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Catalysts of Change

*Power Shifters*  
EDUCATION  
TRANSFORMERS

Young Feminists transforming  
gender equality in and through  
education





# TE

Transform Education (TE) is a coalition of young feminist led networks working to achieve gender equality in and through education. TE uses a method of participatory engagement through advocacy, capacity strengthening and solidarity growing. It was incubated by and is hosted by the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI). Since 2019, Transform Education has had a method of organizing that is grounded in inclusive feminist practices to encourage continuous impact towards our collective mission. Currently, TE is the only feminist- youth led coalition in the education sector.



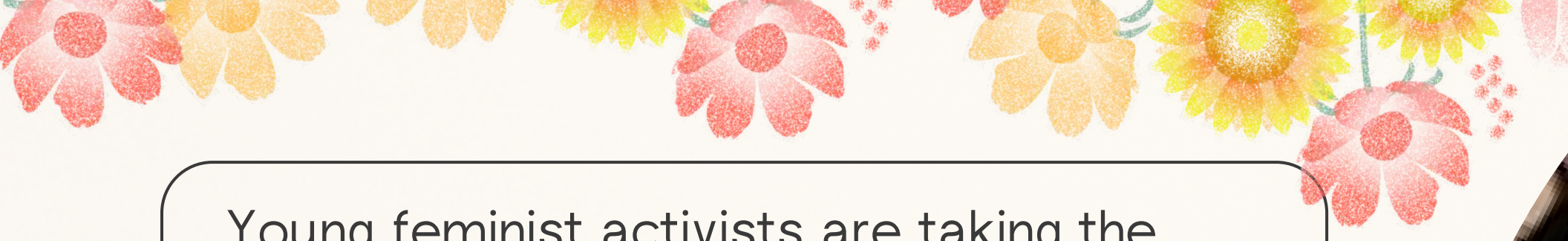


# POWER SHIFTERS

MAPPING THE GLOBAL YOUTH FEMINIST MOVEMENT OF  
EDUCATION TRANSFORMERS

**TRANSFORM  
EDUCATION**  
hosted by UNGEI





Young feminist activists are taking the torch of the feminist movement forward, to spark true transformation wherever they go.

There have been ongoing calls for more youth to lead and take action in technical capacity and accountability mechanisms, and this is already being done.

Young feminist organizations are increasing in number, naming their efforts as feminist acts to advance gender-transformative education as a tool that directly challenges patriarchal structures, in the classroom and in wider society.



# Advocacy & Activism





# *Young Feminist Leadership* & Gender Transformative Education

Gender-transformative education can be integrated in a range of interventions. It advocates for curricula to directly challenge gender norms and stereotypes, and it acknowledges that learning occurs both formally and informally. Young feminist-led organizations are designing innovative solutions through several methods including co-creating programs with the communities they work with , digital participation and engagement, popular education and mentorship, and peer learning.

"Gender-transformative education recognizes that achieving true gender equality requires addressing the root causes of discrimination and transforming societal attitudes, beliefs, and practices related to gender."

*IE Member from Morocco*

"In the context of climate justice, gender transformative education recognizes people and communities are impacted by climate change in many ways depending on their gender identities, roles, and socioeconomic conditions."

*IE Member from Brazil*

"Gender-transformative education is about creating safe, inclusive and diverse learning environments, ensuring equal opportunities, and empowering individuals from all genders and sexualities to thrive."

*IE Member from Turkey*

"Gender transformative education means opening doors to creative solutions to tackle our generation's biggest problems. After all, how are these children going to solve these problems without the knowledge first?"

*IE Member from USA*





# *Celebrating* SUCCESS STORIES

We Got Your Back, is an NGO based in Rwanda working to challenge the status quo of education that promotes gender norms and stereotypes. Through their work, they provide the requisite knowledge and resources to women and girls on unequal power structures enabled by the system of patriarchy.





