

# Global G.L.O.W. Girl Advocacy Committee

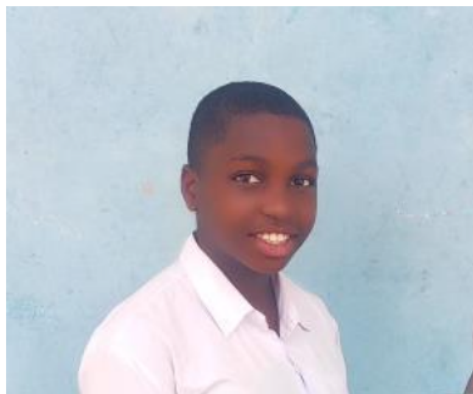
## The Power of Girls for Girls

Through the Girl Advocacy Committee (GAC), we aim to foster spaces for Club Members to actively engage in global advocacy initiatives to ensure girls' perspectives are listened to, especially where girls' voices are often not heard. This is a volunteer leadership opportunity for Club Members, allowing them to represent girls' perspectives at international advocacy events, interact and collaborate with girls worldwide to discuss issues affecting girls, and participate in efforts to raise girls' voices in the broader global community.

## Global G.L.O.W. Girl Advocacy Representatives (2023-2024)

### Girl Advocacy Representative Beatha

Up With Community, Tanzania



Beatha is a 15-year-old Tanzanian girl and a form two student in the Coastal region. She is a leader in the school's student government, a group leader in the Precious GLOW Club, as well as a Girl Advocacy Representative. Furthermore, Beatha is self-motivated, creative, curious, an influencer, cooperative, an active learner, confident, and interactive.

### Girl Advocacy Representative Deborah

Ready for Reading, Rwanda

My name is Deborah I am 13 years old. I joined GLOW Club in 2019. My dream is to become a strong woman who can advocate for others. In the Girl Advocacy Committee, I will gain many skills including confidence which will help me in self-advocacy and advocating for others by introducing the issue to the leaders, and raising awareness through artwork and social media. I will gain active listening skills from the Girl Advocacy Committee, which I will use while listening



to my peers and properly understand their problems so that I will be able to know where to start when advocating for them. I will become open through the committee, where I will feel free to stay what I feel inside with confidence. I enjoy studying, having conversations, and having fun with each other.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Dusenge

### Solidarity for Refugee Women for the Social Welfare (SOFERES)



I am Dusenge, I'm a girl aged 16 years. I am a Burundian by nationality living in Malawi. I have just completed my form two class at secondary school. As a refugee girl I have seen many girls like me struggling, not completing schools being harassed/abused and being forced into early marriages. My dream is to empower the most vulnerable and highly marginalized women and girls to claim their rights, challenge discriminatory attitudes, behavior and overcome poverty and other hardships.

Furthermore, as an advocate I'm pleased to stand on behalf of other girls and speak out the challenges that girls are facing in our community and make sure that all women and girls have equal rights, choices, conditions and power and access to the same opportunities as men and boys for the attainment of gender equality and equity. As a girl advocacy representative, I hope to learn more new skills, like communication skills and leadership skills. My hobbies are reading books and singing.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Dusman

### Women Relief Aid, South Sudan



I am Dusman, a lady of 16 years old in the senior three class at Torit Secondary School. I am passionate about my community and support for our vulnerable girls in South Sudan. Over the past years, I have exhibited and practiced leadership roles such as a school leader. I am open to challenges, conversations, and an exchange of ideas. My long-term goal is to become a national-level policy advisor. I want to use my untiring commitment and drive to bring more dignity and autonomy to promote peace among the girls in South Sudan.

My hobbies include participating in drama, debates, poetry, riddles, singing, and telling stories.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Emilienne

Ready for Reading, Rwanda

My name is Emilienne. I am 13 years old and I have been in GLOW Club since 2022. I have a dream to set up a training institution for girls where they will be learning about advocacy and to be brave. My institution will be teaching girls about their rights so that they can advocate for them whenever their rights are violated because many girls don't know their rights.

To be on the Girl Advocacy Committee will help me to understand my peers and be self-aware as a young girl and to advocate for girls in need in my community by understanding the challenges they are experiencing and helping them break through and reach out to leaders to support girls to challenge these issues. To be a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee will enable me to understand and value the ideas of my peers and to speak in public with confidence. I wish to share with other girls in my community what I will gain on the Committee.

