



Grail Link to the United Nations Network (GLUNN)

equity and renewal of the earth”

“Women working together to bring about a world of peace, justice,



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Priority theme: Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work

Review theme: Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (agreed conclusions of the fifty-eighth session)

The Grail side event with girls and young women will take place on Tuesday, March 14th.

Check with Mary Kay if it is still possible to apply to attend. Grail-ipt@juno.com

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:



Like CSW, the Forum has an annual meeting: for 2017, April 24th to May 5th. The Theme: **“Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: measures taken to implement the Declaration”**.

An excerpt from the 2017 agenda:

- Follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum from 2016:
 - (a) Empowerment of indigenous women;
 - (b) Indigenous youth.
- Implementation of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
 1. Dialogue with indigenous peoples.
 2. Dialogue with Member States.
 3. Dialogue with the funds, programs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system.
 4. Discussion on the theme “Tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: measures taken to implement the Declaration”.
 5. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
 6. Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with regard to indigenous human rights defenders.
- Follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples:
 - (a) Implementation of national action plans, strategies or other measures;
 - (b) Ways to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations;
 - (b) Implementation of the United Nations system-wide action plan on indigenous peoples

An example of meetings we attend at the UN:
Youth Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for

**Sustainable Development: Engaging
Communities, Creating Change, Transforming
Societies, 5 December 2016**



UN Volunteers (UNV) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) a celebration on the occasion of the United Nations International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2016. This side event featured voices of youth volunteering locally and globally to implement the 2030 Agenda as well as perspectives from Member States and UN partners on the contribution of youth volunteerism for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The objectives of this event:

1. Pay special tribute to youth volunteers who are engaging their time, energy and skills contributing to the implementation of development and peace programmes in general and to the SDGs in particular;
2. Promote volunteerism as a means of implementation and localization of the SDGs through dialogue, knowledge-sharing, capacity building and exchange of experiences among youth-led groups and other civil society organizations, governments and international organizations;
3. Trigger a productive discussion on novel aspects of youth volunteerism as an opportunity for individuals to show solidarity as well as contribute toward harnessing the demographic dividend.

16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign which takes place annually, 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day). For over two decades, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign has taken root throughout the world and has manifested as a policy, advocacy, awareness raising, information sharing and community mobilization tool reaching over 6,000 participants in over 180 countries.



ORANGE DAY

Wear ORANGE every 25th!

The Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign proclaims **every 25th of the month** as Orange Day! The 2016 UNiTE campaign strongly emphasizes the need for sustainable financing for efforts to end violence against women and girls towards the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

You read some of our reports in the last GLUNN newsletter and in the ILT's International Newsletter but we want to share a little more because it is so inspirational. The last two years, we involved our young Grail women and explorers who attended previous CSW sessions and the Sacred Activism program in Cornwall, involve in activities with girls and celebration of the International Day of the Girl. We are so proud of Them!

Nina Hendricks and Coline Brintjies had a wonderful programme with 78 girls from some of the poorest areas where violence and gangsterism are rampant. They started off with an explanation of what the International Day of the Girl celebrations are about and how they are now connected with many other people around the world who are also celebrating this global day. They then played two short documentary films on the millennium goals and how the Day of the Girl fits into that and what they want to achieve. The second film was a documentary that affirms the girl child and also looked at some of the challenges the girl child faces.

House rules were set and the girls were invited to a yoga session run by one of the resource persons. The girls thoroughly enjoyed it. The girls were then given an opportunity to do sculpting with clay depicting themselves. Poetry was read by a famous actor. This brought much excitement to the children and he was bombarded with questions and autograph requests and 'selfies!'

The closing session was led by one of the 12 year old girls who read the Declaration of the Rights of the Girl Child. After 'thank yous', the children were given beautiful snacks and cakes and drinks. The excitement on the faces of the children was invaluable when they received goody bags with a book of their choice, girl shaped cookies, sunflower seeds and a pack of sanitary towels.