**Let’s End FGM – Give Girls Choices for their Bodies and their Futures**

A UN Women UK National Committee Event

Join us for our first Saturday morning informal ‘Brunch’ meeting in 2017 - an update and discussion on the impact of Female Genital Mutilation on young women and girls.

**Date**: Saturday 25 March 2017

**Time**: 10.30 am – 1:00pm - the talk will begin at 11 am

**Venue**: Francis Taylor Building

International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM 6 February has just passed. Across the world voices were raised to boost efforts to end this harmful practice.

Globally, at least 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of female genital mutilation (FGM). If current trends continue, 15 million more girls could be affected by 2030. FGM causes severe health issues and is a violation of human rights.

Although the prevalence of FGM is decreasing in most countries, it is far from zero. Eliminating FGM is also an essential step to realising other Sustainable Development Goals, including targets on health and well-being, quality education, decent work and economic growth, all of which are underpinned by work that empowers women and girls and achieves gender equality.

Changing people’s perceptions and attitudes about FGM is perhaps the biggest challenge. Much more needs to be done to address the deeply held myths and beliefs in communities.

We are delighted to have two experts with a breadth of knowledge and experience and insight on this complex issue. They will share with us new approaches and interventions to enhance progress, success stories and what more needs to be done to end this abhorrent practice and protect young women and girls.

**Speakers:**

**Comfort Momoh MBE – FGM Consultant and Public Health Specialist**

**Joy Clarke – FGM Specialist Midwife**

This will be an informative and thought-provoking event. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts and experiences. Refreshments will be provided.

This is a free event but a suggested donation of £10.00 to UN WOMEN’s Fund for Gender Equality is warmly encouraged. It is essential to register prior to the event to secure places. We expect it to be a popular event - to secure your place please e-mail:  [unwomenlondoncommittee@gmail.com](http://unwomenuk.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=aeaf8c8e8d2a631b4d9376687&id=379ea1286c&e=9c3c00b90d)

Venue: [Directions](https://www.ftbchambers.co.uk/contact-us)

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