



WorldYWCA

**The YWCA is a global movement
working for young women's
empowerment, leadership and rights
in more than 120 countries and 20'000
local communities.**



Empowering women, young woman and girls is our way to change the world. Our members and supporters include women from many different faiths, ages, backgrounds, beliefs and cultures



Together we are co-creating the world we want to see.



- The World YWCA was founded in 1855 in the UK spreading quickly around the world to become the feminist movement it is today. The world office was founded in 1955 at a World Council Meeting of member associations in London, it was agreed the World office would be based in Geneva and has been since its founding. The location of Geneva was picked so the YWCA could be at the heart of the growing international human rights world and close to the UN. The aim of the World office is to unite the YWCA associations who are working in accordance with our Y principals and support and coordinated them into a world movement. It ensures there is a standard of good practice amongst members and brings new global ideas and ways of working so that the movement can continue to be sustainable and grow for another 160 years.

Together our movement is co-creating the world we want to see, we do this by

- Empowering Women, Young Women and Girls
 - Advocate with them for the rights of woman, young woman and girls locally, nationally and globally
 - Create safe spaces

Our Bold & Transformative Goal

By 2035, 100 million young women and girls transform power structures to create justice, gender equality and a world without violence and war; leading a sustainable YWCA movement, inclusive of all women

STRATEGIC ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE OUR 2035 GOAL 2016-2019

- Mobilising and Investing in young women and girls' empowerment, rights and leadership
- Innovating within an Inter-Generational Movement
- Building Sustainability for the YWCA Movement



Next steps...

World Council 2019 will be held in November in South Africa next year. World council is our main governing function as a movement with all member associations having a voting right at council. It is here at council that all decisions are discussed and approved by members at the suggestion of the World office and the board, they largely concern the governance of our movement, our direction and issues we are facing as a collective. As per our constitution MA's must be given 12 months notice of the concept and content of the council, at present the World office is working on a number of areas to present to members by November this year so they can be discussed as a movement through consultations and our members forum and then further discussed and adapted at WC 19.

- Theory of Change for the movement – detailed approach for Goal 2035 New M&E Framework to measure Goal 2035 – Visualised Survey Tool
- Creating Entry Points for young women in our movement and wider society to be agents of change
- Potential constitutional amendments - Voting online, memberships, COA

Movement Building

The key to our continued success and longevity will be to continue to adapt to our ever growing sector by improving and striving for new and better ways to work, be the catalyst of change we want to see in the world and grow our reach through new members, partners and friends
we cant do it alone!