



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 Statues 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 Statues and proposed changes are submitted to New York for approval. The 1st revisions of the UNWG-Geneva Statues was in 1997.

2000-today

Current Status

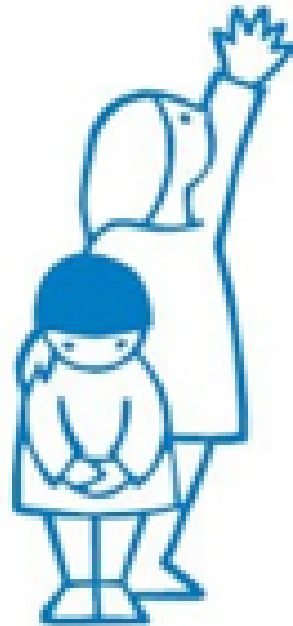
UNWG-Geneva is recognized by the UN since our Founding Days. It helps disadvantaged children and women around the world through fundraising and scholarship programmes.

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 ruled by Swiss Law
- 378 members from 98 countries
- Motto: “Friendship and Understanding” among members
- Throughout the years, financed over 2000 projects in more than 100 countries helping disadvantaged women and children



UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S GUILD - GENEVA
CERCLE FÉMININ DES NATIONS UNIES - GENÈVE



UNWG-Geneva Branding:

- Crest
- Bilingual Text
- Image of 2 children

Any major event such as the Bazaar or a fundraising activity should have these images in flyers or banners.



Objectives

- To promote friendship, understanding and collaboration among the UNWG members
- To serve as a centre of interest and learning through cultural, social special events and educational activities
- To assist disadvantaged women and children 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 women and children 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 UN & Geneva community

FOR RETIREES

- Provides an opportunity to give back and to volunteer time & energy to support UNWG's noble cause
- Volunteering can be 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 improves well being: it stimulates the brain and promotes physical activity. Stronger connections with people reduces stress and loneliness

Activities



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Coffee Mornings

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



Hosted by Moldova, Nov 2022



Hosted by the China, Dec 2022



Hosted by the Thailand, Jan 2023



Hosted by India, Feb 2023



Hosted by Uzbekistan, Mar 2023



Hosted by Azerbaijan, Apr 2023



Hosted by Malta, May 2023



Hosted by Armenia, Oct 2023



Hosted by Kazakhstan, Nov 2023

Cultural, Social & Special Events

- Inviting Guest Speakers
- Participating in art expositions
- Participating in UN food festivals
- Meeting Inspirational Authors
- Celebrating Cultural Milestones



Educational Courses and Activities

- Language Courses: English, French, Spanish, Italian, German
- Hiking
- Yoga, Pilates and Fitness Classes
- Silk Painting
- Handicrafts
- 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 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
- The Bazaar has become an important annual event for the local and international community. It attracts many visitors, raising funds through National Stalls and Restaurant Stands



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
- UNWG is supporting five multi-year scholarship programmes in Madagascar, Pakistan, Tanzania, Nicaragua and Sri Lanka where almost 100 students have been benefiting
- UNWG has helped students finish their schooling in over 20 countries



Giving Donations

- Send donations to:
 - UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S UNWG-GENEVA
 - UBS Bank – IBAN CH5000279279CA1012150
- Or visit [Donate Now - UNWG Geneva](#)
- Donations go solely to assist disadvantaged children and women around the world

Our People



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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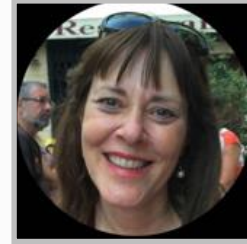
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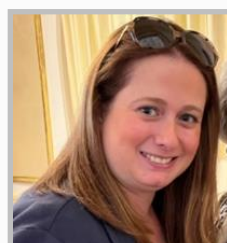
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UNWG Team

- 378 members from 98 countries
- Women from diverse cultures and working background
- All volunteers



Membership

- UN-affiliated women can become **Full Members**. Qualification: Any woman officially connected by work or relationship to the United Nations; i.e. 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 cannot 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@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 info published in the newsletter. 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.
- **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@bluemail.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@bluemail.ch in order to get alignment and support.

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