- Turkey: TUKD provided psychosocial support following the earthquake.
- Uganda: AUWU delivered programs on menstrual health, mental health, and career guidance in rural areas.

Leadership and Capacity Building

- Benin: Newly affiliated NFA focused on leadership, economic empowerment, and digital inclusion for women and girls.
- Ireland: IrFUW launched a North/South leadership conference and expanded girls' public speaking competitions.
- Senegal: ASFDU promoted girls' leadership through scientific excellence initiatives.
- Uganda: AUWU supported training and mentorship for young women educators via the Teachers for Rural Futures Project.
- United States: continued funding Small Grants Projects

Technology and Innovation

- Benin: Digital inclusion initiatives for women and girls.
- Japan: JAUW hosted seminars focused on climate change, youth voices, and technology, with upcoming events on women in politics at EXPO2025.
- Switzerland: The Swiss NFA celebrated its centennial with events on women in science and AI, launched a new website, and reformed organizational structures.

In Conclusion

Graduate Women International NFAs reaffirm their commitment to advancing equity, education, and leadership for women worldwide. Through collective advocacy, strategic engagement, and ongoing professional development, we continue to leverage technology and the transformative potential of artificial intelligence to achieve our mission. By supporting evidence-based policy and fostering member empowerment, we strive to create a more just and inclusive society for all.



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