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Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Dear Megan,

Young people have a vital role to play in Zonta's global community and in the world at large. As escalating global conflicts, climate injustice and systematic inequality continue, we need young people to join us in transformative decision-making that breaks the status quo and elevates our work.



According to the UN's [Be Seen Be Heard campaign report](#), 67% of people believe in a better future, with those under 18 being the most optimistic. We need to encourage this optimism and provide opportunities for young people to take action through Zonta to help us realize a sustainable, equitable future.

While Zonta invites youth participation through Z clubs and Golden Z clubs, it is also important that we offer opportunities for young voices that extend beyond student club membership. Ask yourself how you empower young women and girls to embrace their dreams or expand their leadership skills. When we all do our part in advocating for new voices and ensuring space for them, we can truly realize a diverse and inclusive world where women's rights are human rights.

As you read ahead, I encourage everyone to reflect on the opportunities you had or wished you had when you were younger, how they helped shape you into the leader you are today and how you are paying it forward and inspiring young women and girls. What legacy and kind of world do you want young people and future generations to inherit?

Thank you for building this better world for women and girls.

Warm regards,



Salla Tuominen
President 2024-2026
Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women

Checklist: How am I empowering youth?

Incorporate this checklist into your daily routine to empower young people and contribute to building an inclusive world!



Am I encouraging emerging young leaders?

When you see a potential young leader in your community, company or organization, reach out and encourage them to take on leadership roles.



Am I offering them mentorship opportunities?

Offer to mentor youth or connect them with someone in your network for mentorship or other opportunities to help them achieve their dreams.



Am I establishing a relationship with them?

Go beyond basic introductions and handshakes, and cultivate intergenerational friendships that inspire and uplift. Let your connections be a source of mutual inspiration.



Am I listening to their ideas and implementing them?

Collaborate with young people and ensure their voices and perspectives are part of the decision-making process.



Am I celebrating their successes?

Acknowledging the accomplishments of young people, no matter how big or small, will uplift their self-esteem and motivate them to strive for even greater success.



Am I helping them find a home at Zonta?

Talk about the incredible work that Zonta does and how our mission aligns with their values by inviting them to an event or meeting. If they are a student member, inspire them to continue their Zonta journey as a **Young Professional Member**.

Zontians in Action

Zontians are taking action to create a better world for women and girls! Read the stories below highlighting how Zonta clubs are nurturing future leaders and encouraging youth participation through student clubs.

Zonta Club Cebu II inspires future leaders at Z Club orientation

The Zonta Club Cebu II, Philippines, held an orientation for the members of the soon-to-be inducted Z Club of Our Lady of Joy Learning Center (OLJLC) in Consolacion, Cebu. This event marks a significant step in nurturing young leaders within the community.



The organizing students from OLJLC actively engaged in the orientation, displaying enthusiasm and interest in the prospects of the Z club. The session concluded with a renewed commitment from both clubs to collaborate in nurturing future leaders through meaningful and impactful initiatives.

Zonta Club of Ibadan II advances STEM access through laptop donation

In alignment with the mission to advance STEM education, the Zonta Club of Ibadan II, Nigeria, has generously donated four laptops to establish the Queens School Z Club. This initiative fills a crucial gap in access to technology. The laptops will serve as a hub for online learning and coding activities, empowering students with essential digital skills for their future endeavors.



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We proudly highlight our #ZontiansinAction.

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Zahra is a lawyer, journalist and activist for human rights, interfaith dialogue, and peacebuilding. She is also the program manager for the UN Conference of Parties' Young Negotiators Academy, which trains young people to lead negotiations.



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Celebrating our Zonta clubs around the world!

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**ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL**
celebrates this month's
club anniversaries!

Congratulations to our club anniversaries this month:

Zonta Club of Gavle
Sweden, District 21
75th anniversary

Zonta Club of Fredericksburg, TX
USA, District 10
70th anniversary

We applaud your efforts in advocating for the women and girls in your community and beyond. To see which other clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary in August, visit [Zonta News](#).

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW ZONTA CLUBS



Join Zonta International in welcoming our newest club:

Zonta e-Club of NSW/ACT
District 24, Australia

We look forward to seeing how the new club will embrace Zonta's mission and values in building a better world for



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