



## **Generations United-2005-2025**

### **Celebrating Twenty Years of Accomplishments as an NGO with Consultative Status with the United Nations**

2005-Generations United applies for and is granted NGO Consultative Status with the United Nations. Kevin Brabazon becomes GU's first volunteer representative

2006- Chaired the Committee on Social Integration and helped plan and moderate "Multigenerational Perspectives on Migration" seminar UN Headquarters

2007-Invited to Expert Group Meeting on "Intergenerational Solidarity: Strengthening Economic and Social Ties." Wrote background paper later included in an edited book resulting from the meeting. Intergenerational photography exhibit created and displayed at the UN Headquarters

2008-Moderated "Multigenerational Perspectives on Human Rights on Young and Old" seminar at UNESCO in Paris, France

2009- Participated in the Subcommittee on Multigenerational Relationships of the NGO Committee on Aging

2010- Coauthored "Policies and Programmes Supporting Intergenerational Relations" one of the three background papers to be featured at the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family at UN Headquarters in 2014

2011-Attended, wrote background paper and presented at the "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding Across Generations" convening in Doha, Qatar

2012-Wrote background paper "Encouraging Intergenerational Solidarity in the United States" presented at the Intergenerational Solidarity expert group meeting at UN Headquarters

2013-Spoke at the International Day of Families observance at UN Headquarters. Presented GU's policy statement on the issue of holding a UN convention on Human Rights for older persons. GU volunteer representatives had grown from one to four

2014-Wrote the lead chapter for the 20th anniversary commemorative book published by Tudor Rose for the International Day of Families – Family Futures

2015- Hosted UN Youth event at GU international conference in Hawaii. Participated in Doha International Family Institute meeting discussing recommendations on the inclusion of families in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

2016- Co-Chaired International Day of Older Persons program “Take A Stand Against Ageism” at UN Headquarters. Coordinated/developed student presentation and video on Intergenerational Relationships “Myths and Realities of Ageing Across Generations” at UN Headquarters

2017- Received award for “outstanding work at Generations United as the catalyst for policies and practices, stimulating cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together” and offered closing remarks International Federation for Family Development briefing at UN Headquarters. Co-sponsored and presented at “Foreign Remittances, Human Rights and Intergenerational Relationships” United Nations International Day of Human Rights at UN Headquarters.

2018- Successfully worked to establish the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Intergenerational Solidarity (COIGENS). Wrote background paper “Intergenerational sites: new trends in urban planning, global trends and good practices from the US and beyond” and presented at Expert Group Meeting “Family policies for inclusive societies” UN Headquarters

2019 – Developed the Lalibela Project as an intergenerational demonstration project focused on the impact of social security on the elderly and disabled in Ethiopia

2020- Invited speaker “Sustainable development goals and intergenerational solidarity” International Federation for Family Development International Advocacy Online Workshop

2021- Co-chaired the 31st annual UN International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) "Digital Equity for All Ages." Conducted an online intergenerational safety program in Kenya

2022- Planned and presented “Sustainable, Socially Inclusive and Economical Positive Social Security Systems: Towards Eliminating Extreme Poverty Among Older Women by 2030” at the Committee on the Status of Women Parallel Event

2023- Sponsored expert symposium on changing demographics in preparation for the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family at GU’s conference in conjunction with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs resulting in “Changing Demographics Can Result in Strengthening Families” included in the report on the observance presented to the General Assembly and posted on the UN website.

2024- Wrote background paper and participated in the Expert Group Meeting in observance of the 30th anniversary of the International Year of Family “Families and Climate Change.” Co-chaired Intergenerational & Youth Subcommittee for the UN Civil Society Conference in Kenya and created youth toolkit to support advocacy for youth-led and intergenerational collaboration to advance SDGs.

2025-Participated in the UN Summit of the Future advancing intergenerational strategies in support of the SDGs. Organized two events for the observance of International Youth Day “East Africa Welcomes you the Youth in Action” and “Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond”

As of 2025, Generations United has eight volunteer United Nations Representatives. Their names and areas of focus are:

- Kevin Brabazon-Council of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) and Lalibela Project in Ethiopia
- Susanne Bleiberg-Seperson-Vice Chair Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Intergenerational Solidarity (COIGENS)
- Kristin Bodiford-youth and intergenerational
- Magda Kaczmarek-aging and intergenerational
- Cairo Eubanks-youth and intergenerational
- Arielle Galinsky-intergenerational
- Judith Turner-youth and GU UN representative convener
- Donna Butts-family and intergenerational