

United Nations Development Fund for Women



YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

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POWERHOUSE MUSEUM, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

**WOMEN ARE THE REAL ARCHITECTS OF SOCIETY
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE**

LEADERSHIP FORUM OVERVIEW

The UNIFEM Australia Young Women's Leadership Forum aims to improve the capacity of young women by providing them with opportunities to learn about and become involved in women's issues on a local, national and global scale.

UNIFEM Australia, the Australian National Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, is looking for passionate young women from across Australia and the Pacific to participate in a forum that will develop their skills and confidence to become architects of change. The Forum seeks to empower, engage and educate young women to contribute to meaningful change in gender issues.

About the Leadership Forum

The Forum is a three day conference involving up to 150 young women from across Australia. Featuring various inspiring keynote speakers and workshop leaders, the Young Women's Leadership Forum will focus on the key UNIFEM issues of women's economic and social development, violence against women, and women and HIV/AIDS. Participants will learn how to contribute to meaningful change in these areas by rotating through a number of workshops on political advocacy, corporate lobbying, media and communications training and public awareness raising.

Who should attend?

Young women who are interested in developing their leadership skills and practical know-how to make change within their community should attend. They should have:

- An interest in social justice and women's issues;
- Experience and involvement in the community service sector; and
- The motivation to help their own local communities.

Why attend the Young Women's Leadership Forum?

- To gain insight into gender and development issues within Australia and the Pacific including the work, successes and current challenges of UNIFEM Australia;
- To be inspired by amazing speakers who make a difference;
- To learn about how you can actively contribute towards the women's policy agenda within Australia and the Pacific;
- To interact with other passionate and dedicated young women; and
- To take initiative and learn practical skills that will allow you to make a difference within your community.

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How much does the forum cost?

The UNIFEM Young Women's Leadership Forum is made possible through a Federal Government grant to UNIFEM Australia. Registration (including lunch, morning and afternoon tea and all materials) is free but participants must cover their travel and accommodation expenses. However, some travel and accommodation grants are available and we have plenty of information on community organisations who might sponsor you to attend. With the additional support of AusAID, we will be offering travel scholarships to at least 20 participants from the Pacific Check out the UNIFEM Australia website for more details.



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How can I participate?

If you are interested in participating in the UNIFEM Australia Young Women's Leadership Forum please fill out the attached application form and send it to:

UNIFEM Australia
PO Box 4
Deakin West ACT 2600
Australia

OR

forum@unifem.org.au

Your registration can also be submitted via the UNIFEM Australia website.

To discuss your participation please contact the UNIFEM Australia office on:

Phone: + 61 2 6285 8254

Fax: + 61 2 6285 3036

Please note that applications are due no later than 5pm on Monday 31st March 2009.



APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your application. To ensure we receive this promptly, please fill it in today and send it back to UNIFEM Australia using the address details below.

Given name:

Family name:

Preferred name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Postal Address:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Mobile phone:

Email:

Fax:

Are you from a culturally or linguistically diverse background? Yes No
If yes, please provide details:

Are you from a non-english speaking background? Yes No
If yes, please provide details:

Do you identify as an aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander? Yes No

How did you find out about the UNIFEM Australia Young Women's Leadership Forum?

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

(Answers to be provided on a separate page, no longer than 1000 words in total).

- Why are you applying to attend this Forum?
- Why are you interested in social justice and women's issues?
- What do you see as the most important social justice issue for women in today's society?
- What experiences, hobbies, strengths or skills would you bring to the Forum?
- How will you translate what you learn at the Forum to benefit your local community?

Please attach a brief CV or resume with this application. Further information or a phone interview may be requested during the selection process.

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