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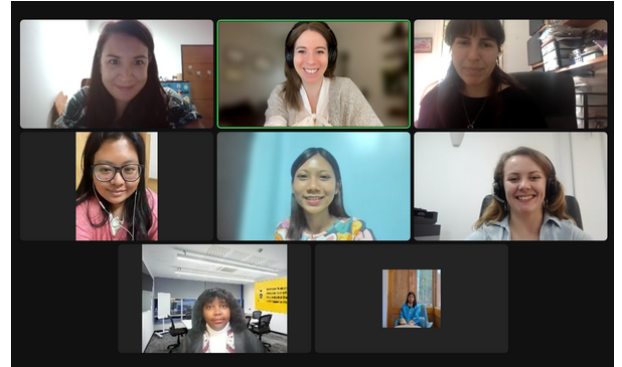
— WOMEN'S NETWORK —

## Quarterly Newsletter January–March 2023:

### Greetings from the HMV-WN team!

We are very happy to announce that we have several new members that have joined the HMV-WN team in 2023.

- Ingyin Phyu as our Social Media Intern
- Ona Stodt as our Events Coordinator
- Roisin Timmons as our Campaign 4 Change Leader
- Yeshey Dema as our Campaign 4 Change Intern
- Karma Wang as our Fundraising Intern



### January 2023

#### Women's Empowerment and Community Action Program. January–May 2023

On January 22, 2023, HMV-WN launched its Women's Empowerment and Community Action Program, January-May 2023. During the course of this program, twenty (20) feminist changemakers came together to expand their knowledge and global network to better their understanding of gender justice and gain skills and resources to use their voices in their community for positive social change. March 19, 2023, marked the last session of the first portion of the Program. Six (6) participants from the Program are now engaged in their Community Action element, and are currently working in their communities to take direct action to create gender equitable change under the guidance of the HMV-WN team. These six (6) participants will return to the HMV-WN classroom on May 14, 2023, to discuss their Community Action elements, including the successes or challenges they may have faced during this portion of the Program.

### February 2023

#### World Day of Social Justice. February 20, 2023

Led by HMV-WN's Campaign 4 Change Team, four (4) HMV-WN representatives came together to celebrate World Day of Social Justice on February 20, 2023. The informal event featured a discussion on the role that social justice plays in society and the hopes that HMV-WN has for social justice in the future. The HMV-WN representatives also shared impactful social justice stories from their own communities.

*"When we talk about social justice, it can be quite overwhelming due to the many issues that arise in the discourse since social justice touches all elements of society; we could be talking about social justice with access to education, healthcare, land, clean water, and the impacts of climate change. In HMV-WN we aim to increase understanding of the gender element to justice, including social justice, and we strive to increase access to the four pillars of social justice (human rights, participation, equity, and access)."*

# March 2023

## International Women's Day. "Embracing Gender Equity in the Law". March 8, 2023

### Embracing Gender Equity in the Law



International Women's Day

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Online Event  
March 8, 2023  
1pm CET

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March 8, 2023 was International Women's Day, and to celebrate this day, HMV-WN hosted an online event that brought together legal educators and law students to discuss this year's international theme *Embracing Equity*, with a specific focus on gender equity in the field of law. Three (3) keynote speakers, joined to share their passion and commitment to the promotion of gender equality and gender justice. The speakers led a discussion on the concept of gender equity and the relationship between gender equity and the law/ legal education in their respective country contexts and law schools.

The speakers also actively responded to questions from event participants and shared current initiatives and pathways that they are involved in to increase gender equity in law.

*"We are legal scholars and lawyers. So, we think about gender from the position of legal brains. I think when you have been trained in law, you tend to not have learned anything about gender. Gender is not something that we often talk about in law school [or taught]... Therefore the way we look at gender in the law tends to look at gender equality rather than gender equity: equality being a formal notion that every legal subject is the same and therefore equal to one another... But we know that formal legal systems are blind to a lot of social phenomenon, in particular the social phenomenon of vulnerability."*

HMV-WN's Embracing Gender Equity in the Law event demonstrates HMV-WN's ongoing partnership with Universities and Law Faculties across the globe. In addition to working with legal professionals, HMV-WN is looking forward to upcoming programming for law students from our partner Universities which will begin in June 2023.

### Look out for: HMV-WN 2022 Annual Report

Coming April 2023, HMV-WN will be launching our 2022 Annual Report. As we say goodbye to 2022, our Annual Report celebrates all the work our team has accomplished over the past year. In 2022, HMV-WN continued to promote gender justice globally through online educational programs, online events and our multiple social media platforms.

### Women of the Week during this Quarter

- 1 Gazbiah Sans
- 2 Salma Zeb
- 3 Tanyaradzwa Guta
- 4 Namutula Sindila
- 5 Cecilia Palomo Caudillo
- 6 Angellah Praygod Mochawa

- 7 Brenda Wanjiru
- 8 Eddah Leonard Nyirenda
- 9 Esther Effie Crayton
- 10 Alka Dhupkar
- 11 Mercy Amarachi Agugua
- 12 Glory Florentine Kimario