For fun, I like to interact with others and read books.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Everline

Youth and Women for Opportunities, Uganda

My name is Everline. I am 17 years old. My future hopes and dreams are to study and work hard for a better future and change our community. Something I am looking forward to the most about being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee is to speak for the voiceless girls. I hope to advocate for girls in my community and around the world by advising them to stay at school and avoid early marriages. The skills I hope to gain from being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee is the skill of learning new ideas like hospitality and agriculture.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Fridah

Lotus Flower Community School, Zambia



My name is Fridah. I am 16 years old and Zambian by nationality. I plan to do a lot in the future and have several dreams and hopes which I wish to fulfill, like building an orphanage for the vulnerable and needy people who are financially unstable. I also hope to have the career that I wish to pursue, which is studying aviation and becoming a pilot. I look forward to becoming more knowledgeable and also educating fellow girls to become independent and be accountable members of society. I hope to advocate for girls in my community by sensitizing them to various obstacles that may hinder them from achieving their ambitions. I hope to become a better person in the future not only in my community but the world at large.



There are several skills I hope to gain from being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee that I would like to bring back to my community. These are 1. Being able to stand up for what I know is right. 2. To be educated and not become illiterate. 3. To support and listen to other people's opinions. 4. To be creative and be able to try new things.

I like to have fun by interacting with new people and learning new ideas because I'm not perfect and I should be able to get familiar with new environments. In my leisure time, I love to read story books, learn new vocabulary, and study.

There are many things I would mention to share with the world but I will only share a few of them. I encourage all my fellow girls to stand up for what they know is right and not stay silent. Be brave and face whatever challenges you may face!

## Girl Advocacy Representative Jane

Cara Projects, Kenya



Hello, my name is Jane, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as a dedicated Girl Advocacy Representative. At the age of 15, I am passionate about advocating for girls' rights and empowering them to embrace their full potential. Through my role as a representative, I aim to amplify the voices and address the challenges faced by girls in our society

I was born and raised in a small community, and I have always been astutely aware of the existing gender disparities and inequalities that girls face. From a young age, I witnessed countless girls being discouraged from pursuing their dreams due to societal norms and expectations. This ignited a fire within me to take action and be a catalyst for change.

As a Girl Advocacy Representative, I hope to cultivate and refine important skills that will propel me forward in the fight for gender equality. These include:

1. **Effective Communication:** I possess excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, which enable me to articulate the concerns and needs of girls effectively.
2. **Empathy and Active Listening:** I strongly believe in the power of listening to other's experiences and perspectives. By practicing active listening and empathizing with the challenges faced by girls, I will better understand their needs.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Leilah

Kawempe Youth Centre, Uganda



Leilah, a vibrant 17-year-old is a student secondary school student in Uganda. With an unwavering passion for the sciences, she's set her sights on becoming a cardiologist, driven by her determination and focus. Beyond her academic pursuits, Leilah loves music and reading, especially detective novels.

In February 2023, Leilah embarked on a transformative journey by joining Global G.L.O.W.. This endeavor has empowered her growth and self-belief, enabling her to develop as a confident young woman. Leilah is a visionary in the making, ready to shape a brighter future for herself and other girls in her community. With mentorship and the support of Global G.L.O.W., Leilah aims to not only achieve personal growth but also advocate for the rights and dreams of her fellow girls.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Loyce

Solidarity for Refugee Women for the Social Welfare (SOFERES)



My name is Loyce, I'm a Congolese by nationality living in Malawi. I am 14 years old. I'm interested in being a girl advocacy representative because my dream is to be a strong girl and support girls in my community to understand their rights and stand up for them.

Being in this committee, I am looking forward to see girls going back to school, speaking out, and reporting all the abuses that face them in their daily life and I hope to be a strong leader. I enjoy listening to music, reading novels and studying.





## Girl Advocacy Representative Ma'Naida

Detroit Public Schools, Michigan, United States



My name is Ma'Naida. I live in the United States. I am 16 years old. My dream for the future is to become a criminal justice or patent attorney. My main goal as a Girl Advocacy Representative is to help girls that don't think they have a voice to network within the committee. I want girls to feel that they are heard and understood. I would like to gain a better understanding of networking and problem-solving as a Girl Advocacy Representative. My hobbies include photography and journalism.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Mariza

AusCam Freedom Project, Cambodia



My name is Mariza. I am 17 years old. My future hope and dream is to be a girl who can find solutions for issues in my community and my country as a whole. In addition, the thing I look the most forward to about being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee is understanding more about the issues other countries are facing related to gender equality and ways to address those issues. Moreover, I hope to advocate for girls in my community and around the world by sharing knowledge about the power of girls and gender equality by posting on social media like Facebook, YouTube, or TikTok. I will be sharing what I learn from GLOW Club with the girls in my community too. Additionally the skills I hope to gain from being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee that I plan to bring back to my country are leadership skills, communication skills, and advocacy skills.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Mearodey

AusCam Freedom Project, Cambodia



My name is Mearodey. I am 17 years old. In the future, I hope that I could play a role to support people anywhere, especially girls in my community to pursue their dream. I also want to build a public library, the biggest one in Cambodia, so that students can read lots of books there and do research on their assignments.

