Call for Application: UN Women Youth Gender Activists

UN Women recognizes the youth engagement and their meaningful participation as central to the human rights-based approach to advocacy. The youth engagement and advocacy are also part of the process of empowering young people as rights-holders to demand their rights by creating an environment where they can both voice their concerns, ideas, and recommendations and be heard by decision-makers and duty-bearers.

UN Women is mobilizing young feminist and gender equality advocates from around the world, to amplify the voice, agency and leadership of young women at the local, country, regional and global level. These gender youth activists are leaders and influencers working with key stakeholders to create the change they want to see in the world. They are not necessarily already involved at the national and international platforms but working together with their peers on the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

UN Women Nepal will nominate five youth gender activists from Nepal who will drive the local youth mobilization for UN Women’s Generation Equality Campaign at the global level and beyond by:

- Building on the work of previous generations, address the increased polarization of gender equality while creating bridges between communities.
- Bringing energy, creativity and critical thinking to challenge the status quo.
- Becoming the next generation of gender equality advocates contributing to a stronger feminist movement.

UN Women will leverage its unique mandate of being able to convene young people and create spaces and opportunities for intergenerational and intersectional dialogues. It will also serve as both a source of support for young people and a platform through which their voices, needs and power can be communicated and amplified. UN Women will further support the youth gender activists by:

- Amplifying their voice, agency and leadership at the regional and global level.
- Getting them to work closely with the Beijing +25 Youth Task Force as they plan for engagement in the regional and global reviews, CSW64 and the Generation Equality Forum in 2020.
- Supporting the Beijing +25 Youth Task Force with local community youth mobilization for Generation Equality Campaign.
- Building their capacity around the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action and gender equality.
- Having periodic online meetings with UN Women colleagues from around the world.
- Creating opportunities for gender youth activists to meet with UN Women staff who may be in your country on mission visits.
- Ensuring their active participation in the Generation Equality Campaign.
- Supporting those who will be active in this community to attend the Generation Equality Forum.
- Creating learning exchanges with activists from other countries and regions.
- Being part of a community of practice through virtual engagement on a UN Women youth portal.
To be eligible, applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be the age of between 18 – 30 years.
- Must be working with other young people especially young women to make a difference in their community.
- Must be working on any of the 12 critical areas of concern: poverty, education and training, health, violence, armed conflict, economy, power and decision-making, institutional mechanisms, human rights, media, environment, and the girl child, as well as on emerging issues of gender equality.
- Priority will be given to women human right defenders, rural, indigenous, non-binary and trans youth, disability, child widows, child brides, women living with HIV, domestic workers, migrants and refugees and women in conflict and post-conflict communities.
- Non-English speakers are also encouraged to apply.

The nominated youth gender activists will stay in term for at least two years from the date of their nomination. UN Women will provide a letter of recognition of contribution at the end of their term.

Please submit your applications along with following documents to palmu.sherpa@unwomen.org and rabin.rai@unwomen.org by 6 September 2020

- A motivational letter (mentioning your past experience on engaging with GEWE and plan/idea of your future engagement based on these experiences).
- Updated CV.