



Join our Intergenerational Delegation to the... United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF • 8-15 July 2026)

WHAT IS the UN HLPF??

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is the central United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the 17 [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs)

The HLPF – established at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in 2012 – is an integral part of the global architecture for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The Forum is convened annually under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment, and consists of:

- Official Sessions for diplomats working towards a negotiated ministerial declaration
- Regular in-depth reviews of global progress towards achieving the SDGs
- [Voluntary National Reviews](#) where 36 countries present the findings from national reviews of progress towards the SDGs
- Side Events & Educational Sessions to explore specific topics in depth
- Additional exciting events from local reviews to town halls to media blitzes



Attending HLPF 2026 with Loretto/BVM provides:

- An opportunity for YOU to see yourself involved in International Advocacy at the UN
- Access to a curated experience of how to navigate the United Nations, complete with Orientation Sessions, an HLPF2026 Guide and a temporary UN Grounds Pass
- An important lens through which to view the work of the UN - see [the HLPF Roadmap graphic](#) here
- Potential for community-engaged research and/or future internships
 - Meet civil society leaders, diplomats and academics promoting sustainability
- Community-building experiences that bring together voices from the grassroots around the U.S. – and include links with Loretto / BVM contacts and collaborators around the world

HLPF 2026 Theme:

“Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all”

Highlights • Reviewing SDGs —

The 2026 HLPF – with full appreciation for the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals – will conduct in-depth reviews of:

SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;

SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;



SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation;

SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and

SDG 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

WHY ATTEND HLPF 2026 ?

Thanks to our generous sponsors who keep our office open, we offer solid grounding and a unique feminist learning opportunity for students of all ages (even elders!) In this time of growing economic and social inequity, it's important to help each and every person see the positive outcomes of a more equal world.



photo courtesy of Hannah Reyes

Members of the 2025 pilot program at UNHQ

Why an Intergenerational Delegation to the HLPF?

- We are living in times of rapid change, where understanding both history and current events are essential
- All generations have important things to contribute to our efforts to become effective and knowledgeable world citizens
- Youth bring questions, urgent energy, new ideas, innovation, and digital fluency
- Older generations bring patience, long-term experience, strategic wisdom, and networks
- Intergenerational activism strengthens (eco)social movements by fostering empathy, bridging divides, and ensuring that knowledge and values are passed down while fostering new, transformative ideas
- The UN needs voices of ALL ages – from youth to elders – to make sure the ideas and changes that come out of HLPF 2026 are enacted at the grassroots

I really enjoyed this – it was an incredible bonding experience for me and my daughter.....it was life-changing for both of us!
– Kate, 2025 pilot program participant

The 1995 Beijing Platform for Action reminds us:

(1) The full implementation of the human rights of women and the girl child as an indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms is essential.

(2) Eradication of poverty requires women's involvement in economic and social development and the equal opportunities of women and men in sustainable development.

(3) Peace is attainable and is linked inextricably with the advancement of women.

Why participate in HLPF 2026 with us?

The Loretto Community is in our 35th year of advocacy and action at United Nations headquarters, and we support the [UN Beijing Platform for Action](#) (see above). We specialize in weaving pathways to gender equity with nuclear disarmament, migrants' rights and climate justice, and our approach embraces:

- Systems perspectives
- Liberation Feminist pedagogy
- Plenty of orientation, mentoring and support
- Nourishment of mind, body and spirit
- A Collaborative approach - we regularly collaborate with a variety of partners, including the Loretto Feminist Network, Loretto Earth Network and Cities for CEDAW

Through a focus on Laudato Si and other forms of Catholic Social Teaching, we strive to live out Gospel values and explore emerging forms of membership, outreach, and inclusion of young persons to help carry forward the charisms and missions of the Loretto and BVM Communities

- Our conference fees for this event are offered on a sliding scale of \$500 - \$900 / per person. We encourage those who are able to assist with our program costs to give generously.

- Your total anticipated Trip Costs will depend upon airfare, length of stay / lodging, estimated food costs, public transit choices – please contact UN Rep [Beth Blissman](#) for a link to the Application Form and/or to discuss transit options

Students, teachers, advocates and allies who attend HLPF will have a chance to meet delegates, activists and policymakers; to offer their voice to help influence policy, and to prepare for the event at their own pace via the Loretto / BVM HLPF 2026 Guide.....

Timeline for Participation —

- Application Early Deadline: 28 May 2026 (guarantees UN Grounds Pass)
- Application Final Deadline: 5 June 2026
- Preparation / Orientation Materials available starting 28 May 2026
 - Hotel Payment Due: 8 June 2026
- Arrival in NYC: 8 July 2026 (orientation that evening)
- Dates of HLPF Program: 8 - 15 July 2026
 - Post-HLPF Reflection Dates: TBD

JOIN US for this unique, immersive learning experience at UN Headquarters in midtown Manhattan, along 1st Ave. in New York City!



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