By being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee, the most thing that I am looking forward to is hearing about girls in other countries, such as Africa. Moreover, I want to learn more about international events that are being prepared by Global G.L.O.W. and UN Women. I hope that I can share my vision with the girls by doing campaigns in my community and the countryside as well.

I am really excited to be part to the GAC as I hope to gain many skills as much as I can. Some of these skills include leadership skills, public speaking (not only in my community but also around the world), critical thinking, communication skills, working as a group, and how to plan events.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Mirriam

Charity Centre for Children and Youth Development, Zambia



At 17 years old, I dream of being a successful lawyer, so as to speak out for the girls and women who can not speak for themselves in the society. I look forward to gaining effective advocate skills so that I can advocate for them by sensitizing them on the importance of education, helping in the elimination of discrimination or discouragement of girls pursuing any career path, helping them on how to avoid sexual violence and harassment. If they somehow get harassed they should have no fear of speaking up, but instead exercise their rights by standing up, speaking out and reporting those who abuse them. I also look forward to gaining those skills like effective problem solving, verbal communications skills, and how to maintain relationships with friends and family. I like reading books for fun, watching TV and narrating stories to my younger siblings.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Naomi

Lotus Flower Community School, Zambia



My name is Naomi and I am 16 years old, born in Zambia. In the future, I hope that every girl in my community can have a chance to build a bright future, to have a better tomorrow. My dreams are to see each and every girl has a bright future.

Being on this committee, I am looking forward to bringing more girls to be educated. I hope to be a future leader to other girls. Every girl in my community needs to be educated so that their life can change for the better. Advocacy is there for every girl to show the world who they will become. I hope to learn more from this committee and to my fellow Girl Advocates and that they will also learn from me.

Advocating for girls doesn't mean we are foreigners to other girls, but we are educators and there to educate fellow girls any time they need help.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Patience

Art of a Child, Uganda



My name is Patience. I am 16 years old. My future hopes are ensuring there is global gender equity. I have set both midterm goals and longterm goals. One midterm goal is writing a simple magazine or novel called "Never Give Up My Girl" and starting a writer's reader club at my current school. This aims at building confidence, adaptability, and orientation. My longterm goals are to be a lawyer so that I advocate for girls' voices, and joining politics is my plan B.

As a representative on the Girl Advocacy Committee, I want to create awareness to girls on self protection against sexual violence, physical violence, and economic violence. I will attend any forums for girls to get skills to empower girls in my community and worldwide. I want to use media and girl-centered platforms to enable advocacy.





## Girl Advocacy Representative Patience

Nigeria Reads, Nigeria



My name is Patience. I am 15 years old.

I am a young girl born and brought up in a rural community in Nigeria. My community is characterized by hills and mountains. Bare rocks are scattered across the grasslands, which cover the plateau. Plateau's montane grasslands, savannas, and forests are home to communities of plants and animals

I am currently in a secondary school and I would like to become a medical doctor/psychologist.

I am an enthusiastic and confident young lady. I enjoy reading novels during my spare time.

Being a Girl Advocacy Committee Representative, I would like to advocate for girls in your community and around the world by organizing enlightenment programs

to let the community and world at large know the rights and values of a girl child

In my community, we still have some cultures that are harmful to girls and encourage gender inequality such as:

- I. Females are deprived of land ownership and inheritance from their late parents
- II. Practice of the female genital mutilation.
- III. Girls are deprived of their equal opportunity to be educated, or even if they do, they do not allow them to go beyond the primary and secondary School level.

Such practices are inhumane and unacceptable and they must be stopped.

Being a Girl Advocacy Committee Representative I hope to develop public speaking skills and enhance my advocacy skills, as this will help me play my part, contributing my own quota in stopping these bad practice. I would also like to develop more boldness and strategies to solve and address the problems in my community.

As a representative of the Girl Advocacy Committee, I desire to develop a community and country whereby the rights, ambition, education and future of girls are being valued.

