

## The Day of the Girl, 11<sup>th</sup> October

**The 2013 International Day of the Girl Theme:** Innovating for Girls' Education. This year's Day of the Girl Summit builds upon the momentum gained from the first International Day of the Girl and will further elevate the voices and needs of girls. The Summit has become a dynamic virtual platform that facilitates community resources to build the movement for girls' human rights. This work deserves more than just a singular celebratory day. So they are about to begin a yearlong Summit dedicated to advancing the status of girls around the world. Go to [www.dayofthegirlsummit.org](http://www.dayofthegirlsummit.org)

**On Friday, October 11th** the "Girls Speak Out" will be held inside the United Nations ECOSOC Chamber in NYC! From 3:00PM – 5:00PM EST. Girl activists from around the world will share their stories of empowerment and change with UN Ambassadors, UN Representatives, and hundreds of girls. The "Day of the Girl Summit" partner, the "Working Group on Girls" is busy organizing the Girls Speak Out alongside the Missions (Embassy) of Canada, Peru and Turkey. It will be webcast. [www.girlsrights.org](http://www.girlsrights.org)

Last year Julia, a second year Girl Advocate from the "Working Group on Girls" called for the improvement of gender disparity in girl's education. She noted that girls are unfairly victimized more than boys, including the roles of girls during and after crises situations, the exploitation of girls in economically unstable situations, and the lack of sanitation materials for girls. She warned against giving funds to governments that only use the money to improve boys' education and thereby, skew the data on universal education for both genders. Julia was also a moderator during the "Girls Tribunal on Violence" organized by the Working Group on Girls within civil society at the UN. [www.girlsrights.org](http://www.girlsrights.org)

