



## Join girls worldwide in creating “A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Girls Platform for Action!”

*“Young women everywhere are stepping out of the shadows to establish their own definition of equality for girls.”* –Nancy Douyon, 18, Boston Girls Summit Leader

### What:

A three-year Girls International Forum (GIF) project to connect girls worldwide in a movement to create a Girls’ Platform for Action, hold an International Girls Summit, and design “Action Projects” to further the goals of the Platform.

### Who:

- A diverse team of Girls Summit Leaders, ages 12-18, is guiding the project from start to finish.
- 100 Girl Delegates representing every region of the world will come in teams to attend the Summit and design Action Projects.
- Thousands of girls worldwide will give help develop the Girls’ Platform for Action, and take part in Action Projects to support girls in their community and around the world by spreading the word, fundraising and volunteering.
- People everywhere will partner with girls to support their participation.

### When:

- Girls will respond to Platform for Action surveys and forums through the spring of 2006.
- The International Girls Summit will be held in the United States in July 2006.
- Girls will work on Action Projects throughout the following year.

### Why:

“A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Girls Platform for Action” will:

- Provide a forum for girls to work together across communities and nations to improve their lives and the lives of people worldwide.
- Empower girls to take action by developing their leadership skills in the areas of personal and public advocacy, community organizing, alliance building and public policy development.
- Include girls from the population of girls worldwide who are often underserved or marginalized within society.



### Become a GIF Supporter:

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### About GIF:

GIF is a non-profit organization created to empower girls to take action on issues affecting them now and in their future. GIF is girl-focused, with girls as equal partners in leadership and decision-making. Created by a group of girls and women to bring a team of girls to the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China, GIF has built a tradition of listening to girls.