Open Call for Proposals: Contribute to ICGS Thought Leadership

The International Coalition of Girls' Schools is proud to convene a wide array of global and regional Professional Development gatherings, where delegates exchange best practices on the education and healthy development of girls. At each of these gatherings, girls' school educators and others have the opportunity to present their work and share their insights and expertise with fellow attendees.

ICGS programming is designed to be inclusive, and to represent a variety of perspectives on timely and evergreen topics of interest to girls' school educators, delivering both global excellence and regional relevance.

You are invited to share your perspective, insights, and expertise with colleagues around the world—visit our Open Call for Proposals to learn more. Your presentation proposal will be considered for any or all of the upcoming events listed below, according to your interest.

- **February 15, 2024** Educating Girls Symposium at Marlborough School, Los Angeles, California, USA—[Registration for this event is now open!](#)
- **April 26, 2024** Educating Girls Symposium at Melbourne Girls Grammar, Melbourne, Victoria, AUS
- **June 24-26, 2024** ICGS Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- **June 23-25, 2025** Global Forum on Girls' Education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Raising Connected, Capable and Compassionate Adolescents

**November 2, 2023**: 7:30 p.m. ET / 11:30 p.m. GMT
**November 3, 2023**: 9:30 a.m. AEST
Hear from renowned international psychologist, author, and speaker Dr. Lisa Damour about her best-selling new book, *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers – Raising Connected, Capable and Compassionate Adolescents*.

Dr. Damour's latest New York Times best-seller is an urgently needed guide to help parents and educators understand teenagers’ intense and often fraught emotional lives—and how to support them through this critical developmental stage. In addition to being a best-selling author, Dr. Damour also co-hosts the Ask Lisa podcast, works in collaboration with UNICEF, and is recognized as a thought leader by the American Psychological Association.

This special event is open to all, with member and non-member pricing available. A recording of the live presentation will be shared with all those who have registered and paid to participate.

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The Educating Girls Symposium in the UK is One Month Away

Attendees of the Educating Girls Symposium on September 29 at Benenden School in Kent, England, UK, will hear from a range of Keynote Speakers and Featured Panelists, including Jennie Lees, Software Lead at Google DeepMind; Melissa Kilby, CEO of Girl Up; Shola Kaye, Culture Change and DEI Expert; Dr Tara Porter, Clinical Psychologist and Writer; Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon, Author and Founder of Stemettes; Roisin McCarthy, Founder of Women in Data; and Dr Helen O’Neill, Founder and CEO of Hertility.

Early bird pricing is available through September 8. See who's coming and add your school’s name to our delegate list today!

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Have You Registered Yet for Headways? Space is Filling Quickly!
With more than 20 selections of Headways™ Program cohorts for ICGS members to participate in during the 2023-2024 timeframe, there's a cohort for everyone.

Visit the ICGS website to explore the Headways™ lineup by Topic, Profession, and Region, along with detailed information about each cohort, including dates, times, and discussion themes.

register now

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**RESEARCH CORNER**

New Research Underscores the Positive Benefits of the Girls' School Environment

As a global organization, ICGS explores data that extends beyond political and geographic boundaries to evaluate and understand the unique learning environments of girls' schools. To that end, the Coalition commissioned a study diving into the experiences of girls who participated in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

This new research report compares data from girls enrolled in coeducational schools and girls' schools in 12 participating countries. Explore the key findings of this new research in the Executive Summary created for member schools (login required).

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**Digital Information Sessions on ICGS/Challenge Success Study**

We're pleased to offer two upcoming digital Information Sessions for those who are interested in participating in the ICGS/Challenge Success Research Study on Girls' Well-Being, Engagement, and Belonging. These events are open to those who have already registered to participate and to those who are considering participating in the study. Follow the links below to register. Recordings will be made available for those who are unable to attend.

6 September 2023: 9 a.m. AEST - Register Here
12 September 2023: 2:00 pm BST - Register Here

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On Educating Girls Podcast: Girls Love REAL Conversation
In this “conversation about conversation,” On Educating Girls podcast host Trudy Hall learns from educators deeply knowledgeable about teaching discussion skills. Liza Garonzik, a former classroom teacher, is the founder of R.E.A.L. Discussion, an organization committed to the idea that discussion is the key to humanity, and, as important, discussion skills can be segmented into teachable elements. Joining her is Callie Hammond, a girls’ school educator and ICGS Global Action Research Fellow, bringing her recent research findings and experience with teaching these skills to girls. Offering both theory and practical skills for every adult who engages with girls, Callie and Liza remind us that girls are eager, interested, and delighted to engage—if we offer them the tools that give them the confidence to do so. On Educating Girls is available wherever you listen to podcasts. Subscribe today! Click here to download the transcript from this episode.

Items of Interest

Opinion: The Taliban is snuffing out hope in Afghanistan. It will fail.
The Washington Post, by Shabana Basij-Rasikh

$200m girls' sports fund unveiled after Matildas' success
The Sydney Morning Herald

On Women's Equality Day, There's Still No Gender Parity in K-12 Schools
Education Week

Two Years After the Taliban Takeover, an Afghan Girl is Holding On to Hope: 'I Am Young, But I Am Everything for My Family'
Ms. Magazine

5 Ways to Take Action for Gender Equity Right Now
Global Citizen

ICGS Resources & Opportunities
Moulton Student Global Citizenship Grant
Applications Open Through October 13

Understanding Student Well-Being, Engagement, and Belonging
ICGS Research Study in Partnership with Challenge Success

Coalition Partnerships & Exchanges Interest Form
Connect with a Fellow Girls' School