Grow Your Network and Share Best Practices at the 2023 ICGS Conference

The [2023 ICGS Conference](#) will be full of opportunities to network, share best practices, learn about emerging educational trends, be in community with others, and experience joy.

Join us on the shores of great Lake Erie in the vibrant city of Cleveland, Ohio, June 26-28, as we celebrate our global community of schools. Early bird pricing is offered through May 1, and group rates are available.

More than 100 [breakout](#) and [INSPIRE!](#) sessions have been added to the conference roster, with a dynamic international slate of presenters. Four engaging [Pre-Conference Workshops](#) are also available to explore, as well as post-conference [School Visit Opportunities](#).

Visit the links below to learn more, gather your colleagues, and [register](#) now!

ICGS Educating Girls Symposium in the UK

We are delighted to host the first cross-sector professional development event for girls’ schools in the United Kingdom on 29 September at [Benenden School](#). This will be a unique occasion for school leaders and teachers to come together from both state and independent schools to address the theme of Celebrating the Power of Girls and Girls’ Schools.

While girls and young women have significantly more opportunities available to them than previous generations, we are still by no means where we need to be with regard to closing the gender gap. Indeed, girls’ schools are more necessary and relevant than ever before in providing girls with the skills and habits of mind to make the world a more civil, equitable, and just place.

Participants will hear from global experts in areas such as mental health and pastoral care, teaching and learning, leadership, and more. They will also learn from and with teaching colleagues representing a wide range of schools.
This Educating Girls Symposium is part of a two-day event that includes a special opportunity just for students from girls’ school to gather together for learning and inspiration, during a dynamic program on 28 September 2023.

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**Educating Emotionally Healthy Girls - an ICGS Webinar**

March 22, 2023 | 3:30-5 p.m. ET / 7:30-9 p.m. GMT

In this complimentary webinar for ICGS members, Donna Jackson Nakazawa, an award-winning science journalist, author, and internationally-recognized speaker whose work explores the intersection of neurobiology and human emotion, will discuss the causes of the mental health challenges facing girls today—and revelatory new strategies to help girls thrive. A new report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that one in three teenage girls have seriously considered suicide, and 57 percent report feeling “persistently sad or hopeless.” One in three adolescent girls also report symptoms of major depression. And this data is backed up by the experiences of those who care for and about girls. As educators who work with girls every day, we are eager to better understand these levels of depression and self-harming. This webinar will explore the "why" this is happening—and why it is happening now. Donna will braid together this latest research to show why so many girls today are struggling and will lay out science-backed “antidote” strategies to help girls flourish. She also will provide a new playbook for how we can ensure a healthy emotional life for all our girls.

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**Work with ICGS - We're Hiring!**

ICGS is currently seeking to fill a part-time (8-10 hours/week), remote position for a Research Intern to support the work of the Coalition. Geared toward graduates of girls' schools, the position's focus areas include: research library management, member research requests, support of the Global Action Research Collaborative on Girls' Education, event support, and data compilation. This role is ideal for someone interested in the nonprofit, research, and/or education sectors.

We invite you to share the full position description with your university and graduate school-level alums and encourage candidates with an interest in advancing women's leadership worldwide through girls' education to apply.

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**Excellence at Sixth Form**

March 30, 2023 | 3:15 p.m. GMT

This free online webinar for Assistant Head Teachers and/or Heads of Sixth Form at ICGS member schools offers leaders with responsibility for your Sixth Forms the opportunity to come together and share best practices (operational and strategic). With a choice of sessions, this is a wonderful opportunity for leaders responsible for Sixth Form to get practical tips, gain valuable professional development, and network with other girls' Sixth Form leaders across the UK. Online sessions will include, for example, Retention and Recruitment; Networking and Connecting with Alumnae; Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being; How to Get Students Exam-Ready; and Effective Study Space and Time.
Girls' Schools: Understanding the Research

The Coalition has a deep and rich history embedded in research on girls' schools, and we continue to provide member schools research to support them in situating the value of girls' schools upon a theoretical and pedagogical base. The resources found in our robust Research Library help families and communities better appreciate the positive outcomes of a girls' school education. ICGS also engages member schools in research projects with academic partners, collaborates with researchers working on issues of importance to girls' education and girls' schools, and tracks prevailing research to keep member schools up-to-date with the latest findings. Visit the Coalition website to learn more.

Listen to and Share Our Latest Podcast: Girls Need Trusted Adults

Host Trudy Hall spends time with Brooklyn Raney, the author of One Trusted Adult: How to Build Strong Connections and Healthy Boundaries with Young People, and the founder of an organization of the same name that trains parents, educators, and student leaders to “be the person they needed” as a youngster. An experienced practitioner in this work, Brooklyn is passionate about her mission to ensure that every child on the planet has a trained, committed and motivated trusted adult. Offering helpful anecdotes and useful advice, this episode could change the way you think about partnering with your daughter and the other meaningful adults in her life to help her build a healthy adult support network in these challenging times. This episode is ideal for sharing with school families—please forward it to anyone you know who is teaching or raising girls.

Items of Interest

SOLA: Daring to Educate Afghanistan's Girls
CBS News 60 Minutes
All-girls schools...what are they really like today?
Great British Life

**Demand for Sydney all-girls schools soaring - survey**
The Educator Australia

In One of North America’s Oldest Cities, a New Vision for the Future of Learning
Letters from the Future (of Learning)

Adolescents Need SEL That’s Designed for Them. Here’s What that Looks Like.
Education Week

‘Keep breaking down barriers we face’: US ambassador’s advice to London schoolgirls
Evening Standard

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**Updated Coalition Branding Assets**

We're pleased to make available to our member schools a new suite of International Coalition of Girls' Schools branding materials, featuring an updated visual identity, refreshed color palette, and unique icon. An array of [Coalition logos](#) are available for member schools to download. These logos may be used on your school websites, in printed materials, and more.

You're also welcome to embed our [On Educating Girls podcast](#) on your site to share with your school community, and include some of our [ICGS videos](#) in your outreach to current and prospective families to underscore the [Girls' School Advantage](#): the unique value and benefits of a girls' school education.

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