

## Illinois Sister Society

### What are sister societies?

The Illinois Sister Society champions credit union women in the workplace. We strive to support and advance CU women in their careers. We sponsor inspirational programs, networking events, and empowering activities across Illinois throughout the year.

Sister Societies are local Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN) chapters established around the world to further the Network's global mission by making a local impact. The purpose is to convene credit union women, discuss credit union issues, exchange ideas, network with neighboring credit union leaders, and share lessons learned with Network members worldwide.

The Illinois Sister Society launched at the ICUL Annual Convention in April 2019. You can participate in the Illinois Sister Society in a variety of ways including:

- Join as a member (no cost – your email is added to our distribution list)
- Attend or Host meetings/events in your area
- Attend statewide meeting/event (such as ICUL Women's Leadership Conference)
- Serve on an Advisory Committee for statewide meetings/events

### Benefits of Illinois Sister Society Membership (free):

- Networking opportunities in Illinois
- Invitations to Illinois Sister Society events & activities held throughout the state
- Receive information about GLWN events & activities held throughout the country

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## Global Women's Leadership Network

### What is the Global Women's Leadership Network?

In 2009, World Council established the Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN) to provide women with the opportunity and resources to make a measurable difference ... in the lives of each other, in the lives of credit union members and in their communities.

GWLN members, SheforShe's and HeforShe's band together sharing their professional trajectories, evolving journeys and expertise to fortify women's economic and personal empowerment through credit unions. At the grassroots level where our members live, women remain disproportionately disadvantaged.

Our network is striving to break these barriers! Join us on this journey!

### Benefits of GLWN Membership (\$250 annually):

- Invitations to exclusive education and training sessions to become the best version of yourself and advance your career, community, and credit union
- Networking opportunities at the local, national, and international level
- Access to any local chapter, called a Sister Society, where you can connect, learn and grow with members in your Network community
- Complimentary registration to the Annual Forum GWLN event during the World Credit Union Conference
- Complimentary registration to the annual event during the Governmental Affairs Conference (GAC) in Washington, D.C.

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### Why is a group dedicated to women needed?

"While around 250 million more women in developing countries finally have some form of financial access, three times that many, roughly three quarters of a billion women, are still excluded for absolutely no good reason, and so we still have a lot of work to do. That's 742 million women – if that were a country, it would be the third largest in the world. We still have work to do as these remaining women will be the most difficult to reach—these are the poorest, in rural areas, least educated, without connectivity, with limited to no access to a mobile phone."

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### Can men join?

Yes! Everyone who supports the mission of the Global Women's Leadership Network is welcome to join.

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