



ABOUT US

The IBVM/CJ NGO to the United Nations is a faith-based organization working in collaboration with other civil society organizations (CSOs/NGOs), UN agencies and Member States to challenge injustices and unjust structures by bringing the insights of the people with whom we work and live, especially the most marginalized, at the UN.

IBVM/CJ NGO Purpose – Strategic Plan

ADVOCACY TOPICS

Youth advocates can choose from the following advocacy topics for their focus:

- Gender Equity / Equality
- Environment – Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty
- Indigenous Issues
- Access to Education, Digital Divide
- Human Trafficking – focus on children
- Child Rights – End Child Labour, Minimum age for incarceration
- Migration, Refugees

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UNITED NATIONS YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM



RAISING GIRLS VOICES GLOBALLY

In line with the IBVM/CJ Mary Ward School Compass, we engage girls and young women (15 - 25 years old) from our network as partners in our advocacy work at the United Nations to promote a more humane, just and sustainable world. Together, we hope to promote and advance the rights of girls and young people in all areas of society and at all stages of their lives.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Our membership in the UN Working Group on Girls (WGG) provides opportunities for young people to be trained and engage in advocacy at national, regional and global levels. Youth advocates will collaborate with and learn from girls from other countries and NGOs in developing girl-led advocacy statements and actions.

PROGRAM DETAILS

There will be opportunities for engagement during UN events such as:

- Commission on Social Development (CSocD),
 - Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
 - Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII),
 - High Level Political Forum (HLPF),
 - and with other UN agencies (e.g. UN Women, Human Right Working Groups).
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REQUIRED COMMITMENT

- Schools will support their students to participate in advocacy and education activities that might be held during school hours.
- Youth advocates will also need to be able to invite students from their school to engage with local advocacy activities.

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- Advocates will commit to a year of training and participation in online UN advocacy activities.
- Engage online with International Day of the Girl Summit and WGG Conversation Circles
- Engage in online CSW Statement Writing and Girls Caucus workshops and processes.
- Attend other UN events according to areas of interest.
- Attend at least two webinars per year on a selected advocacy topic and write a short reflection/report for the NGO.
- Organize an activity about a social justice issue as part of a school activity.
- Develop content for social media campaigns on an advocacy issue.