



United Nations Women's Guild - Geneva

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Historical Milestones

YEAR

1930s

Humble Geneva Origin

A few women whose husbands are associated with the League of Nations band together to help children who are suffering from the ravages of war.

1948

Creation of UNWG in New York

Many families transfer to New York and some women continue the charitable work by creating a Women's Guild in NY. Over the years, 40 chapters are organized overseas where UN & its agencies have offices.

1970

UNWG-Geneva Establishment

Active members create a similar group in Geneva with Statutes and By-Laws based on The Women's Guild in New York. The first Executive Committee is elected and regular meetings are held through the years.

1980-1990s

UNWG-Geneva Changes

Villa Les Feuillantines becomes the official address in 1987. A working group reviews the Statutes and proposed changes are submitted to New York for approval. The 1st revisions of the UNWG-Geneva Statutes was in 1997.

2000-today

Current Status

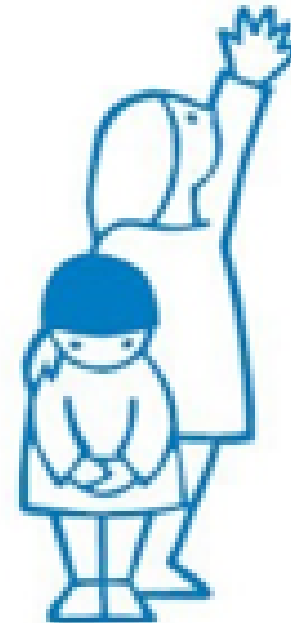
UNWG-Geneva is recognized by the UN since our Founding Days. It helps disadvantaged children and women around the world through micro-projects and scholarship programmes.

Facts

- 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
- Around 500 members from 98 countries, all volunteers
- In the last 35 years, financed over 2,000 projects in more than 100 countries helping disadvantaged women and children



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Objectives

- To promote friendship, understanding and collaboration among the UNWG members
- To serve as a centre of interest and learning through cultural, social, educational activities as well as special events
- To assist disadvantaged children and women around the world through financing of micro-projects and multi-year scholarships

Why Join UNWG?

FOR NEWCOMERS

- Provides an overview of life in Geneva and essential things to know from UNWG members' vast experience
- Makes them feel welcome and enable easier integration through the social relationships
- Provide an opportunity to support children and women in need around the world
- Newcomers enjoy the support of a strong network of women from diverse cultures
- Provides a sense of belonging. They can become a valuable contributor to the UNWG & Geneva community

FOR RETIREES

- Provides an opportunity to give back and to volunteer time & energy; one of the most fun and rewarding activities that a retiree can be involved in
- Social connections results in forming strong bonds, making new friends, and maintaining continued contact within the UN community
- UNWG's variety of educational activities provides opportunities for learning something new, meeting people who share the same interests, and sharing their own skills & expertise
- It maintains well being: it stimulates the brain and promotes physical activity. Stronger connections with people reduces stress and loneliness

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Coffee Mornings

- Brings together UNWG members in a friendly and informal setting once a month
- Offers members states an opportunity to showcase their rich culture and traditions



Hosted by the Swiss Ambassador in 2022



Hosted by Bulgaria in 2022



Hosted by the North Macedonia 2022



Hosted by Malta 2021



Educational Courses and Activities

- Language Courses: English, French, Spanish, Italian
- Hiking
- Yoga and Fitness Classes
- Cinema
- Handicrafts
- Jewellery Making
- Mahjong
- Cook & Connect
- Social Bridge
- Arts & Creation
- Book Club
- Photo Club



Cultural, Social & Special Events

- Inviting Guest Speakers
- Participating in art expositions
- Participating in different regional group activities such as food festivals
- Meeting Inspirational Authors
- Annual Lunch
- Participation in Special Events, ie Fête des Vignerons 2019



Key Fundraising Activities

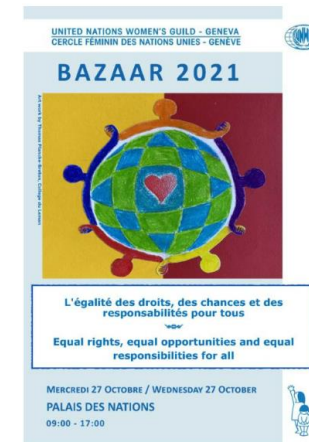


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International Bazaar



- Every year the UNWG-Geneva, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions to the UN, the city of Geneva and Cantonal Authorities, and the international business community organizes the International Bazaar to raise funds
- Over the years, the Bazaar has become an important event for the local and international community. It attracts many visitors, raising funds through National Stalls and Restaurant Stands



The Children's Walk



- The Children's Walk initiative which started in 2002 is a popular fun event traditionally held in the UN. Children from participating international schools in Geneva raise funds by walking in a circuit and collecting stamps for the number of turns they make.