# *Celebrating* SUCCESS STORIES

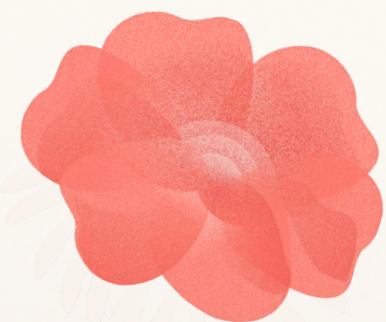


Politics4Her is an NGO based in Morocco working to increase the participation of women and girls in political arenas and other leadership positions. One of the ways they advocate for gender equality in and through education is by advocating for comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) as they believe that providing young people with accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive information about sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) is crucial in breaking down barriers and achieving gender equality.





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Sky is the Limit: Ashimit Udaan (SiTL) is a student-led NGO based in Nepal working to increase access to SRH services and CSE for adolescents and young people to help them achieve their fullest potential. SiTL is working with various stakeholders and like minded individuals to create greater impact for gender equality in and through education in their community.







# Methods of Organizing

Meaningful partnerships and collaboration are the bedrock of feminist organizing. Partnerships have the power to sustain and advance movements by helping strengthen capacity, increase access to knowledge and resources, and to reach wider communities.

Young feminist organizations are adept at developing co-creative mechanisms that ensure the inclusion of the communities they are working with. From Brazil to Turkey, young feminists are working with local government councilors, religious leaders, village elders, school administration and Indigenous people to devise solutions to advance gender equality in and through education.

*Collaboration*





# Methods of Organizing

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic widened the gender digital divide. Since then, there has been growth in investment by young feminist led organizations, international agencies and ministries of education for digital access and commitment to digital rights. Young feminist led organizations are designing digital literacy trainings especially for girls to directly tackle the divide. These digital solutions are also mobilizing communities to take action across several thematic areas. Organizations like Empodera Clima, Politics4Her, Ceciliafor Empowerment Foundation and Miriam Unjunwa Girls' Foundation are utilizing digital and social media platforms as part of their advocacy strategies and community engagement to mobilize actors to implement gender transformative education and policies in their countries. In most cases, digital engagement bolsters in-person interventions, which helps to further advance the push for positive cultural change whilst increasing access to information.

*Digital  
Participation and  
Engagement*





# Methods of Organizing

Participatory approaches are imperative to achieving gender equality. Participatory approaches aim to facilitate a process of co-creation with communities that are often underrepresented and under-served. For Education Transformers working to advance gender-transformative education involves conducting needs assessment and active community consultations & involvement from the beginning to the end of programmes. Active community consultations are not one-off forms of engagement. They often have long term plans that seek to engage communities as equal partners in planning, programming and interventions.

*Participatory  
Approaches*





# Methods of Organizing

Popular education allows people to connect their lived experiences to social theory and conceptual frameworks that often appear disconnected from lived experiences. This method is commonly used by young feminist activists and can be categorized as a form of gender-transformative education which challenges systems of inequalities that enable gender discrimination and other forms of violence. Young feminist-led organizations are leading educational workshops, trainings, social media campaigns and mentorship programs that break down difficult concepts into palatable formats for various communities.

