

# NEXT GEN FEMINISM

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# About the Next Gen Feminism



**T**he Next Gen Feminism is a six-week program, each week includes activities that engage young people in discussions, workshops, and actions related to intergenerational feminism and social justice.

The program creates intentional spaces for dialogue between generations, enabling the sharing of experiences, strategies, and visions for change. Young people will be encouraged to connect theory with lived realities, design and implement small-scale collective actions, and reflect on their personal and collective roles in advancing equity. By the end of the six weeks, participants will have strengthened their understanding of intergenerational feminist principles, deepened their commitment to

social justice, and developed concrete plans for continued activism

This six-week program engages young people in an immersive journey into intergenerational feminism and social justice.

Through a combination of interactive discussions, participatory workshops, and community-driven actions, participants will explore the historical and contemporary dimensions of feminism, learn how social justice movements intersect with gender equality, and build practical advocacy skills.

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# Feminism Bus Ride

As part of the Next Gen Feminism initiative, the **Next Gen Fellows** embarked on a **Feminist Bus Ride to Bong County**, an experience designed to blend cultural immersion with feminist learning and intergenerational dialogue. The journey provided a unique opportunity for fellows to step outside their usual spaces and engage with the rich cultural heritage of Liberia's Indigenous communities.

During the trip, participants explored traditional practices, storytelling, and the lived realities of Indigenous people, deepening their understanding of how culture and feminism intersect in community life. These experiences sparked meaningful conversations about identity, heritage, and the role of young feminists in bridging traditional knowledge with advocacy for social justice.

Equally important, the Feminist Bus Ride served as a networking platform. Fellows engaged in peer-to-peer exchanges, built relationships across counties, and strengthened bonds of solidarity within the feminist movement. The informal yet intentional setting of the bus and the community visits fostered open dialogue, creativity, and collective reflection on strategies for advancing gender equality in Liberia.

By the end of the journey, fellows not only gained new cultural insights but also felt a stronger sense of connection to each other and to the broader feminist struggle. The Feminist Bus Ride demonstrated the power of learning beyond the classroom—rooting feminist activism in culture, community, and shared experiences.



# In Bong County

## Next Gen Fellows Join District-Wide Drug Awareness Campaign in Salala District, Bong County

The Office of Hon. Moima Briggs-Mensah, Representative of Salala Electoral District #6, in collaboration with the Salala Success Story Initiative (Triple “S”), officially launched a district-wide drug awareness campaign aimed at eradicating drug abuse and mitigating its devastating effects within Salala District.

As part of this initiative, the **Next Gen Fellows, led its Executive Director, Naomi Tulay-Solanke**, proudly joined the campaign to raise their voices against drug abuse. Their participation highlighted the importance of feminism leadership in tackling social challenges and amplifying community-driven solutions. By standing in solidarity with local leaders, civil society, and community members, the fellows contributed to building awareness and sparking dialogue on the urgent need to protect young people from the harmful impact of drugs that is ravaging lives in Liberia.

The presence of the Next Gen Fellows underscored the campaign’s message that addressing drug abuse requires a collective effort, uniting policymakers, grassroots actors, and young advocates. Their active engagement demonstrated how the next generation of feminist leaders is committed not only to advancing gender equality but also to ensuring healthier, safer communities for all.

As part of the initiative, a District Taskforce was established with a clear mandate to uncover and report drug dealers to the Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency (LDEA), while also identifying victims willing to quit drugs for rehabilitation. The campaign also seeks to raise funds for vocational and technical training opportunities to help reintegrate victims into society and provide them with sustainable livelihoods.

The launch event brought together a total of 367 participants, including Hon. Briggs-Mensah, Peace Women, the Community Health Initiative led by Founder/Executive Director Naomi Tulay Solanke, representatives from the Gbowee Foundation, the Ministry of Health, community members, and family representatives. A recovered victim also gave a moving testimony to inspire current users. Among the participants were 97 drug users/victims, many of whom expressed deep remorse for their involvement in drugs. Notably, 40 of them formally wrote down their names, committing to change their lives and take steps toward rehabilitation. The campaign marked an important beginning in the collective fight against drug abuse in Salala District.





# Visit to the Peace Laureate



**Nobel Laureate Laymah Ghowee  
Lectures Next Gen Feminism Fellows**

On **August 11**, the Next Gen Fellows had the honor of visiting the **Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa**, where they were warmly received by **Nobel Laureate Leymah “Aunty Laymah” Gbowee** and her team. The session provided not only an introduction to the foundation’s vision and mission but also valuable lessons on personal growth, leadership, and feminist advocacy. “Aunty Laymah” highlighted the foundation’s **vision** of “*an empowered population of women and youth committed to a transformed, peaceful, and reconciled Africa,*” and its **mission** “*to provide outstanding education and learning opportunities to women and youth.*” She emphasized that these guiding principles are deeply connected to the larger struggle for justice, peace, and equality across the continent.

Speaking directly to the fellows, she offered heartfelt advice on living as a feminist leader. She underscored the importance of being **FAIR**, reminding participants that true feminists must act with integrity, refusing to take sides for personal gain, and speaking out only when principles are at stake. She urged consistency in advocacy, encouraging young feminists to remain steadfast in their passions and to be unapologetic in defending their values.

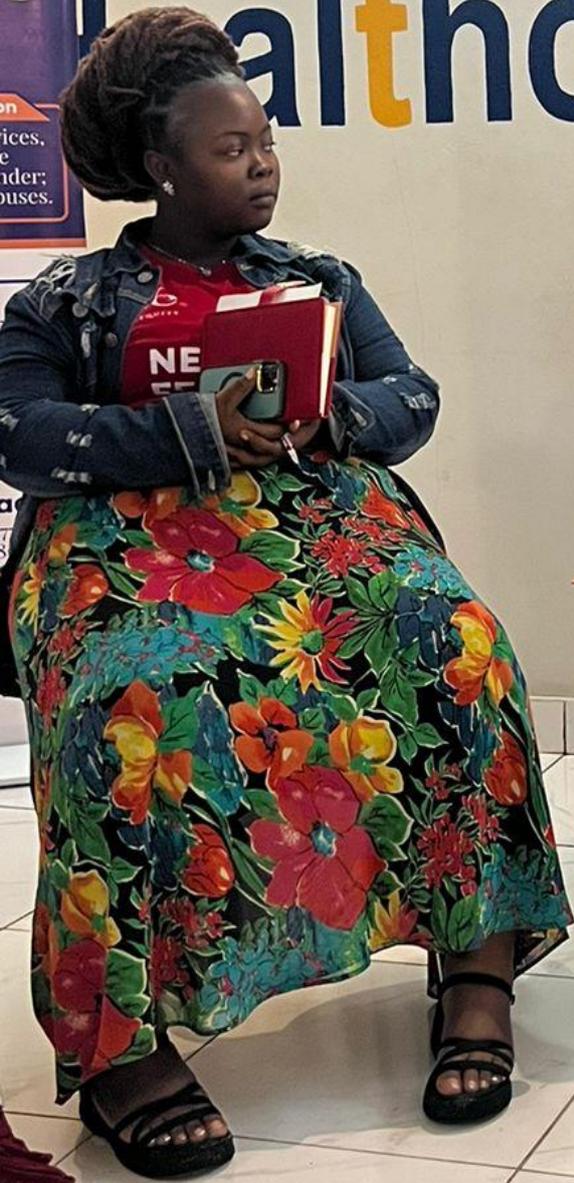




*Hon. Moima Briggs Mensah Leads Next Gen Feminists in Salala District Bong County during an anti-drug abuse awareness*



# Community Healthcare Initiative







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