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## American Association of University Women

Since 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. AAUW works with women and their families to break down barriers and promote education and training, economic security, and leadership.

### What is a UN Youth Rep?

Lehigh created the world's first UN Youth Representative Program, matching UN-accredited NGOs with high-achieving undergraduate and graduate students who serve as that NGO's voice at the United Nations.

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Youth Representatives meet with global decision makers, participate in international conferences, and moderate briefings broadcast worldwide on UN TV. Youth Representatives have spoken on the floor of the General Assembly.

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Youth Representatives visit the UN once per month, where they attend briefings, conferences and private meetings with UN officials on behalf of their NGO on topics such as the role of youth empowerment in the promotion of gender equality.



*American Association of University Women has more than 170,000 members, supporters, staff and stakeholders working together to both celebrate the organization's rich history and ensure the continued advancement in equality for all women and girls.*



### What is an UN NGO?

A UN-affiliated NGO is a non-governmental, non-profit civil society organization based on a local, national or international level and officially recognized by the UN. A UN-affiliated NGO has the responsibility of disseminating information to its constituency regarding UN beliefs, practices and activities. In turn, NGOs provide a wealth of expertise that shapes and informs UN decision-making.

