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February 2024

Changemakers!

Empowering young women,
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Happy New Year 2024

from everyone at ncwgb



Drink spiking is set to be targeted by the police and door staff in new Government measures. These include changes to legislation, longer prison sentences for offenders, research into self-testing kits, more training for door staff, better education for young people to raise awareness about the threat and police action to crackdown on spiking during key weeks of the year.

NCWGB member Gail Bishop, informs us that the Government has published its response to the Women and Equalities Committee's report on Attitudes to Women and Girls in Educational Settings. Caroline Nokes MP, Chair of the Committee, expressed disappointment that the Government had "refused to take a position on many of the issues raised" adding "what we see today is a lack of urgency and frankly women and girls have already waited long enough for those in positions of authority to stand up for them".

<https://committees.parliament.uk/event/19868/formal-meeting-oral-evidence-session/>

If you would like to join some of the CSW68 (2024) sessions via Zoom, it's not too late!



Please register your interest asap, and tell us:

- your availability during 11th to 22nd March, bearing in mind the 5 hour time difference !
- your reasons for wishing to attend;
- how you are involved in NCWGB;
- what CSW topics interest you?

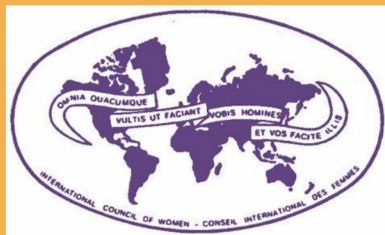
At present there is a specific main session for young people on Thursday 14th March, 8pm to 11pm GMT, though of course you can opt for any session.

Network member Abby, who hopes to represent NCWGB at CSW68, first attended online in 2022. She says

"Being my first year of attendance and being situated online, I was initially apprehensive of how it would be conducted. However, the online platform and documents, resources, and talks (broadcast via zoom) meant that there was plenty to learn from experts, grassroots organisers and NGO specialists.

It was an opportunity to experience critical debate and research, which I found inspiring and of great importance."

International Council
of Women Fund



NCWGB is delighted to have received funds from ICW to help us engage with more young women in Great Britain. We have 12 months to use the funds for promotion, events and activities, decided by Network and NWYC members. Steering group meetings are held monthly on Zoom. No need to register, just use the link on this page.

Discussion Points from YWSG 9 Jan 2024

Exams and holidays meant that not many of you could join us in January. Ella also suggested that a 7pm start may be better than 6.30pm, so the February meeting starts at the new time.

We finalised a letter for the group to send to potential speakers; we will be creating a shortlist at our Feb meeting.

We agreed that our main event should be a conference on either Saturday 6th or 13th July to avoid exams. Venue is to be confirmed. The title is: "Celebrating Under-represented Voices"

Young Women's Steering Group

Next Meeting Monday
5th Feb 2024
at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85191683770?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85191683770?pwd=eGRDTUk2K29hYzJEEd3ZGNFk3eDRYZz09)
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Meeting ID: 851 9168 3770
Passcode: 439381

Discussion suggestions for 5 Feb 2024

- Conference planning: debates and workshops/ breakout rooms, exhibitors and activities.
- Inviting speakers/ guest hosts for future events and conferences
- Deciding themes for future Steering Group meetings
- Arranging visits of YWSG members to other NCW Steering Groups / MC
- What do you want NCYW & the Network to do?
- Update on Associates
- Ideas for an Ambassador to represent Young NCWGB members

Suggested Speaker



Jessica Kellgren-Fozard (née Kellgren-Hayes; born 25 January 1989) is a British YouTuber and television personality. She is known for her videos on disability awareness, LGBT history, and vintage fashion. She began making YouTube videos in 2011 and has since gained over a million subscribers.



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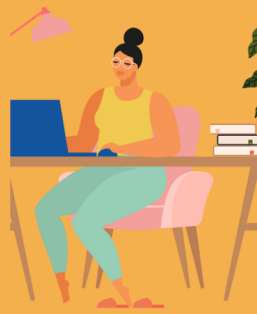
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Have you got ideas for campaigns
and issues we need to get behind?

Please send your social media post ideas to
andy@crackingsocialmedia.com

NCYW News



Happy New Year NCYW members, we hope that your studies are going well. Over this next year we are hoping to bring students together to explore matters that are important to you. Let us know your ideas for discussion groups, share what you've been doing in school and join us for a steering group meeting soon.

Help us to shape the future of NCW.

Come along to our young women's steering group on Monday 5 Feb at 7pm. Its open to all NCYW members, students and teachers !
See page 3 for joining details

share with your teacher

Start a debate in your school about bullying; has it impacted you and your friends? What has/hasn't helped you? How do you encourage young people to speak up if you see it happening to someone else?

<https://pshe-association.org.uk/news/podcast-teaching-about-friendship-and-bullying>



Teens' three biggest mental health concerns revealed by new BBFC research

Today, new research by the BBFC has revealed the three biggest mental health concerns for teens are anxiety, stress and depression.

BBFC / Sep 20, 2021

<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/about-us/news/teens-three-biggest-mental-health-concerns-revealed-by-new-bbfc-research>

Great to hear from NCYW founder, Barbara Maddison!

"In December 2023, I was one of many people who received an MBE award from the King, all recognising some form of outreach and help given to others. This award is for the whole of NCWGB, in recognition of our work with senior school students, especially Sixth Formers, who are passionate about gender equality and equal rights. Hundreds of school students have been informed, stimulated and challenged since 2007 when the National Council of Young Women was born. The formal presentation at Windsor Castle was very brief, but His Majesty did comment that we must be very proud of our young women.

