- Founded in 1855, we are one of the oldest international women’s organisations in the world.
- Our rich diversity includes women from different faiths, backgrounds, beliefs and cultures.
- We are committed to girls, young women and women’s full and equal participation in society.
- We use a human rights and young women’s engagement approach.
- We support the action of millions of young women worldwide for gender equality and social change.
- We promote an intergenerational approach and shared and transformative leadership.
- We believe that when women rise to leadership they transform power structures and policies around human rights, gender equality, peace, and justice.
- We work in collaboration with partner organisations including women’s networks, ecumenical, youth and international organisations, and UN agencies.

**OUR BOLD & TRANSFORMATIVE GOAL 2035:**
By 2035, 100 million young women and girls transform power structures to create justice, gender equality and a world without violence and war; leading to a sustainable YWCA movement, inclusive of all women.

**OUR PURPOSE**
To develop the leadership and collective power of women and girls around the world to achieve justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and a sustainable environment for all people.

**OUR KEY ACTIONS:**
- Mobilise young women and nurture young women leaders
- Influence laws, policies and institutions on young women’s representation and participation
- Facilitate and support the participation of young women in regional and global policy and decision-making platforms
- Develop leadership tools and models for young women worldwide
- Knowledge sharing and building young women’s capacity to drive change
- Promoting intergenerational and transformative leadership and advocacy at local, national, regional and global levels
- Create safe spaces for young women
OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

Young women drive social change and transform power structures for gender equality through:

**ENGAGEMENT**
- Foster engagement of young women to drive change

**INCLUSION**
- Help young women to network and share knowledge

**MOBILISATION**
- Encourage young women to build partnerships and social movements

**CAPACITY BUILDING**
- Create young women’s leadership in the YWCA movement

**AN INTERGENERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM**
- Guide and nurture young women leaders to transform power structures for gender equality

OUR STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS:

**SUPPORT**
- Provide YWCA member associations with tools and guidance
- Share knowledge
- Guide the movement and support its sustainability

**CATALYST**
- Connect and engage young women globally
- Build leadership capabilities of girls, young women and women

**ADVOCATE**
- Advocate for the rights of girls, young women and women globally
- Be the voice of the movement

**STRATEGISE**
- Provide vision and strategic direction for the movement
MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

World YWCA reaches more than 100 countries.

Thematic areas

- Sexual Reproductive Health Rights
- Child, Early and Forced Marriage
- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Transforming Young Women Leadership
- Social and Economic Justice
- Economic Empowerment
- Number of countries with Safe Spaces Model adopted

North America: 2
Caribbean: 14
Latin America: 10
Europe: 27
Middle East: 4
Asia: 16
Africa: 29
Pacific: 7
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Donate to the World YWCA so that young women transform power structures to create justice, gender equality and a world without violence!
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