Pre-Retirement Seminar



United Nations Women's Guild
Geneva



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Empowering women

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About UNWG

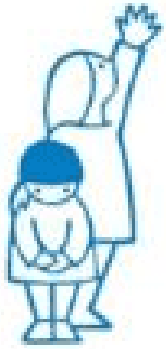
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Facts

- Established in 1970.
- A non-profit organization ruled by Swiss Law.
- The UNWG Geneva is one of the several UNWG. Other main locations are in New York and Vienna.



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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 the UNWG?

FOR Newcomers to Geneva

- Offers a warm welcome and fosters easier integration through meaningful social connections in a diverse network of women from various backgrounds and 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 in 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.

Our people



- Executive Committee
- Honorary Presidents
- UNWG members
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Executive Committee



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UNWG members

- 360 members from 75 countries
- Women from diverse backgrounds, cultures and professional experiences
- All volunteers

The Director General of UNOG and the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations serve as Honorary Presidents

Membership conditions

- 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.
- 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

- Educational courses
- Coffee mornings
- Cultural, social and special events

Educational courses

- Language courses: English, French, Spanish, Japanese
- Hiking & Friendship walks
- Bollywood beats
- Yoga, Pilates
- Ikebana
- Mahjong
- Cooking club
- Social bridge
- Arts & creations
- Book club
- Photo club















Coffee mornings

- Bring together UNWG members in a friendly and informal setting.
- Provide members with an opportunity to showcase their country's rich culture and traditions.
- Allow for periodic presentation and discussion on topics of local and/or global relevance with guest speakers.



People's Democratic Republic of Algeria



Islamic Republic of Iran



Republic of Moldova





Arab Republic of Egypt

Cultural, social &special events

- Art expositions
- Special events in collaboration with the Permanent Missions to the UN
- Local events with the City of Geneva










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International Bazaar



- Organized annually, in collaboration with UNOG, the Permanent Missions to the UN, the City and Canton of Geneva, and the international business community.
- Raises funds in support of projects for disadvantaged women and children around the world.
- Offers a unique celebration of global culture and solidarity with vibrant national stalls and restaurant stands.
- Is preceded by ticket sales of the Bazaar lottery.
- Is a signatory event for the local and international communities at UNOG premises in Nov / Dec each year.

Children's Walk

- Launched in 2002, children from participating international schools in Geneva raise funds by organising walks in their schools and collecting contributions for their efforts, culminating in a grand celebration held at UNOG.
- Fosters compassion by helping children recognise that many of their peers around the world do not share the same opportunities.
- Encourages a spirit of generosity and sharing, while offering participants a unique opportunity to learn about the work of the UN.
- Funds raised provide scholarships for secondary school students from underprivileged backgrounds, supporting their education and prospects.













Where funds raised go

Projects

- Support disadvantaged children and young women in the areas of health, education, vocational training and provision of basic needs.
- Micro-project applications submitted through UNWG-Geneva members
- From 1988 to 2025, over CHF 9 million distributed to 2,117 projects in 126 countries.











Scholarships

- Help disadvantaged children complete their secondary education.
- Provide financial support for educational and vocational training.
- From 2024-2026, multi-year support provided to schools in Argentina, Burkina Faso, Ecuador and India.
- UNWG has helped students finish their schooling in 23 countries.



To learn more



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