*Popular  
Education*



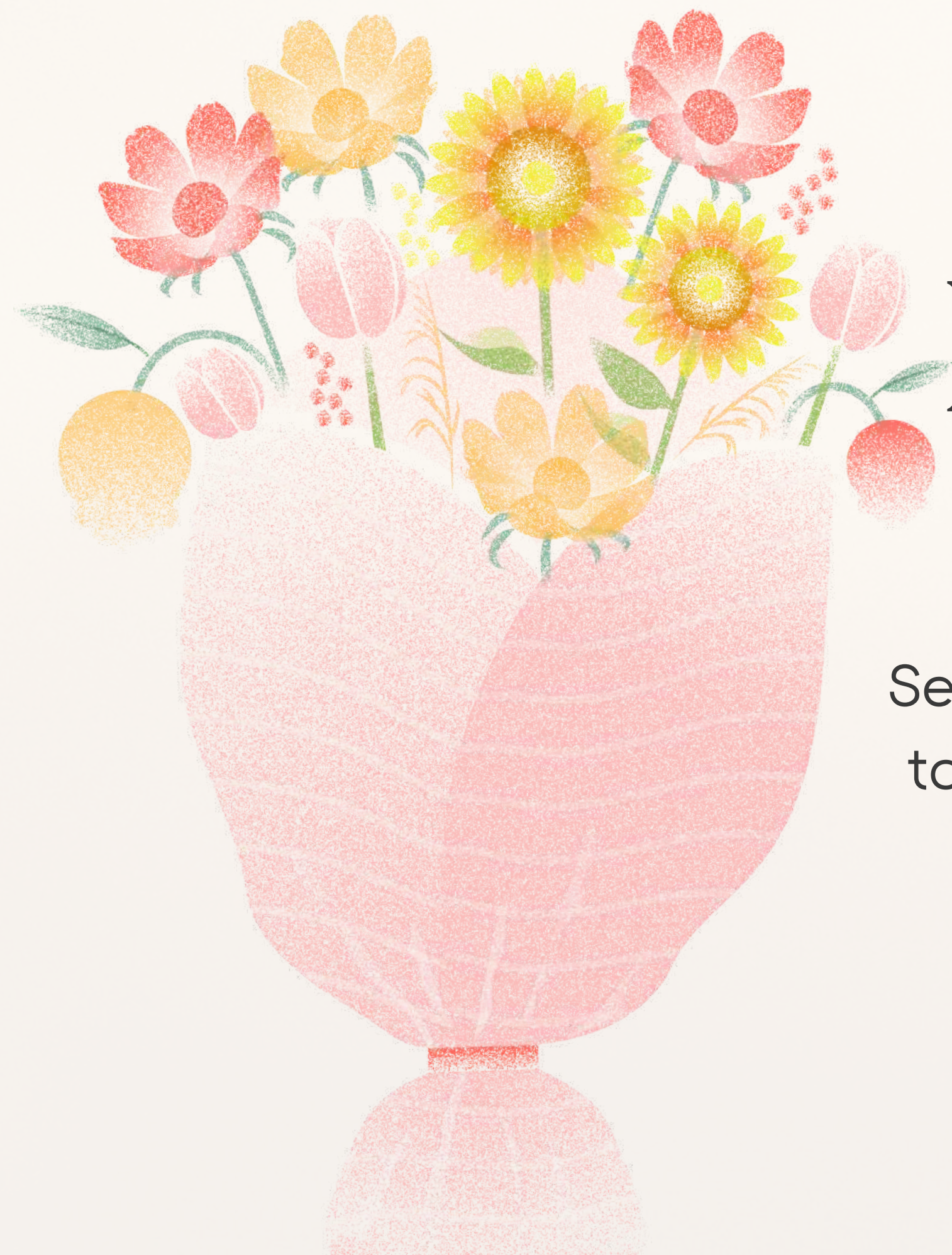


# *Intergenerational* PARTNERSHIPS

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SUCCESS

First, to ensure their participation is recognized on the same plane as their older counterparts, young members of the partnership must be formally represented and backed by institutional commitments and resources.





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Second, safe spaces where discussions can be held to break down stereotypes and engrained ideas of power structures must be created. .



