



With and For Girls announce their 2019 Award winners, featuring the world's most disruptive girl-led organisations



Organisations from all over the world receiving their With and For Girls Award in London 2017

With and For Girls (WFG), the world's only participatory fund by and for adolescent girls, have announced their annual Award winners.

Now in its fourth year, the Award provides support and flexible funding of up to USD\$50,000 to grassroots girl-led organisations tackling gender discrimination, inequality and harmful practices affecting girls all over the world. Ensuring that girls' voices are at the core, the final judging process is conducted through five regional judging panels comprised of adolescent girls.

This year's winners will be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony on Friday 6 March 2020 as part of Southbank Centre's [Women of the World Festival](#). Tickets are available [here](#).



This year features organisations in countries receiving WFG funding for the first time: Libya, Yemen, Iraq, Malawi, Bosnia and Herzegovina, St Lucia, Honduras and Jamaica.

The Award winners are:

<p>Middle East and North Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HERA, Libya • Nada Foundation, Yemen • INAD Center for Theater and Arts, Palestine • Free to Run Iraq, Iraq • Project Soar, Morocco 	<p>Sub-Saharan Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green girls Platform, Malawi • Inua Girls Group, Kenya • Teams Advancing Women in Agriculture, Malawi • Resource Center for Women and Girls, Kenya • Girls Voices Initiative, Nigeria 	<p>Europe and Central Asia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KAS, Bosnia and Herzegovina • VIS Information-Educational Center, Ukraine • Interkulturelles Frauen und Mädchen Gesundheitszentrum IFMGZ HOLLA, Germany • Vsegda Vmeste, Chechnya, Russia • Human rights Committee Vranje, Serbia
<p>Asia Pacific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Empowered by Travel Nepal, Nepal • Forum for Dignity Initiatives, Pakistan • Sashakta Mahila Birduddhako Karyayatrana Sahabhagita Nepal (SAMABIKAS), Nepal • Udan Women's Empowerment Welfare Society, India • Chhori, Nepal 	<p>Americas and the Caribbean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls of a Feather, St Lucia • Fundación para el Desarrollo Comunitario-FUNDECOM, Nicaragua • Artemisa. Honduras • Eve for Life, Jamaica • S.O.U.L. Sisters Leadership Collective, USA 	

Winners include [Free to Run](#), Iraq, who work with girls and young affected by conflict and violence through sport; [Green Girls Platform](#), Malawi ensure that girls experiences and voices are central to discussions on climate justice; [HOLLA](#), Germany, who work to ensure marginalised girls are safe, healthy and supported; [Eve for Life](#), Jamaica, work with girls who've experienced sexual violence, young mothers and girls who've contracted HIV/AIDS to heal and be supported in solidarity with one another; [Chhori](#), Nepal, an organisation combatting human trafficking, exploitation and abuse.

In response to the critical deficit in funding for girl-led and centred work, in 2014 a group of funders came together to form the WFG Collective, the world's only global participatory fund by and for adolescent girls. They have since awarded over \$3 million of flexible funds to 85 girl-led and girl-centred organisations in 48 countries, alongside capacity development support and



profile-raising opportunities. Working directly with grassroots organisations, girls are supported through a holistic training and accompaniment process, where they engage deeply with the lives of girls across their region, learn about each other's work and how to understand and analyse nominees' applications and lead on the interview process as part of all-girl decision making panels.

To reach organisations with less formal structures that are on the front lines of fighting for girls' rights, WFG has introduced a new 'Emerging Award'. This new category allows smaller organisations with an annual income between USD\$5,000-20,000 to be nominated.

WFG Director, Swatee Deepak, says: "All over the world girl-centred and girl-led organisations are leading the fight on some of the world's most pressing challenges. However, we hear time and time again from girl activists what a struggle it is to have this most transformational of work recognised and funded. Ultimately, even when girls are supposedly on the agenda, they are very rarely defining the terms of the agenda, especially where and how resources are spent."

She continues, "That is why we are so incredibly excited to announce the 2019 With and for Girls Award Winners. Rooted in girls' own realities and led by girls, these organisations have the greatest potential to propel change that is truly transformational."

Awards Ceremony: *Friday 6 March 2020, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, Lambeth, London SE1 8XX. Tickets are available [here](#).*

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- An initiative of [Purposeful](#), *With and For Girls* is guided by a unique collective of strategic partners including [Global Fund for Women](#), [EMpower](#), [FRIDA](#), [Mama Cash](#), [NoVo Foundation](#), [Plan International UK](#), [Comic Relief](#), [Stars Foundation](#), [The Global Fund for Children](#), [Nike Foundation](#) and [Purposeful](#) – the Collective's convening partner.



- This diverse group of funders is united by a common belief that girls' voices matter; girls are best placed to lead and inform on issues that affect them, and that together, we can champion the collective action of girls as agents of change.
- The With and For Girls Awards work on a variety of thematic issues and have demonstrated strengths in engaging girls in governance, programme design and decision-making to ensure that their work really is girl-led.
- Winning organisations with current annual organisational budgets between USD\$ 5,000 - USD\$20,000 receive up to US\$5,000 of flexible funding.
- Winning organisations with current annual organisational budgets between USD\$ 20,000 - USD\$100,000 receive up to US\$15,000 of flexible funding. Winners also receive capacity building support as part of the award package.
- Winning organisations with current annual organisational budgets between US\$ 100,000-US\$500,000 receive up to US\$50,000 of flexible funding.
- All Awards are decided by regional panels of adolescent girls between 14 - 18 years old from grassroots girl-led and girl-centered organisations all around the world.
- With and For Girls Awards are given out to organisations in five geographic regions – Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, The American Continent and the Caribbean, and The Middle East and North Africa.
- After winning a With and For Girls Award, organisations become part of the WFG network which can open opportunities to receive additional funding for 1) further core support (which is again, decided by girls) 2) increasing the visibility of girls 3) accessing coaching for self-care and 4) collaborating with other With and For Girls Winners or girl-led groups on any projects they co-develop.