## The Women in Conflict 1325 Alumnae Network

Since the pilot programme in 2015, Beyond Borders Scotland has delivered more than 26 Fellowship Programmes involving over 360 women from conflict-affected regions and countries around the world, creating a unique community of practitioners from Afghanistan; Algeria; Armenia; Bangladesh; Belarus; Cameroon; Colombia; Ethiopia; Fiji; Georgia; India; Iraq; Jordan; Kashmir; Kenya; Kurdistan; Lebanon; Libya; Malaysia; Maldives; Morocco; Myanmar; Nepal; Nigeria; Pakistan; Palestine; Peru; the Philippines; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Syria; Tunisia; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; Venezuela; Yemen; Zambia; and Zimbabwe

## **A Unique Community of Practice**

The WiC 1325 Fellowship Programme has helped to establish a unique alumnae network community of practice which has been deployed to provide critical support to ongoing peace processes around the world, including:

- The UN Syria Peace Process: in 2016 it brought the UN Special Envoy's Women's Advisory Board to Scotland to share best practice with other peace practitioners.
- The UN Yemen Peace Process: in 2018-19, alumnae members met with the UN Special and participated in Yemeni Voices (2019), an initiative mandated by OSESGY (Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen), which aimed at developing innovative and inclusive digital peacemaking tools of communication.
- The EU Envoy to Afghanistan: in 2020-22, alumnae members helped to develop the Afghan Mechanism for Inclusive Peace and supported the International Norms Project (2020), coordinated by the London School of Economics and the Folke Bernadotte Academy, to create a normative-compliant Islamic conflict-resolution framework for transitional governance.
- COP 26: in 2021, selected alumnae participated in a new hybrid Climate Change, Gender, and Conflict Fellowship Programme in November 2021, launched at the Glasgow COP.
- International Humanitarian Law Summit: in 2024, alumnae participated in and led discussions on the role of IHL in contemporary conflict, particularly in relation to women, peace and security principles, and the ongoing conflicts in Yemen and Palestine.
- Online research & teaching programmes: the alumnae network regularly facilitates and advocacy workshops throughout the year.
- **Public Outreach:** alumnae are often invited to share their experiences at a range of forums, including at the Beyond Borders International Festival each year.





Fellows at the Beyond Borders International Festival with U.S. Official Salman Ahmad



UN Special Envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths with his Women's Technical Group and fellows at the Scottish Parliament



Fellows on stage at the Beyond Borders International Festival

