

Commission on the Status of Women

CSW70 Access to Justice

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- Collection of ground passes on morning of Sunday 8th
- Coffee at La Belle Tasse on 2nd Avenue
- Free afternoon: Some walked in Central Park
- Ann and Helen visited the Tenement Museum in Lower East Side



Tenement Women

- Tour of two tenements and the shared hallways, corridors and backyard.
- Joseph and Bridget Moore
- 1902 – Jennie Levine
- The Koshers Meat Boycott
- Very hard manual work
- Many children
- Early death for many women



Monday 9th March at the UN

- Morning SI briefing
- Opening Ceremony of CSW including speech by Malala
- A tour of the buildings and grounds of the UN with my buddy Helen
- Looking at choices of side events and parallel events to attend



Lots of information and photo opportunities!



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- Deciphering the various acronyms and working out how the UN works in practice.
- CSW UNGA ECOSOC CEDAW UNFPA
- The United Nations was established in **1945**.
- The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) started in **1946**.
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was set up in **1969**.
- The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted in **1979** (entered into force in 1981).
- UN Women was set up in **2010**.

Networking

- Berthe de Vos-Neven
- Catherine McKenna
- Dr Leyla Siirad Hussein Gikandi
- Domtila Chesang
- Sweeta Azimi
- Marghi Poles
- Marie Yolaine



Townhall Meeting Tuesday 10th March



- General Secretary: Antonio Guterres speaking of the bitter wind that is blowing around the work of gender equality:
- “NO to the push back, NO to going back, NO to surrender. We will NEVER give up!”

SI Reception at The Aragvi Restaurant



CSW70 Speaking Opportunities



HERO D WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
ON THE SIDE LINES OF THE UN 70th COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

EXPERT VOICE
Ann Beatty
Chief Executive, The Steve Strassell Foundation

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On the sidelines of the UN 70th Commission on the Status of Women
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP & ACCESS TO JUSTICE

5:30 p.m. March 11
One Vanderbilt
Heidrick & Struggles
New York City

- Women's Status in Economic Participation
- Class Justice is Justice for Women
- Integrating Access to Justice in Leadership



**PROTECTION, JUSTICE, POWER:
HAITIAN WOMEN LEADING
THE FIGHT AGAINST GBV**

Join VIRTUALLY for a powerful and timely conversation among some of Haiti's leading grassroots organizers and advocates for survivors of sexual violence based in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Panelists will share their experiences and discuss survivors' needs, barriers to safety, justice, and essential care, and strategies for meaningful change on the ground. Both virtual and in-person attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly through a moderated Q&A session.

The event will be hard-to-hear with interpretation into English.

in-person attendees is possible for those in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

**MARCH 19, 2026
10:30AM - 12:00PM**

VIRTUAL
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI
#3 2ème impasse Lavoué Laïse

REGISTER & GET INVOLVED

PANELISTS

- ABIGAIL DEROLIAN**
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND REFUGEE NEEDS
- KATTIA DORESTANT-LEFRUY**
ATTORNEY AT LAW, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU DES AVOCATS INTERNATIONAUX
- ROSY AUGUSTE DUCENA**
PROGRAM LEAD FOR THE NATIONAL WOMAN RIGHTS LEDGERS NETWORK
- NANCY VILCE**
PRESIDENT OF SEARCH AND FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL

MODERATOR

- RUTH MACDALA MARCELIN**
PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE HAITIAN WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

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- Excellent parallel events at the Baha'i International Community office and Irish Mission to the U.N.
- Interactive workshops with everyone participating.
- Uma Kumaran MP for Stratford and Bow and Minister for Women Baroness Smith moderating a session on barriers to education.



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Invisible No More: women's voices on perinatal depression, policy & power



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Together, we can break the silence around postnatal depression and support mothers worldwide.

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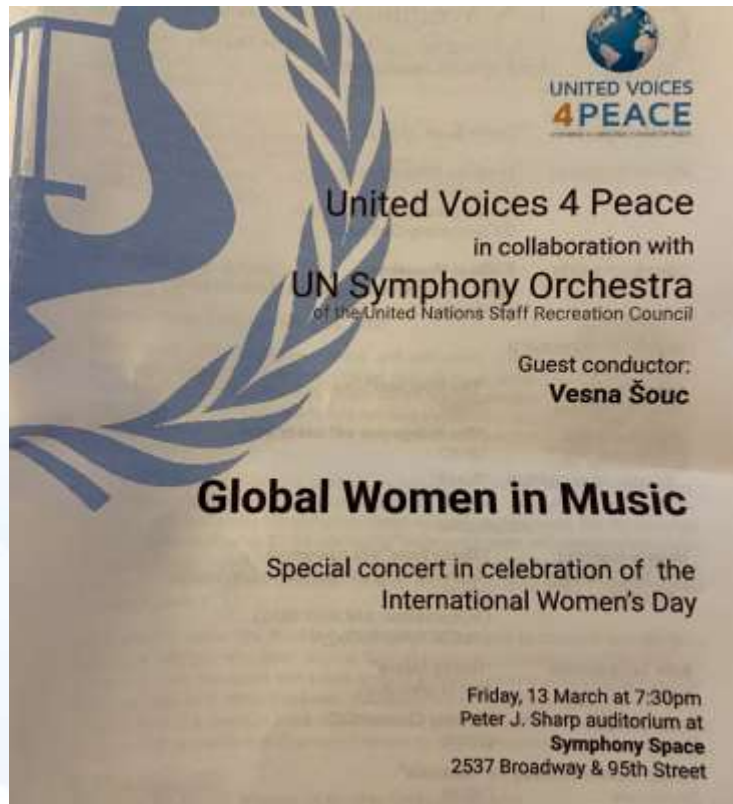
From Report to Action: Actionable Pathways for Intersex Rights

- A session hosted by Australia, Outright International, ILGA World and Finland
- Approximately 1.7% of the global population is intersex, and **up to 1.1 million people in the UK alone**. Being intersex is as common as being a twin.

CSW 70 Conclusions

- For too many women and girls, access to justice remains delayed, denied, or designed for someone else.
- For the first time, the Agreed Conclusions of the CSW were adopted by vote. A majority of Member States made a clear political choice: Women's rights are not negotiable.
- Read the Agreed Conclusions of #CSW70:
<https://docs.un.org/en/E/CN.6/2026/L.2>

United Voices 4 Peace Concert



- A selection of specially chosen orchestral pieces that were composed by women
- A wide variety of different styles
- Played by the UN Symphony Orchestra. All of the musicians work for the UN
- A wonderful celebration of global women in music



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Monumental New York Women



- Sojourner Truth: speaker
- Susan B Anthony: organiser
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton: writer
- They worked together to advance the fight for equality, justice and women's rights. They are depicted as equals, working together at a table

Is CSW71 for me? Consider Benefits & Costs

- Wonderful learning opportunity
- Advocacy opportunities
- Contribute to events and discussions
- Shape policies and drive change
- Network and meet inspirational women
- Enjoy the UN experience!
- Financial cost: flights, accommodation, subsistence, travel insurance. ESTA/VISA
- Time away from home/work
- Focus and engagement