

## International Day of the Girl 2023

### SOLIDARITY VIEWING PARTIES

### WHAT, WHY & HOW TO HOST

#### Event details

*Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Wellbeing*

Wednesday 11 October

9:30AM - 11:00AM (EDT, New York)

Zoom registration link (only one registration required per Solidarity Viewing Party):

[https://unicefusa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tdeuopz4uGte\\_R137XBckT2E4gffx3N9M#/registration](https://unicefusa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tdeuopz4uGte_R137XBckT2E4gffx3N9M#/registration)

#### What is the International Day of the Girl?

[International Day of the Girl](#) (IDG) – observed annually on 11 October – is a global platform to advocate for the full spectrum of girls' rights. This year, at a time when we are seeing a range of movements and actions to curtail girls' and women's rights and roll back progress on gender equality, we see particularly harsh impacts on girls. From maternal healthcare and parenting support for adolescent mothers, to digital and life skills training; from comprehensive sexuality education to survivor support services and violence prevention programmes, there is an urgent need for increased attention and resourcing of the key areas that enable girls to realize their rights and achieve their fullest potential.

#### Why host a Solidarity Viewing Party?

Watching an event is always better and more impactful together. Viewing Parties will provide a unique way to experience this event and express your solidarity with colleagues, allies and girls themselves. They also provide an opportunity for in-person conversation in the context of International Day of the Girl, elevating the topics discussed during the event and inspiring action among stakeholders and decision makers. If young people are invited or involved in these events, it is essential to do a rapid safeguarding assessment and have a safeguarding plan in place. UNICEF's [tip sheets](#) on adolescent and youth participation may be helpful resources.

#### Planning Checklist & Timeline

##### Before Wednesday 11 October 2023

1. Book a viewing space (e.g. conference room in your office)

- Start time: 30 minutes before event start for any set up + early arrivals
  - End time: 45 minutes to accommodate post-event dialogue
- 2. Send invitations (e.g. calendar invitation – see sample text below) and consider including the following participants:
  - Colleagues working in gender & cross-cutting topics
  - Youth, especially girls, affiliated with your organization and/or partners (follow safeguarding guidelines for your organization)
- 3. Collect RSVPs by a deadline
  - Arrange access for attendees outside organization
  - Food: catering or potluck + encourage attendees to bring their own containers/plates, cups, utensils etc.
  - Ensure that the room booked has adequate space + enough chairs for all
- 4. Consider planning a group activity (see example below)
  - Sample activity: Have sticky notes to write on and a space available for people to post their answers to the question “When you were 11 years old, what did you want to be when you grew up?”
- 5. Select facilitators/moderators for post-event dialogue – see example question in post-event dialogue section below
  - Consider inviting a higher level colleague + a girl as co-facilitators/moderators

**Day of the IDG Event** (see registration link above):

1. Decorate space
2. Test video and audio equipment
3. Set up catering / items needed for potluck
4. Set up group activity
5. Consider having name tags available

**Post-event** dialogue with solidarity party participants - considerations:

1. Facilitated conversation format: topics and questions are prepared in advance for responses from the audience
2. Consider:
  - a. For your organization, what is the conversation about?
  - b. Who are the participants?
3. Sample questions/prompts:
  - a. Where did you see alignment between girls’ articulated issues + solutions and those articulated and addressed by stakeholders/decision makers?
  - b. In your role, what can you do today to advocate for and advance girls’ leadership?

\* Sample invitation text \*

Join us at < location > for a Solidarity Viewing Party on International Day of the Girl 2023! *Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Wellbeing*

UNICEF and Plan International will host an event to bring together adolescent girls with champions for adolescent girls' rights, including leaders from the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and governments. We will join them in solidarity for this event that centres and celebrates their voices, advocating for formal power-holders to increase concrete investments in girls' rights.

International Day of the Girl 2023 event will exemplify a world where girls are being given space to shape government policy and spending, to inform the rules and norms by which businesses should operate, and to direct the priorities of for new research and innovations – these examples should not be novelties, but the norm. This overall vision requires focusing global efforts and targeted funding.

List of confirmed speakers TBC.

< Add information on any food to be available >