Application for Feminist Civil Society and Young Feminist Activist Education Coalition

Calling feminist civil society and young feminist activists!

The UNGEI partnership is convening a trailblazing coalition of 21 national and grassroots, feminist CSOs and young activists working to advance gender equality in and through education! This coalition is fired by our belief that your voices, knowledge and experience are critical to global decisions on funding and policy.

1. The Feminist Education Coalition will meaningfully work with UNGEI as partners in UNGEI’s 2023 - 2027 Strategic Planning process.
2. UNGEI will support, convene and facilitate the meaningful participation and leadership of this coalition in the UN Secretary-General’s Transforming Education Summit (TES)

This Coalition, alongside the UNGEI Global Advisory Committee members, will harness the power of collective action to make a unified impact on TES. The outcomes of this collective action will then influence UNGEI’s 2023-27 Strategic Planning, with the opportunity to establish long-term partnership and collaboration through becoming members of the UNGEI Global Advisory Committee.

This group will have three key objectives:

* Ensure that UNGEI’s new Strategic Plan and Portfolio (2023-2027) reflects and addresses lived reality of the most marginalized children, especially girls, in accessing and benefitting from education;
* Meaningful participation of diverse, national, grassroots, feminist actors and gender experts in TES consultation processes;
* Advocating with one voice around girls’ education and gender equality in and through education.

Expected outcomes:

-UNGEI’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and Portfolio benefits from the knowledge, experience and technical leadership of national and grassroots organizations and activists working for gender equality in and through education;

-Joint policy/advocacy priorities, messages and asks on gender equality in education developed;

-Joint advocacy/influencing plan for TES developed and implemented. As a member of this coalition, you will:

-Review and provide technical inputs and feedback into TES discussion/outcome papers;

-Review and provide inputs on joint research, policy advocacy and think pieces;

-Co-create a joint advocacy/influencing plan;

-Co-create joint policy/advocacy priorities on gender equality and education;

-Attend virtual workshops/consultations preparation meetings;

-Consult your own communities to ensure their priorities are brought into this whole process;

-Attend the Transforming Education Summit in September. This will include a fully funded trip to New York City to actively participate in the TES summit, to participate in a workshop to influence UNGEI’s Strategic Planning process and to participate and play a leading role in an external facing event.

The first workshop will take place at 8am EST on 8th / 9th June. The objective is to create key policy asks and define priorities that can feed into the pre-Summit. Members must be able to attend this workshop.

You should consider applying to join the Feminist Education Coalition if you are either:

-A national or grassroots civil society organization that has directly reached at least 5,000 children (with a focus on girls and / or progressing gender equality) in the last five years; OR

-A young feminist activist aged 18 - 30 who does NOT represent a CSO but who actively does activism and advocacy work on gender equality for children;

-You are actively working to advance gender equality among children with direct interface with education systems at a community or national level;

-You are based in a developing country;

-If you are a CSO, you can share evidence of your work in the last five years, reaching at least 5,000 children (with a focus on girls and / or progressing gender equality). Intersectional approaches and programmes, related to disability, ethnic/ racial minority, LGBTQI are especially welcome

-You believe in and exhibit inclusive organizing and collective action and feminist movement building;

-You are able to participate in preparatory work and be able to participate in all of the interview dates, consultations, meetings and advocacy moments virtually (approximately 10-15 meetings from May to September;

-You are able to travel to NYC in September (UNGEI will provide invitation letters for visa applications);

-You support feminist, gender transformative education;

-You share UNGEI’s core values of equality, inclusion, non-discrimination, anti-racism, mutual accountability, decolonization of development and feminism.

Do you meet this criteria? Fill in the form below and send it to feministcoalition@ungei.org.

This application form takes approximately 1 hour to complete. The deadline is midnight EST on Sunday 15th May 2022.

\* Required

Applicant questions

If you are applying on behalf of a CSO, ideally you are in a senior leadership position and will represent your organization with the agreement and support of the head of your organization throughout this whole process. This includes travelling to New York in September. We will only accept 1 application per organization.

If you are a young feminist activist submitting an application, please ensure you are available to travel to New York in September.

Accessibility requirements should cover needs with regards to emails, documents, virtual meetings, and travel to New York.

We are inviting UNGEI partner, ally and donor organizations to support participation of CSOs and young feminist activists in this Coalition. The support given will be considered as part of the screening process.