How right he is! Over the seventeen years of NCYW's existence, we have met some amazing girls. The fusion of the experience of older women and the excited enthusiasm of youth has become, and must continue to be, one of our organisations characteristics.

Let's progress together
Barbara.



Climate change is Children's 2023 Word of the Year, says OUP

The Oxford University Press surveyed 5,000 children across the UK to find out their top words of 2023 - here's what they found.

BBC Newsround

Network 18 - 30

Hello and a Happy New Year to all members past and present of the NCW NETWORK

Whilst you are engaged with revision, exams and work deadlines, I hope you find this newsletter helps you quickly select areas in which you are interested, and where you would like to be involved. I hope to see some of you at Hay and before that at Steering group and other NCW events.

with all good wishes
Gwenda, Network 18-30 Founder



february book suggestion



Details of why this book is interesting and a full list of suggested books is available on our website. <https://ncwgb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/NCWGB-Network-18-30-Book-List.pdf>

Tell us your favourite book:
ruth@ncwgb.org



HAY FESTIVAL

23rd May to 2nd June 2024

£15 allows you one year's access to Hay Player, the full archive of 10,000 hours of inspirational and big thinking in arts and sciences and political thinking, all over many years of festivals. This amazing festival which takes place in marquees in fields adjoining the small market town of Hay on Wye on the Welsh borders, often known as the town of books. The atmosphere is engaging, conversations with like-minded attendees is stimulating but if you cannot attend in person most 1-hour speaker events are available online.

<https://www.hayfestival.com/home>



Opportunities to aid your academic and career developments have had a strong emphasis in NETWORK activities. A good example is the CSW 68 session emerging issue "Artificial intelligence to advance gender equality" discussed by the Pre-CSW NGO Consultation Event. Right on the ball, don't you agree? That should provoke some discussions in March at the United Nations!

See page 2 for details on how to join CSW68 online !

We value the opinions of our younger members, so please share this newsletter with your friends. For £15 per annum, you gain voting power and resources to join in NCWGB campaigns, can attend international events as our elected representative, and become an active participant changing policy to improve women's lives. Click on the picture to join



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upcoming days and events

6 Feb: international day of zero tolerance to FGM

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/female-genital-mutilation-day>



11 Feb: international day of women and girls in science



<https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day/>

20 Feb: world day of social justice

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>

1 Mar: zero discrimination day



<https://www.unaids.org/en/2023-zero-discrimination-day>

5 - 11 March: sexual violence awareness week

<https://uksaysnomore.org/>

UKSNM : Together we can end domestic abuse & sexual violence

UK SAYS NO MORE is a national awareness campaign, launched by Hestia and NO MORE, committed to ending Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

<https://sexualabuseandsexualviolenceawarenessweek.org>

And Boys Too

A discussion paper by ECPATH-USA
Presented by Norene Roberts



And Boys Too - Coordinated Care

Please join us for this discussion as we delve into the world of commercially sexually exploited boys.

Eventbrite / Mar 5



international women's day: 8 March 2024

Invest in women: Accelerate progress. Achieving gender equality and women's well-being in all aspects of life is more crucial than ever if we want to create prosperous economies and a healthy planet. However, we are facing a key challenge: the alarming \$360 billion annual deficit in gender-equality measures by 2030.

Join UN on March 8, 2024, for International Women's Day under the theme 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress', and take a stand with us using the hashtag #InvestInWomen.

Visit www.internationalwomensday.com for the events below:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day>



International Women's Day 2024 campaign theme: Inspire Inclusion

FREE International Women's Day 2024 campaign theme resources to Inspire Inclusion - #IWD2024 #InspireInclusion

[International Women's Day](#)



International Women's Day events

Search events International Women's Day by location. The events contain useful information about where, when and what is happening to support International Women's Day

[International Women's Day](#)

[Visit our website for NCWGB activities](#)

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Each month we will feature someone connected to NCWGB. This month it is the turn of Ann, one of our Management Committee and leader of our International sub-committee



Ann Davison

How long have you been involved with NCWGB?

Decades! I used to run a consumer network which NCW belonged to. Then I was Defra's consumer advisor (dept agriculture food and rural affairs) and used to consult NCW. I joined about 6 years ago and then became a trustee.

What inspired you to join?

I admired the women involved and felt aligned with the resolutions. I wanted to help the organisation grow and be active internationally and on the environment.

What roles/work do you carry out for NCWGB?

I am Vice president International so I organise our international representation and liaise with our colleagues abroad. Gwenda Kibble helps me.

What has been your favourite achievement so far?

I'm pleased that I led on 4 resolutions, especially that we have a strong resolution on climate change. I want to do all I can to promote protection of our planet for future generations. I am also proud of my resolution calling to protect children from online pornography. I'm so pleased that NCW has been part of the pressure that ultimately made this happen in the UK's online safety legislation.

What works you like NCWGB to achieve in the future?

I'd like us to grow by finding broadly based associates supportive of our recent resolutions. Especially I'd like us to get backing on climate change including internationally.



Gail Bishop, Leader of our new Current Affairs steering group tells us: "As part of its wider work on preventing Violence Against Women and Girls, the Women and Equalities Committee

is to hold the first of two evidence sessions exploring the impact of pornography on attitudes towards women and girls. It will consider whether the Online Safety Bill offers an opportunity for the Government to better regulate pornographic content in order to reduce harm. It will also look at how the porn industry is currently regulated and the potential impact of rapidly developing technologies."

For more information visit

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/328/women-and-equalities-committee/news/170682/mps-to-examine-impact-of-pornography-industry-on-attitudes-to-women-and-girls/>

Individual Membership of NCWGB is open to all women, and all who identify with that gender, who wish to support and further the aims of NCW

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Network 18-30

