



United Nations Women's Guild - Geneva

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Facts

- Established in 1970
- UNWG–Geneva belongs to a Federation of Guilds around the world. Affiliated with New York, which is considered as The “Mother Guild”
- A non-profit organization ruled by Swiss Law



UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S GUILD - GENEVA
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Objectives

- Foster friendship, mutual understanding, and collaboration among UNWG members
- Provide a vibrant hub for cultural exchange, social engagement, special events, and educational activities
- Support disadvantaged children and women worldwide by financing micro-projects and multi-year scholarships

Why Join UNWG?

FOR NEWCOMERS

- Offers a warm welcome and fosters easier integration through meaningful social connections and diverse network of women from various cultures.
- Provides a helpful overview of life in Geneva, sharing essential insights drawn from the extensive experience of UNWG members.
- Cultivates a sense of belonging and purpose, empowering members to contribute meaningfully to both the UN and the Geneva community.
- Creates opportunities to support women and children in need around the world.

FOR RETIREES

- Make a meaningful impact by supporting UNWG's mission through your time and energy
- Enjoy a rewarding experience through engaging volunteer activities
- Build lasting friendships and stay connected within the UN community
- Explore new interests and share your skills through diverse educational programs
- Boost your well-being with mental stimulation, physical activity, and reduced loneliness

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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UNWG Team

- 330 members from 75 countries
- Women from diverse cultures and working background
- All volunteers

Membership

- Women affiliated with the United Nations may become **Full Members**.
- Eligibility: Any woman officially connected to the UN through employment or relationship, including the UN Secretariat, its Specialized Agencies, Permanent Missions to the UN, and intergovernmental organizations headquartered in Geneva.
- Women not affiliated with the UN may apply for **Associate Membership**.
- Requirements: Applications must be endorsed by two Full Members of the UNWG-Geneva Executive Committee.
- All work done by members is on a voluntary basis.
- The annual membership fee is CHF 85.
- Those interested in joining the UNWG are invited to contact cfnu.unwg@bluemail.ch



Activities



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Coffee Mornings

- Provides Member States with an opportunity to showcase their rich culture and traditions
- Brings together UNWG members in a friendly and informal setting



Hosted by Morocco, Nov 2024



Hosted by Iran, Dec 2024



Hosted by the Guild, Jan 2025



Hosted by India, Feb 2025



Hosted by the Guild, Mar 2025



Hosted by Algeria, Apr 2025



Hosted by Egypt, June 2025

Cultural, Social & Special Events

- Guest Speakers
- Art Expositions
- Special Events in collaboration with the Permanent Missions
- Local Events with the City of Geneva
- Cultural Milestones Celebrations



Educational Courses and Activities

- Language Courses: English, French, Spanish, Japanese, German
- Hiking
- Yoga, Pilates and Fitness Classes
- Silk Painting
- Hiking & Friendship Walks
- Ikebana - Sogetsu
- Mahjong
- Cook & Connect
- Social Bridge
- Arts & Creations
- Book Club
- Photo Club



Key Projects



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International Bazaar



- Every year, the UNWG-Geneva, in collaboration with UNOG, the Permanent Missions to the UN, the City and Canton of Geneva, and the international business community, organises the International Bazaar to raise funds in support of disadvantaged women and children around the world.
- The Bazaar has become an important occasion for both the local and international communities. It attracts thousands of visitors and raises funds through its vibrant national stalls and restaurant stands, offering a unique celebration of global culture and solidarity.



The Children's Walk

- Launched in 2002, the Children's Walk is a popular event traditionally held at the UN. Children from participating international schools in Geneva raise funds by organising walks in their schools and collecting contributions for their efforts. At the end of the school year, a grand celebration is held at the UN.



- The initiative fosters compassion by helping children recognise that many of their peers around the world do not share the same opportunities. It also encourages a spirit of generosity and sharing, while offering participants a unique opportunity to learn about the work of the UN.
- Funds raised through the Children's Walk provide scholarships for secondary school students from underprivileged backgrounds, supporting their education and future prospects.

Where Funds Go



Scholarships

- The scholarship programme helps disadvantaged children attend secondary education
- The aim is to provide financial support for educational and vocational training so students can master skills that would improve their future
- For the period 2024-2025, UNWG is supporting multi-year scholarship programmes in India and Burkina Faso
- UNWG has helped students finish their schooling in over 20 countries

Micro-Projects

- Proceeds are dedicated exclusively to financing micro-projects that support disadvantaged children and young women in the areas of health, education, vocational training and provision of basic needs.
- Applications for funding may only be submitted by UNWG-Geneva members
- From 1988 to 2024, UNWG-Geneva has distributed over CHF 9 million and supported 2,097 projects across 131 countries.

Closing



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Contact

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FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

General Information

- **Who do I contact if I require more information?**
The team is here to provide you with information & answer queries that you may have. Send an email to cfnu.unwg@bluemail.ch
- **Are the list of members and contact information available?**
Yes, the Member's Directory, distributed to members, contains all the contact details.
- **How will I know what are the upcoming activities and events?**
An email is released informing members of upcoming activities as well as information published in the newsletter, social media and the website. Members are required to register or contact directly the course/activity leaders.
- **Can I join multiple activities and social events?**
There is no limit, you can join many activities or events that interest you.
- **How do I go to the UNWG office?**
It is best to take public transport to Appia or La Fenêtre stop. The office address is found on the previous page.

Projects and Scholarships

- **How does the sponsorship improve the lives of children?**
Sponsorship gives children in need access to education, helping them gain essential knowledge and life skills. It opens doors to better opportunities, empowers them to break the cycle of poverty, and prepares them for a brighter, more self-sufficient future.
- **Can I propose that funding be done for programmes that I believe in?**
Yes! As a UNWG member, you can submit a project proposal aligned with causes you support. To learn about the requirements and access the necessary templates, contact: cfnu.unwg@bluemail.ch. All proposals are reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- **Can I create my own fundraising initiatives and give the proceeds to UNWG?**
Yes, but you must be a UNWG member. Please check with cfnu.unwg@bluemail.ch in order to get alignment and support.

Thank you

JOIN UNWG!