



RISE UP DELEGATION AT CSW60



Rise Up's Let Girls Lead (LGL) and Youth Champions Initiative (YCI) programs will join together to amplify girls and young women's voices at the 60th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).



MIAMAH GRACE KANNAH

Rise Up Girl Leader, Liberia

Miamah Grace is an 18-year-old high school student, born in Monrovia, Liberia. In 2010, she joined the Sisters with Power Rites of Passage program with Liberia's Helping Our People Excel (H.O.P.E.), Inc. She is also an active member of the Girls Advocacy Forum (GAF) advocating for the rights of adolescent girls in Liberia. Through her work with H.O.P.E. Inc., she developed a strong interest in mentoring girls who were engaging in transactional sex and victims of statutory rape. Her passion is to show young women how to love and care for themselves.



MONICA ATKINS

Rise Up Youth Champion, Mississippi

Monica is a Youth Champion in Rise Up's Youth Champions Initiative. She is currently a part-time teacher and community advocate in the Public School District in Jackson, Mississippi. Monica recently helped organize a Youth Congress, and created curriculum for sessions on health, education, and labor rights. She holds a Bachelor in English from Jackson State University. Monica hopes to pursue a Master in Community Development or Urban Planning, and establish her own NGO combining education, art, performance, and activism, as well as mentoring.



AISHA WREH-YONNOH COOPER BRUCE

Rise Up Country Representative, Liberia

Aisha became a Let Girls Lead (LGL) Fellow in 2010 and has been the Country Representative for Liberia since 2011. She is the Executive Director of Helping Our People Excel (H.O.P.E.), one of the LGL implementing partners. Aisha has over 15 years of experience working on youth and leadership development issues, sexual and reproductive health, advocacy, movement-building and gender-sensitive active non-violence, and behavior change communication. Aisha holds a Bachelor in Family Studies from the University of Maryland-College Park.



RISE UP EVENTS AT CSW60

INVEST IN GIRLS, TRANSFORM THE WORLD

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
CHURCH CENTER, DREW ROOM

The economic and social returns of investing in girls are undeniable, yet research shows that only two pennies out of every dollar in international aid spending goes to girls. Rise Up will convene philanthropic leaders to discuss how to upend this funding trend and drive new resources to girls globally. Donors representing a range of girl-centered philanthropies will make the case for increased investments that empower girls to transform their own lives, families, communities, and the world. Panelists include: the Ford Foundation, Clinton Foundation, UN Foundation, UNICEF, and Rise Up.

#GIRLSVOICES FOR CHANGE: PUTTING GIRLS AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
SALVATION ARMY AUDITORIUM

Rise Up will convene this girl-centered panel in collaboration with key civil society partners to prioritize girls' voices in the new development agenda. This panel will focus on the powerful work of inspiring girl leaders who will share how they are transforming the landscape for girls in their communities and countries, and advancing long-term solutions for achieving gender equality and the Sustainable Development Goals. This event is co-sponsored by Girl Up, Plan International, and the Global YWCA.

ABOUT RISE UP



Rise Up creates a better future for girls, youth, and women globally. Rise Up invests in visionary leaders, local organizations, and innovative solutions to achieve large-scale change through leadership development, advocacy, grant-making, and storytelling. We believe we can rise up together to transform our world – one community at a time, one country at a time.

Rise Up builds on the work of Let Girls Lead, which has transformed the lives of seven million girls since 2009 – ensuring they can finish school, stay healthy, be safe, and escape poverty. Over the past six years, we have expanded our model to include women, newborns, children, and youth through Let Girls Lead's sister programs, Champions for Change and the Youth Champions Initiative. Rise Up creates sustainable solutions for girls, youth, and women in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the United States.



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