

2020

Dear NAWO member,

Welcome and thank you for your support. This support will enable NAWO to continue to develop our agenda to improve the lives of women and girls in the UK, as well as advocate on their behalf in Europe and at the United Nations.

We are still facing the challenges of the British withdrawal from the European Union, although thanks to the generosity of members of the European Women’s Lobby we will continue to be represented and have a voice. There are major issues for human rights especially for women and girls that we are facing post withdrawal and we will be working with others to ensure that those rights are defended.

The NAWO Young Women’s Alliance continues to grow with active and enthusiastic young women raising awareness amongst their peers and encouraging them to be involved. Their contributions at CSW in 2020 were curtailed but none the less enthusiastic.

As well as leading the UK NGO CSW Alliance, NAWO has been developing its work on CEDAW. Last year saw a number of side events held in Geneva and we will continue to make representations as the UK reports on the measures it has taken to move towards gender equality.

NAWO is working as part of UKSSSD to review the UK implementation towards the achievement of the 2030 UN agenda and the targets set by the 17 Sustainable Goals. There is a long way to go yet, with some areas falling well below targets.

NAWO produces a regular newsletter outlining our activities as well as publishing events and activities of our members. We are very happy to receive contributions and hope to hear from you. We are active on Twitter and have an informative Facebook page.

NAWO circulates a vast range of information about activities at the UN, in Europe and across the UK. We publicise members events and partner with other organisations to hold events throughout the year. We hope you find this information useful; please send any information about your organization and your events so we can publicise them.

As with all NGOs we continue to rely on our membership for resources. All our work is carried out by volunteers, and we appreciate the time contribution which Trustees and other volunteers make with our projects and advocacy. If you are willing to be active and get involved in any way we would be happy to hear from you.

Could I make a gentle reminder that we rely heavily on your membership subscriptions to enable some basic activity such as the newsletter. Please renew and encourage others to join with us to strengthen the voice of women and girls across the UK. All the relevant documents are available on our website, so please send them on either as an individual member or on behalf of your organization. Pass on to anyone else you think will be interested in working with us.

Thank you for all the hard work which you do already and for your support of NAWO. If you have ideas for campaigns, information about your own campaigns or suggestions for moving NAWO into the future we would love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Pat Black

Chair, on behalf of the Trustees of NAWO