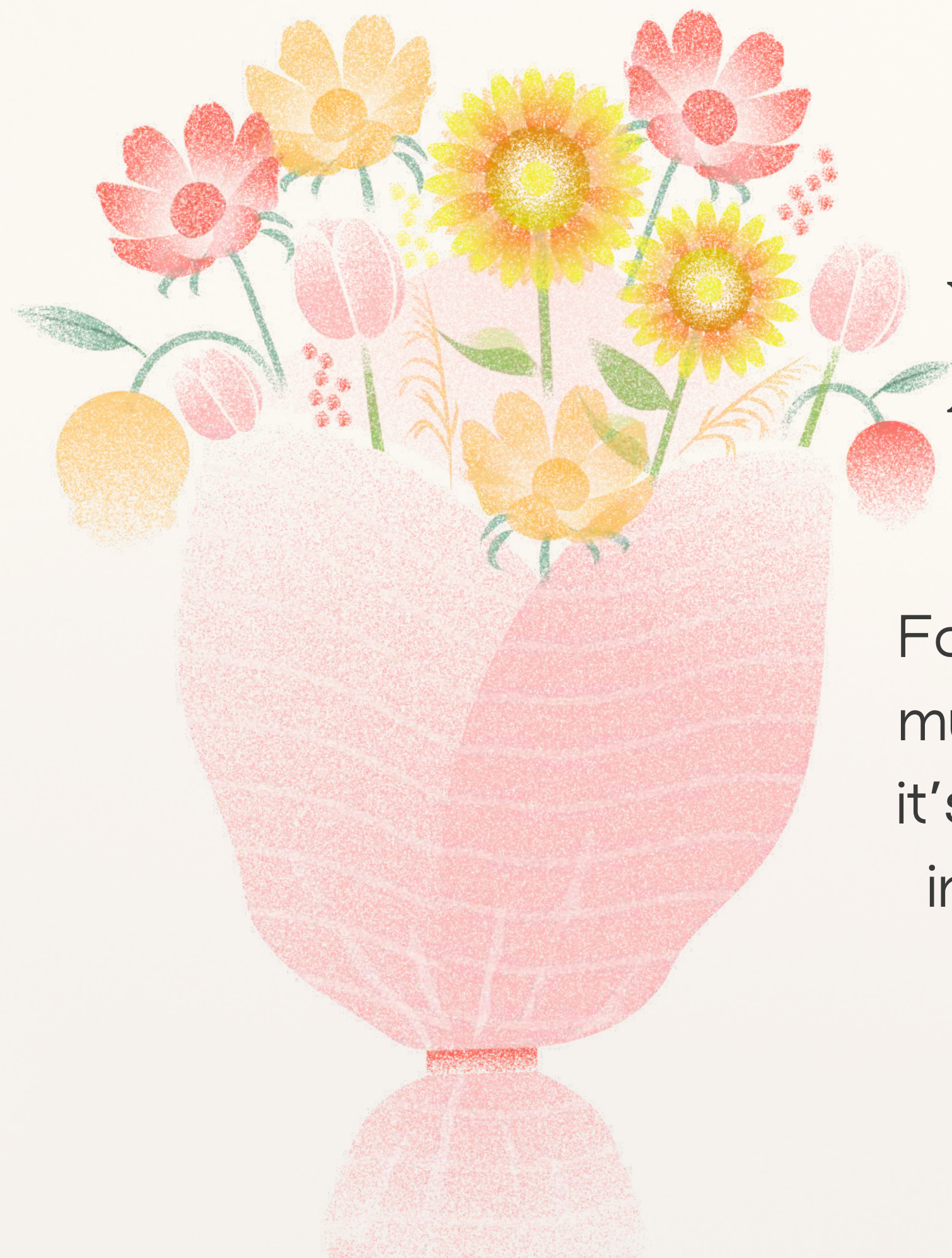


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Third, there must be constant dialogue inclusive of diverse backgrounds and communication preferences.





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Fourth, the direction and outputs of the partnership must be co-lead and co-owned. For this to happen, it's important for older counterparts to help remove institutional or cultural barriers that might prevent youth leadership.





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Finally, young people must be adequately supported with both financial and nonfinancial resources in order for solidarity to turn to action. With these principles in mind, there is no limit to the potential learning, achievements and impact of a meaningful intergenerational partnership





# Lets TRANSFORM EDUCATION

## *Establish Funding*

that is flexible & unrestricted for young feminist-led CSOs working to advance GTE. They must also be provided with resources, mentorship, & capacity-strengthening opportunities to expand their impact.

## *Destigmatize*

gender-transformative education. Myths and misconceptions related to GTE must be challenged and remedied with fact sharing as GTE seeks to create futures free from inequalities for all people inclusive of men and boys.

## *Create Safe Spaces*

that include and center the voices of marginalized groups (Black, Brown and Indigenous women and girls, LGBTQIA+ people and people from low-income households and communities).

