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Girls Thinking Global and Women's Education Project Announce Strategic Partnership

*The partnership is dedicated to the leadership development of
adolescent girls and young women*

(CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS) **October 26, 2017** – [Girls Thinking Global](#) (GTG), dedicated to connecting nonprofits that serve adolescent girls and young women around the world and [Women's Education Project](#) (WEP), dedicated to leadership, and college and career training of young women in India and South Asia, are forming a strategic alliance focused to develop leadership skills in adolescent girls and young women to help lift them out of poverty and positively impact their communities.

The strategic partnership will include WEP co-hosting the GTG webinar series on the leadership development of adolescent girls and young women. The series of webinars is hosted as part of the GTG community on [edWeb.net](#).

Committed to the development of education leadership for adolescent girls and young women, GTG is one of 66 member organizations that belong to Girls CHARGE, (Collaborative Harnessing Ambition and Resources for Girls' Education, housed at Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institute). The synergy between GTG and WEP will help strengthen GTG's commitment to international leadership development for girls and women in education.

In addition to the webinar leadership series, GTG is one of the supporters WEP's annual forum, [Beyond Borders: Sharing Strategies to Empower Girls and Women to Lift Themselves Out of Poverty](#), which takes place on October 26, 2017 at the Microsoft Technology Center in New York City.

“We are very excited to be working with WEP Executive Director, Zoe Timms, and her team, as they are expanding their distribution of WEP's higher education programming to NGOs to help young women graduate from college and start careers. This programming is critical to the NGOs and their participants,” said Kathy Hurley, CEO of Girls Thinking Global. “Through our combined networks and shared vision, we will be able to double our impact and reach more young women in areas of the world that have historically neglected to educate girls and women.”

GTG and WEP will also be sharing resources, such as the [GTG Visualization Tool](#), which is an interactive visualization of the many organizations worldwide that support the education, health, wellbeing, and success of adolescent girls and young women; and WEP's *I am a Leader* curriculum that teaches girls and women essential leadership skills to advance at school, in the workplace and their communities.

“A strategic alliance with GTG expands our reach to supporters in the United States who want to help girls and women in India and South Asia, but may be unfamiliar with our work,” said Zoe Timms, Executive Director of WEP. “We’re thrilled to be serving as a partner for the webinar leadership series as well as sharing resources with GTG – and we look forward to future collaboration opportunities.”

The GTG community on edWeb.net was launched in December 2015 and now has over 1,000 members. “The participation and enthusiasm for the webinars and the community has been exceptional,” said Lisa Schmucki, CEO of edWeb. “We’ll continue to help Girls Thinking Global and WEP enlarge the circle of individuals and organizations working together to empower young girls and women to take on leadership roles.”

About Girls Thinking Global

Based in Newton, MA, Girls Thinking Global (GTG) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to creating a global community of organizations serving girls and young women by leveraging technology to create a collaborative space that connects best practices, knowledge, and expertise between non-profits.

About Women’s Education Project

Women’s Education Project (WEP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit in its fifteenth year of operation. WEP is a pioneer in NGO collaboration providing the higher education component for three NGO partners at centers in Hyderabad, Kadapa and Madurai, India. WEP Centers offer academic enrichment, tutorials, study space, a computer lab, library, fitness program, and *I am a Leader*, a field trip curriculum guiding students towards meaningful careers. Since 2002, WEP has placed 64% of its more than one thousand alumnae in formal-sector employment.

About edWeb

edWeb.net is a highly acclaimed professional learning network that is a vibrant online community for exceptional educators, decision-makers, and influencers who are on the leading edge of innovation in education. edWeb members are teachers, faculty, administrators, and librarians at K-12 and post-secondary institutions, all around the world. edWeb is a place where educators who are looking for ways to improve teaching and learning can gather and share information and ideas with peers and thought leaders in the industry.

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