I also cannot wait to meet with other girls from around the world as I believe we will learn from each other as we share our unique, as well as similar experiences and also rub minds together



and see eye to eye on issues, proffering solutions to the challenges we face, as we celebrate our differences.

I believe when girls are given the necessary support and resources needed, there is no limit to what they can do.

I PATIENCE, AM PROUD TO BE A GIRL!

## Girl Advocacy Representative Perpetual

CEINODE, Ghana



My name is Perpetual and I am 16 years old. My hope and dream is to become a doctor or an engineer. I am looking forward to becoming a good leader and gaining management skills to be able to assist girls when the need arises. I hope to advocate for the girls in my community and around the world through social media, like WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. I want to visit schools in order to help those who have no access to phones. By educating them on their rights such as the right to education, I am helping them achieve their goals and expectations in life by not depending on others. I will be helping them to make decisions on their own without being influenced by others.

I hope to gain good leadership and management skills to be able to execute a collective vision and motivate girls to put their best in everything they do.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Piety

World Economy Skills and Argo Development



My name is Piety, I am 14 years old from Cameroon. I am presently at the third year of the GLOW program and also a Girl Boss Club Member.

I am passionate about seeing children happy, promote equity between male and female, I also love writing poems. I have skills like confidence and self believe future orientation, a good communicator and the ability to identify and work with a good support network. My strengths are determination, curiosity and a good team leader. I look forward to become a renowned pediatrician.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Roselyne

Youth and Women for Opportunities, Uganda



My name is Roselyne. I am 18 years old. My future hope and dream is to become a self-reliant person. Besides this, I also have a dream of becoming an accountant in my future career to extend potential services to my community, such as banking and saving, or employ people with skills in my village. By doing so it will help uplift the people and community.

I am also looking forward to advocating for change in my country by speaking for the voiceless girls and the problems they are faced with. Doing this will equip girls with communication skills and develop self-confidence. I am looking forward to advocating for the girl child by engaging the girls by talking to me, taking the initiative to find the problem and challenges among themselves, and finding possible ideas for resolving them.

I hope to gain creative skills to help my community as well as confidence to improve my communication skills since this will help me address my community members.

I like to sing songs, write poems and stories, watch movies, and crack jokes with those who feel down. I am so humbled to be on the Advocacy Committee and I hope to get more information and educative stories from everyone!

## Girl Advocacy Representative Samjhana

Rukmini Foundation, Nepal



Hello everyone, it's me, Samjhana! I am 14 years old. I am interested in everything but I aim to be a lawyer. I have also dreamt to help poor and orphaned children. My future hope is to fulfill my plans about empowering people, mostly girls with the support of the world. The thing I look forward to the most about being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee is support from everyone to lead girls to the right choices. In my point of view, leadership, bravery, helping girls by educating them, and raising your voice against those problems which are stopping girls and women move forward are the skills that I hope to gain from being a representative that I plan to bring back to my community.



I hope to advocate for girls in my community and around the world by educating and empowering girls and women, showing their strength through advocacy. I like to empower girls by running different sessions and understanding them. I think girls are the treasure of this world, so this world should understand the role of girls and women in it and accept the thoughts and decisions they make. Stopping girls to move forward isn't good for us! The world should remember this so the world can be beautiful and at peace.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Shulamite

CEINODE, Ghana



My name is Shulamite. I am 14 years old. I hope to help Ghanaian girls to be confident. I am looking forward to working with other representatives to the Girl Advocacy Committee so that we can help other girls in Ghana and around the world. In my community, I hope to be a peer counselor so that I could help advocate for the girls around me and the world. I want to use social media platforms to advocate for girls in every part of the world. I hope to build on my confidence so that I would not shy away from helping other girls in my community. In my free time, I like to read fictional books.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Sonia

Art of a Child, Uganda



My name is Sonia. I am 18 years old. My future hopes are seeing the girl child succeeding in life. Their access as future mothers and builders of the nation matters a lot. Being a representative on the Girl Advocacy Committee, I am looking forward to gaining skills in leadership, how to engage in dialogue and use other platforms to bring girls on board.

To advocate, I write to create awareness of the girl child's rights and mobilize youth meetings to discuss issues pertaining girls. I want to learn how to use the internet and digital platforms, empower girls economically, and write and read better to build confidence and creativity.