OTHER BENEFITS

- It instills in children a sense of compassion that there are kids in the world who do not have the same advantages that they have, and also encourages sharing and giving



Kiosk & Other Fundraising Initiatives



- The UNWG-Geneva Kiosk operates throughout the year
- Located on the grounds of the UNOG, it is accessible to visitors and operated by The Guild members.
- The Kiosk sells crafts and gifts from around the world, donated by members and UNWG promotional materials (greeting cards, pens, pins, etc.).
- Proceeds from Kiosk sales go towards the UNWG-Geneva scholarships program



- UNWG-Geneva organises different fundraising initiatives throughout the year to help children and women in need
- Activities vary from organising art expositions, charity events, Walk-a-thon fundraisers, donation drives, sale of greeting cards, cookbooks, etc.
- All the proceeds go towards UNWG-Geneva projects and scholarships

Where Funds Go



Micro-Projects

- Proceeds are used solely to finance micro projects in favour of disadvantaged children and young women in the fields of health, education, vocational training and/or security.
- Applications for funding can only be submitted by UNWG-Geneva members. The applications are screened by the Projects Sub-Committee and the allocation of funds voted by the Executive Committee of UNWG-Geneva
- To-date, UNWG-Geneva has financed over 2000 projects in more than 100 countries



Scholarships

- The scholarship programme helps disadvantaged children attend secondary education for up to five years
- The aim is to provide financial support for educational and vocational training so students can master skills that would improve their future prospects
- UNWG is currently supporting 3 multi-year scholarship programmes in Pakistan, Tanzania, and Sri Lanka where almost 70 students have been benefiting
- UNWG has helped students finish their schooling in over 20 countries

UNWG Structure



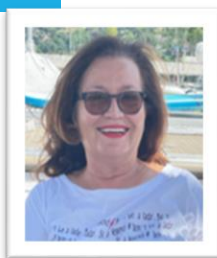
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Annual General Assembly

- Held yearly
- Presentation of the work done in the past year by the President and the Treasurer
- Election of members of the Executive Committee for a period of 2 years
- The Executive Committee assures the smooth running of day to day operations of the Guild

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Présidente/President



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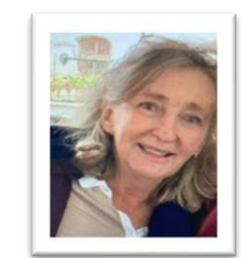
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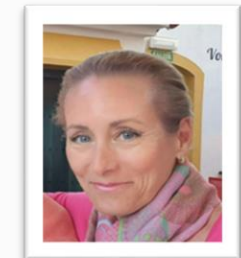
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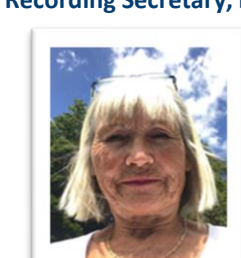
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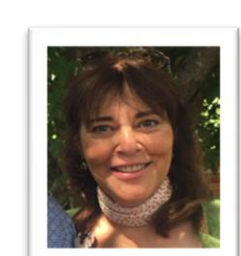
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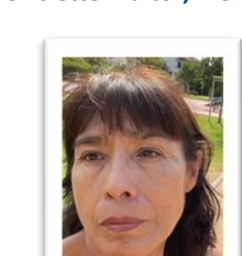
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Membership

- UN-affiliated women can become **Full Members**. Qualification: Any woman officially connected by work or relationship to the United Nations; ie UN, its Specialized Agencies, the Permanent Missions to the UN, and intergovernmental organizations with headquarters in Geneva. Full Members have voting rights.
- Non UN-affiliated women can become **Associated Members**. Their applications require endorsement by 2 UNWG-Geneva full members of the EC. Associate Members can not vote during the Annual General Assembly. The quota for Associate Members is 10% of the membership.
- All work done by members is on a voluntary basis.
- The annual membership fee is CHF 85.
- Those interested in supporting the work of The Guild are invited to contact cfnu.unwg@bluemail.ch



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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@blueemail.ch
- **Is the list of members and contact information available?**
We are currently updating the Member's Directory which will be distributed to members once it is ready.
- **How will I know what are the upcoming activities and events?**
An email is released informing members of upcoming activities as well as email reminders so that you do not miss them. You 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 as many activities or events that interest you.
- **Is there parking at the Villa?**
Parking space is limited and it is best to take public transport to Nations stop. The address is found on the next page.

Projects and Scholarships

- **How does the sponsorship improve the lives of children?**
It impacts the lives of children in need as they can go to school and learn skills that they can use to better their conditions and prepare them for the future.
- **Can I propose that funding be done for programmes that I believe in?**
You must be a UNWG member. Please note that there are many projects wherein UNWG funding has been committed. Contact cfnu.unwg@blueemail.ch please to learn more about the prerequisites and templates to complete for your project to be evaluated 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@blueemail.ch in order to get alignment and support.

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