

Advancing gender equity and female leadership in the Austrian health system

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Background: Women in Global Health (WGH) is a global movement that aims to create visibility for women working in global health and advocates for gender equity and gender transformative leadership in health. WGH provides an empowering environment for women from diverse backgrounds to engage in advocacy, policy development and leadership at the national level. The WGH Austria chapter aims to build alliances for women working in a range of (global) health professions, with a commitment to boosting female leadership and aiming for gender equality in global health leadership in Austria. The aim of the WGH workshop is to provide an opportunity to introduce the Austrian Chapter of WGH and its aims for Austria, and to benefit from the diversity and expertise of the audience to jointly develop relevant topics.

Methodology: The interactive workshop will be organised by WGH members, with moderated round table discussions of up to 10 participants per table on relevant challenges faced in Austria which should be addressed by the network. WGH members will wrap up the small group discussions and present joint ideas for next steps.

Take away message: The WGH Austrian chapter believes in the power of collaboration at all levels to amplify the voices of women working in health and ultimately drive change.

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