Collective’s Advocacy Agenda
Girls and gender-expansive youth have been organising, resisting, and agitating in their communities for millennia.

They are on the frontlines in struggles for freedom and liberation, fighting for their human rights, access to education, sexual and reproductive rights, spaces for political voice, the end to child marriage and gender-based violence, and responding to crises. From Africa’s anti-colonial movements to the Arab spring to climate justice organising and everything in between - their resistance has always sparked and sustained transformational change. And yet, too often girls and gender-expansive youth are separated from resources and shut out from decision-making spaces, their power deliberately obscured and hidden from view.

In an effort to support their brave and powerful resistance, the With and For Girls Collective (WFG-Collective) is dedicated to learning and transforming their own grantmaking practices and reorganizing power and resources to drive more resources to girls and gender-expansive youth’s politicized work.
This publication shares the WFG-Collective’s 5-year advocacy agenda focused on learning to transform internal practices and re-organizing power and resources. The agenda was developed through a participatory process that included girl and youth activists, and WFG-Collective members.

Powered by a group of social justice funders, the WFG-Collective influences and advocates across philanthropic and development spaces for more and better resources and practices with and for girls and gender-expansive youth.

WFG-COLLECTIVE MEMBERS
OBJECTIVE 1: LEARN TO TRANSFORM OUR PRACTICE

Develop a grounded community of learning to catalyse transformation of our funding practices in our institutions to recenter girls and gender-expansive youth power and decision making.

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE, BY 2025

- We have co-created an authentic space for vulnerability, learning, shifting power and practice for funders that are part of the Collective.
- We are in community in our learning and reflection, grappling with what it takes to do this work.
- We document and leverage our learnings as a collective, using this to support others to move from protectionist to power-building approaches and to make the case within our own organisations.
- As funders we are truly accountable to girls and gender-expansive youth in how and who we fund, and in supporting their autonomous documentation work, working to recentering girls and gender-expansive youth power.
- Influence funders and key actors to redistribute more and better resources to politicised girls and gender-expansive youth’s work.
The Collective has contributed to shifting narratives around girls and gender-expansive youth organizing.

Donors formalise and mainstream a commitment to politicized girls and gender-expansive youth’s work by embedding it in their strategies, programs and budget.

Funders and other actors (including new funders) in the girls and youth funding ecosystem shift their grant-making practices to get resources more easily to girls and gender-expansive youth-led and centred groups.

Girls and gender-expansive youth organizing is respected, trusted and legitimised in philanthropic spaces and beyond.
**GUIDING ADVOCACY GOALS**

1. **Funders across the girls and gender-expansive youth funding ecosystem track their data so as to move more and better resources to girls and gender-expansive youth & to hold funders accountable to their commitments to girls and gender-expansive youth.**

2. **Funders formalise accountability to girls and gender-expansive youth in their grant-making.**

3. **Through dynamic learning spaces, WFG partners and others across the ecosystem, transform their grantmaking practices and make the case for resourcing girls and gender-expansive youth’s politicised work.**
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