1. Name of individual applicant: \*
2. Pronouns: \*
3. Gender: \*
4. Nationality: \*
5. City and country where you currently live: \*
6. Date of birth (day/month/year): \*
7. Email address: \*
8. Languages you speak (please put the language and your level ie. beginner, \* intermediate, fluent):
9. Please list any accessibility requirements? (If none, respond N/A). \*
10. Will you need technology support to actively and safely participate in virtual \* meetings that we will hold from May to September (ie. data package, access to an office with internet access etc)?

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|  | Yes |
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1. Will you be sponsored by an organization/ funder? \*

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|  | Yes, they will support me |
|  | No, I will need the fully funded package |

1. If yes, please outline how this organization/funder will support you?

About your work

If you are representing a CSO, your responses should refer to the work and impact of your organization as a whole.

If you are a young feminist activist, your responses should refer to your individual work.

Please focus on your work and achievements with regards to advancing gender equality for children, ideally in and through education at the community and/or national level.

Any links or files shared as part of this application must be your own work.

1. Organization name (put N/A if you are a young feminist activist): \*
2. Website of organization/ activist: \*
3. Cities, country(ies) and region where you / your organization works: \*
4. Social media handles of organization or activist work (ie. Twitter, Instagram, \* LinkedIn, Facebook etc):
5. What gender and education issues and related rights do you/ your organization \* work on? (Please click all that apply)

*Check all that apply.*

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|  | Education in emergencies |
|  | School-related gender-based violence (SRGBV) |
|  | Sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) |
|  | Comprehensive sexualty education (CSE) |
|  | LGBTQI+ issues |
|  | Harmful practices (FGM, early, child and forced marriage) |
|  | Disability rights |
|  | Climate change |
|  | Addressing harmful gender norms, behaviours and practices in schools |
|  | Support to women teachers |
|  | Other:  |

1. Does the leadership of your organization include... (If you are a young feminist \* activist, please check the boxes that best describe your identity). Check all that apply

*Check all that apply.*

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|  | Persons who are LGBTQI |
|  | Persons who are between the ages of 18-30 |
|  | Women |
|  | Persons from the global South |
|  | Persons with disability |
|  | Persons from ethnic/ religious/ linguistic minority in your country |
|  | My organization is a collective |
|  | Other:  |

1. What community do you / your organization serve? \*

# Mark only one oval.

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|  | Children with a focus on girls |
|  | Girls in crisis or post - crisis settings |
|  | Learners with disabilities |
|  | Teachers |
|  | LGBTQI+ / queer learners |
|  | Indigenous and ethnic minority populations |
|  | Pregnant girls and/or young mothers |
|  | Girls at risk of child marriage and/or FGM |
|  | Girls in rural communities |
|  | Adolescent girls |
|  | Other:  |

1. What is the mission of your organization? If you are a young feminist activist, what \* is the mission of your activism? (150 words)
2. How is your organization working to achieve gender equality for children in or \* through education? (150 words)
3. Please share links (ie. blogs, impact reports, briefs, etc) that illustrate the impact of \* your work.
4. Please share one thing you hope to give, and one thing you hope to gain, through \* your participation in the Feminist Education Coalition? (150 words)
5. What does feminism mean to you / your organization? How can feminism be \* better integrated into education systems to deliver transformative change for gender equality? Share 3 key actions. (250 words)
6. What is your call to action (targeting policymakers and leaders) to transform \* education? Share 3 key policy priorities. Respond to this question in one of the following methods: video (max 2 minutes), short essay, photo with a description, journal entry, slide deck, illustration with description, etc

Files submitted:

Thank you! This application is complete.

Thank you so much for taking the time to submit your application to join the Feminist Education Coalition! What's next?

* Applications can be submitted until the deadline of midnight EST on Wednesday 18th May 2022

-Discussion and interaction – Conversations with applicants to ensure mutual interest, fit, availability and appetite will take place 25th/ 26th/ 27th of May 2022

-Agreement - Selected organizations and activists and UNGEI come to an agreement on participation (week of 30th May, 2022)

* The Feminist Education Coalition is mobilized! First virtual workshop will take place at 8am EST on 8th / 9th June 2022

If you have any questions please contact feministcoalition@ungei.org

