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NewsLetter

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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. The program creates intentional spaces for dialogue between generations, enabling the sharing of experiences, strategies, and visions for change.



Next Gen Fellows Visit UN Women



On August 19, 2025, UN Women Liberia welcomed 20 young Liberian feminists from the Next Gen Feminism. Our Next Gen Feminists had lively discussion on intersectionality, diversity, and advancing gender equality in Liberia and beyond. These young female leaders are participating in a six-week program focused on youth engagement, feminism, and social justice.

UN Women Liberia Country Representative Comfort Lamptey emphasized that feminism—grounded in equality, rights, and dignity for all—is inherently intersectional: it recognizes how gender intersects with age, ethnicity, disability, class and other identities to shape experiences of discrimination and exclusion. UN Women’s position stresses both policy advocacy and grassroots action, advancing legal reforms, preventing gender-based violence, expanding eco-

nomic opportunity, and promoting women’s leadership and political participation. The organization also prioritizes inclusive programming, capacity-building, and safe spaces that amplify marginalized voices.

For young women leadership, this approach means concrete opportunities to lead change: skills development, mentorship, network-building, and platforms to influence policy and public discourse. Programs like Next Gen Feminism create intergenerational dialogue that connects emerging leaders with experienced advocates, helping young women translate knowledge into community impact and advocacy that is both locally rooted and globally informed.



Additionally, participants learned more about UN Women's work in Liberia, gaining insights into programs that promote women's leadership, economic empowerment, and efforts to end gender-based violence. The visit concluded with a guided tour of the UN Women 15th Anniversary Exhibition at the ONE UN House, which celebrated milestones achieved over the past decade and a half. Through stories of resilience, progress, and transformation led by women and girls, the exhibition offered Fellows both education and inspiration—connecting their activism to the broader global movement for gender equality.

For the Fellows, this experience was a powerful reminder that their contributions form part of an ongoing legacy of change. By combining self-care, peer solidarity, and intergenerational dialogue with institutional support, the Next Gen program continues to model a holistic approach to youth leadership—one that strengthens both individual resilience and collective impact.



Next Gen Feminism Visits UNFPA

Next Gen Feminism cohort visited UNFPA for a focused briefing and exchange with program specialists on issues central to young women's rights and leadership. **Gloria D. Yancy**, Program Specialist, GBV and Harmful Practices, outlined UNFPA's survivor-centered approach to preventing and responding to gender-based violence and harmful practices. She discussed community engagement, referral pathways, legal and psychosocial support services, and strategies for youth-led awareness and prevention campaigns. Participants explored how to mobilize peers and local networks to identify risks and support survivors safely.

Woseh Gobeh Weah, Program Specialist, SRHR and Quality of Care Services, spoke on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and the importance of quality, youth-friendly health services. The discussion covered barriers young

people face in accessing care, standards for respectful service delivery, family planning, and integration of SRHR into school s.

Calixte Hessou, Program Specialist, Youth and Adolescent Program, emphasized youth participation in program design, peer education models, and pathways for young leaders to influence policy and programming. He highlighted UNFPA support mechanisms—training, mentorship, and small-grant opportunities—that enable youth-led initiatives and scale local solutions.

Outcomes and next steps: the visit strengthened ties between the Next Gen cohort and UNFPA, identified collaboration opportunities (training, joint outreach, advocacy campaigns), and set the stage for follow-up workshops to translate dialogue into youth-driven action on GBV prevention, SRHR access, and leadership



Next Gen Fellows Host Social Self-Care Event at Murex Plaza

As part of its commitment to building resilient young leaders, the Next Gen fellows organized a social self-care event at Murex Plaza. The gathering was designed to strengthen peer bonds, promote mental well-being, and remind participants that meaningful activism can only be sustained when young advocates are emotionally balanced and supported. The event provided a safe and informal environment where youth could step away from the pressures of advocacy and daily responsibilities to connect with one another on a personal level. The program featured a blend of activities, including guided group reflection, peer-to-peer conversations, and light relaxation exercises. These moments allowed participants to pause, breathe, and reflect on their individual and collective journeys. Refreshments were shared, helping to foster a relaxed and communal atmosphere where honest dialogue could flourish.

One of the highlights of the session was the open reflection circle, where participants discussed the realities of stress, burnout, and emotional fatigue that often accompany activism and leadership roles. Many shared coping strategies that have helped them manage challenges in their personal and professional lives. This exchange of experiences not only deepened trust among the group but also underscored the collective strength that comes from peer support. Equally important were the discussions on how self-care practices can be woven into youth-led programming. Participants recognized that while passion drives their activism, without attention to mental and emotional health, sustaining momentum becomes difficult. Ideas such as incorporating regular check-ins, creating safe spaces for dialogue, and promoting wellness activities within organizational structures were identified as practical next steps.

By the end of the event, the cohort left with a renewed sense of solidarity and balance. The gathering served as a gentle yet powerful reminder that activism is not only about pushing for social change but also about caring for the individuals who lead that change. Through intentional practices like this social self-care session, Next Gen continues to model holistic approaches to leadership that prioritize both impact and well-being.



Highlight



UN Women Liberia Country Representative Comfort Lamptey

During the self-care and peer-bonding event, the Next Gen Fellows had the unique opportunity to interact with Ms. Comfort Lamptey, UN Women Liberia Country Representative. Her presence added depth and encouragement to the gathering, as she highlighted the importance of balancing activism with personal well-being.



The Fellows engaged Ms. Lamptey in a dialogue on the challenges young activists face, from limited resources to emotional fatigue, and shared how initiatives like the social self-care event provide them with renewed strength to continue their work. Her encouragement reinforced the idea that youth voices are vital in shaping inclusive development, and that UN Women stands ready to support platforms that nurture both capacity and well-being.

This interaction not only motivated the Fellows but also created a meaningful bridge between youth leaders and UN Women Liberia's leadership. It underscored the importance of intergenerational dialogue in advancing gender equality and affirmed that when young people are supported holistically, their advocacy becomes more impactful and sustainable.

The Next Gen Fellows program continues to stand out as a vital platform for nurturing young leaders in Liberia. By equipping youth with the tools, networks, and confidence to lead, the program ensures that the next generation of advocates is prepared not only to challenge inequality but also to drive inclusive change in their communities. Its focus on peer learning, mentorship, and experiential engagement creates a safe space where young people can exchange ideas, strengthen their leadership skills, and translate passion into impact.

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