Nobel Peace Laureate to Keynote Global Forum

Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee has been added as a keynote speaker at the Global Forum on Girls’ Education® III in Boston, Massachusetts.

A Liberian peace activist, trained social worker, and women’s rights advocate, Ms. Gbowee currently serves as Executive Director of the Women, Peace, and Security Program at Columbia University’s Earth Institute, and is the founder and current President of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa.

Ms. Gbowee will share her insights and perspective with in-person attendees of the Global Forum on Girls’ Education® III, which will take place June 27-29 in Boston. She joins a distinguished roster of keynote speakers who are adding their voices to our virtual program June 21-22 and our in-person gathering June 27-29. We hope you’ll join us.

register to attend

Books to Educate, Enlighten, Entertain, and Inspire

Special thanks to Queen Elizabeth’s Girls’ School in London, England for curating a dynamic array of titles for our annual selection of Books of Interest. These books represent a wealth of perspectives and voices and are sure to pique the interest of students at Coalition member schools around the globe.

Reading lists are presented by grade levels:

- Picture Books for Our Youngest Learners
- Chapter Books for the Primary Years
- Books for the Middle Years
- Books for the Upper School Years
In addition to books for students, the Coalition provides suggested titles for educators and parents. Books of Interest, along with our Films of Interest—a collection of nearly 90 documentaries and educational short films focused on women and girls—serve both as classroom resources and as excellent sources for professional development and enrichment.

Opportunity for Aspiring Leaders
The Global Mentoring Network for Aspiring Leaders, a year-long initiative that runs from July 2022 through June 2023, is open to women and men in academic or administrative roles who are interested in school leadership. Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated by their current Head of School/President/Principal.

Of the approximately 100 women and men who have taken part in the program between 2017 and 2021, more than 50% have achieved the leadership promotions they desired after completing the program. In the current cohort, 10% have already won promotion.

Program Components:
- Personalized, one-on-one feedback about individual style and strengths.
- Confidential meetings with a dedicated mentor.
- Community project for which mentees from different countries will be partnered.
- Participation in the June 2023 ICGS Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nominations are due by May 20, 2022. Click here to learn more.

Introduction to Girls' Schools Course
This three-week online course is led by accomplished, respected girls' school educators. Participants will explore research on girls' education and hear directly from experts in the field on how girls learn best. They will then apply this new knowledge to classroom and school setting scenarios and receive feedback on their thoughts from expert mentors.

By the end of the experience, educators will gain a clear sense of what it means to work in a girls' school; understand research related to girls' education and demonstrate they can apply it to their own practice; and connect to a worldwide community of educators.

Upcoming Dates:
June 13 - July 1
July 11 - August 5

Facilitators:
Margaret Broad
Retired Head of School at St. Margaret's School

Terrie Hale Scheckelhoff, Ph.D.
Retired Head of School at St. Catherine's School

Registration for Introduction to Girls' Schools is now open. The courses are expected to fill quickly.

Supporting Fathers to Boost Girls' Wellbeing
Join Kimberly Wolf, national speaker, educational consultant, and author of the forthcoming Talk with Her: A Dad's Essential Guide to Raising Healthy, Confident, and Capable Daughters (Penguin 2022), for a
discussion of key research findings related to father-daughter relationships, the questions fathers have about raising their girls, and how schools can engage fathers through parent education.

May 5: 3 p.m. ET / 8 p.m. GMT

This complimentary webinar is available exclusively to Coalition member schools. Register here.

Global Forum Attendees: Weigh In!
The Coalition's Global Forum on Girls' Education® III is just two months away!

With a lineup that includes an amazing array of speakers and session presenters from around the world, it's the premier event for everyone who supports the work of girls' schools.

Tell us: What is motivating you to join us?

- Championing Girls' Education
- Discovering New Trends in Girls' Schools
- Networking with Peers in Boston and Online
- All of the Above

Participate in this week's Coalition Connection poll here. We'll share the results in our next issue.

If you haven't yet registered to attend the Global Forum, it's not too late. Early Bird pricing ends on April 29.

Register today!

News from Around the World
Recent headlines of interest for Coalition members.

- N.B. to be only Canadian stop for legendary yacht with all-female crew
  CBC

- Boys at greater risk of repeating grades, failing to complete education than girls: UNESCO report
  The New Indian Express

- Malala calls for more investment in third world girls' education
  Paris Beacon

- Students weave diversity, inclusion into school's fabric by making custom hijabs with school mascot
  WEWS

- Women achieve gains in STEM fields
  Forbes

Coming Soon: Podcast Episode with Shabana Basij-Rasikh
Mark your calendars and make plans to tune in for Episode 8 of the On Educating Girls Podcast: Girls Who Dream Big. To be released on April 27, this is a don't-miss installment of On Educating Girls. Global Forum keynote speaker Shabana Basij-Rasikh, founder and head of SOLA (School of Leadership, Afghanistan), and Megan Murphy, Executive Director of the Coalition, share a compelling story of school leadership in the turbulence of growth and change. Being a leader on the global stage requires bold thinking, flexibility, and adaptability, and this story highlights that reality brilliantly. Stay tuned for details about streaming options.
It's Time to Renew Your Coalition Membership

Effective July 1, our organization repositions as the International Coalition of Girls' Schools.

We're pleased to share with you these 2021-2022 Coalition Highlights, which include data points on Coalition research, advocacy efforts, membership growth, and engagement in professional development.

School leaders: Check your email in the coming weeks for information about how to renew your Coalition membership. Thank you for your partnership.

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