Day of the Girl Summit Team is excited to invite you and your group/organization to join us for the International Day of the Girl, Girls’ Rights Townhall on Friday, October 9, 2020.

Below please find materials to plan for your virtual fieldtrip. This packet includes:

- Teacher/Administrator letter introducing the program
- Overview of the program with program objectives and outcomes
- Sample virtual fieldtrip permission slip

Remember to also share the program [curriculum guide](mailto:). 

Any questions, please reach out to us at [idgs submissions@gmail.com](mailto:). We look forward to seeing you on October 9, 2020.

Day of the Girl Summit Team
Communication and Excuse Letters for Teachers and Administrators

Letter for Teacher/Administrators

September 21, 2020

Dear Teacher/Administrator

On October 9, 2020 from 10am -11:30am EDT, your students/group members are invited to a virtual field trip to watch the Girls’ Rights Townhall to celebrate the 9th annual International Day of the Girl. The International Day of the Girl is commemorated on October 11th to celebrate girlhood, discuss the importance of girls’ rights, and bring attention to the unique challenges girls face around the world. The Girls’ Rights Townhall will see girl activists take the floor at the United Nations with global decision makers to discuss justice, human rights, and equity for girls.

The 90-minute online program will feature a dialogue between policy makers and girl leaders involved in addressing different forms of injustice in their communities, including but not limited to: gender-based violence, economic justice and rights, climate justice, menstrual equity, and diversity and inclusion. Together, girl leaders and policy makers will reflect on progresses made and promises left unfulfilled both in the girls’ rights agenda and fight for gender equality.

Viewers/Attendees will be able to utilize the accompanying program curriculum to prepare for the program by learning about the issues discussed, participate in the conversation, reflect on the event and learn how to join the movement for girls after the program.

The attached virtual field trip packet, provides an overview of the program, objectives, 21st century skills they will practice, and how to participate with an accompanying curriculum guide.

For additional information or questions on the Day of the Girl Summit and past International Day of the Girl Events, please visit our website.

Day of the Girl Summit Team
Day of the Girl Summit – Girls’ Rights Townhall

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
The International Day of the Girl is commemorated each year on October 11th to celebrate girlhood, discuss the importance of girls’ rights, and bring attention to the unique challenges faced by girls around the world.

Girls’ Rights Townhall will invite attendees to watch a dialogue between policy makers and girl leaders involved in addressing different forms of injustice in their communities. Participants will learn about pressing issues facing girls around the world, how girl leaders are working to create their own change, hear from leaders of UN agencies and governments, and learn about the roles girls play in key global initiatives such as 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and Generation Equality. Then attendees will reflect on dialogues they heard, their role as changemakers and learn how to continue the conversation and movement for girls.

II. This Program will focus on:

- Global girl issues
- Girl Activists as changemakers
- United Nation’s Generation Equality Initiative
- Partnerships with local and global communities engaged in girls’ rights

III. Program Objectives

At the end of this program, students will be able to:

- Learn about issues impacting girls around the world
- Learn about the history of gender equality & the role of girls’ rights in the fight for equality
- Hear from girl activists working on pressing global issues
- Understand the role of young people and girls in social change
- Learn how the United Nations utilizes different forms of action to push for change
- Hear and evaluate the role of UN Policy Makers and governments in implementing change
- Understand how the UN works with civil society organizations and how civil society members seek to hold the UN accountable to promises made.

III. Participants will hear from:

- Girl Activists from 5 different countries working on issues of Climate Change, Economic justice, Gender Based Violence, Menstrual Equity, Inclusion & Feminist Leadership. Girl activists represent themselves and girl focused organizations working on girls’ rights issues.
• Representatives from the following UN Agencies:
  o UNICEF
  o UN Women
  o UNFPA
• Representatives from UN Missions from the countries of:
  o Canada
  o Peru
  o Turkey

IV. Participants will engage the following 21st Century Skills:

• Global Awareness
• Civic literacy
• Health Literacy
• Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
• Communication
• Information literacy

V. Schedule/Timing:

• 90-minute session, October 9, 2020, 10am -11:30am US ET.
• 40-minute debrief (optional) on October 9, 2020

VI. How to Participate

• **Step 1**: Learn about girls’ human rights and the issues facing girls around the world. Visit the Day of the Girl Summit site and access our curriculum to prepare for the day!

• **Step 2**: Watch the Girls’ Rights Townhall on October 9th. Follow the conversation live on UN from 10:00-11:30 AM US EST.

• **Step 3**: Talk about what you learned and about what girls’ rights mean for you with your class, community group or friends! Keep the conversation going!

• **Step 4**: Share what you heard, get involved, and take action to support girl activism in your community!
Girls’ Rights Townhall Virtual Field Trip ~PERMISSION SLIP

I hereby give____________________ permission to attend the Girls’ Rights Townhall Virtual Field
Name(s)

Trip that will be held on Friday, October 9, 2020, 10am-11:30am US EDT.

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