## Girl Advocacy Representative Soniya

Rukmini Foundation, Nepal



Hi! It's me, Soniya. I am 15 years old. I want to be a lawyer in the future. My future aim is also to fulfill my dream of women's empowerment. In my opinion, helping girls by educating them and giving the responsibility of leadership to them, are the skills that I hope to gain from being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee. I like to empower the girls by running different sessions for them. In my community, I am trying to educate all the women. It is my responsibility as an educated girl to empower all the girls around the world. In my point of view, girls are a wonderful gift given by the god from which our life is possible here. So, I think all of us should understand the role of girls and women. They have their kind of rights and decisions. The world should remember this so the world

can look beautiful and be peaceful.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Stuti

Safe Society, India



Hello, I am Stuti from India. I am 17 years old. My dream is to go on a world trip, help the poverty-stricken, offer scholarships and financial assistance to the slum children, and help them to become good citizens. Most specifically, I want to help the girl child who faces difficulty.

I am looking forward to giving them the strength to fight social injustice and discrimination. I can help them by monitoring and increasing this self-determination and providing them with resources to study and improve themselves to become independent.

I will educate them to stand up for themselves, raise their voices, speak for each other, and know their rights. There are a lot of benefits to being a Girl Advocacy Representative and some skills that I will learn here are self-development so I can

deal with any situation with a positive attitude and willing to answer every question in a clear, concise, and pleasant way.

I like dancing, and singing, and will like to share some learning games with you all!



## Girl Advocacy Representative Trisha

Shohratgarh Environmental Society (SES), India



My name is Trisha Sonkar. I am 16 years old. My dream is to work in the social sector and my hope is that I will help girls to raise their voices and make an empowered future. By becoming a Girl Advocacy Representative, I wish that I can learn something from more girls and know about their country and the problems they are facing so that I can tell the girls in my community that girls everywhere are facing some or other problem but they did not accept defeat and keep advocating for their self.

If I get a chance to advocate for my community girl and girl around the world first I will try to understand and be aware of the issue and will meet people who can provide me awareness and help me for providing solutions, after this I will get help from other girls and aware the community about the issue and will try to make understand everyone.

The skill I hope to gain from being a representative to the Girl Advocacy committee that I am planning to bring back to my community is learning new things in the committee meeting from other representatives and helping my community girl to get awareness.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Valentina

World Economy Skills and Agro Development, Cameroon



Hello, My Name is Valentina. I live in Cameroon and am 16 years old. I dream to become a pediatrician. I love being with children and I really value their health. As a Girl Advocacy Representative, Am looking forward to joining girls all over the world in brainstorming to get solutions to problems girls face worldwide. I am committed to making my community comfortable for all girls.

My source of strengths and encouragement are my mentors and other women and girls who have passed through a lot of challenges but have made it to their dreams. I encourage all girls in my community and in the GAR committee to join me in making the world a better place for girls. As my hobbies, I love to be with my fellow girls, writing and singing.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Vivian

Ng'aa Maskani, Kenya



My name is Vivian. I am 10 years old. I was born in Kenya. I go to school within my community and I love to study social studies. I aspire to be a teacher when I grow up so that I instruct many children and help them better their lives. I believe educated girls have a bright future. In future, I hope that every girl in my community can have a chance to build that bright future and have a better tomorrow.

I am interested in being a girl advocate in my club because I think it is interesting and I will get to meet many girls all over the world and make friends. I also would like to hear more on what girls are doing to

change their communities. I look forward to this experience.

## Girl Advocacy Representative Yeshaswini

Holy Cross, India



My name is Yeshaswini. I am 13 years old. My future hopes are I want to see a society where women are treated with respect, have equal rights and opportunities, and are free from discrimination and gender-based violence. My dream is to become a doctor, serve people in need, and create awareness of reproductive health and well-being.

I look forward to meeting girls from different social and cultural backgrounds and hearing about the local issues in their community faced by the girls. I want to advocate for girls in our community and worldwide by meeting with fellow girls and parents, creating awareness of girl child rights, and raising my voice against gender inequality. In the Girl Advocacy Committee, I want to gain strategies using other communities to fight against gender inequality.

I like to chit-chat with my friends and play outdoor games for fun.



## Girl Advocacy Representative Zainab

Shohratgarh Environmental Society (SES), India



My name is Zainab. Mostly, people call me Nazneen. I am 18 years old. My future hope is to strengthen the power of girls and that all girls all around the world become independent and live their life to the fullest without any restrictions.

My dream is to become an accountant from which I will help needy people and spend some part of my income on girls' education. Being a representative to the Girl Advocacy Committee, I look forward learn about other girls who live in different countries and what different issues they are facing, and I look forward to finding solutions for those issues that we are all facing.