The United Nations Association of New York
and the other more than 175 community-based chapters around our country are all part of the way the UNA-USA creates a powerful national constituency for the United Nations, whose mission today has changed little from the important vision of one of its original founders, Eleanor Roosevelt.

Every UNA chapter such as ours offers Americans the opportunity to connect with the critical issues confronted by the UN—from global health and human rights, to the spread of democracy, equitable sustainable development, and international justice. UNA educates Americans about UN work and builds public support for a more effective U.S. engagement in the UN.

As convener for a wide variety of groups—business, academic, diplomatic, government, grassroots—UNA-NY provides a bi-partisan forum for analysis and discussion on a full range of global issues important to America’s role in the world. Distinctive programs, such as our keynote Worldview Institute seminars, position UNA-NY as an incubator of new ideas and approaches to generate a more effective United Nations.

And given our location—the perennial site of resources which is New York—as the host city chapter of the UNA we are fortunate to have a unique collection of inspired individuals that comprise our enthusiastic and enterprising Board of Directors and fully committed Advisory Council.
Cinema has long been recognized as one of the most effective ways to educate and motivate a community, and our film-talk series Screening the Issues has been promoting the work of the United Nations with a popular showcase that serves a dual purpose: to commend the intelligence of filmmakers who have the courage and passion to address crucial human concerns, while presenting important global issues to a culturally aware New York audience.

We offer films that represent a wide range of countries and speak out for pressing issues such as human rights, global health, climate change, natural resources and water scarcity, peacekeeping, poverty, nuclear proliferation and international terrorism. In our interdependent world, resolution of these issues and challenges is crucial to international peace and security. All screenings are followed by lively discussions with the filmmakers or producers, or experts from the UN, about issues presented in the films.

Our BookTalkUNA discussion series features books and their authors whose work is in-depth, politically and ethically engaged, far-sighted and often controversial. We host writers and thinkers who illuminate many complex social and political realities that challenge assumptions and offer inspiration, ideas and understanding to create possibilities for a better world, while complementing the far-reaching goals of the UN.

The Ambassador Series, a well-attended favorite among our members, and the Leadership Luncheon, are both presented in partnership with the Columbia University Club. We host several ambassadors every year to discuss current events as well as pertinent issues from their respective regions, while our formal luncheons feature invited guests speaking about special topics in a relaxed panel format.

And with the fall celebration of UN Day each year, our Humanitarian Awards Gala Dinner continues to recognize those who have made significant contributions to resolving international issues.
Hundreds of interested professionals and UNA-NY members are drawn to our Career Programs where they meet to strategize and discuss employment opportunities offered by NGOs and international companies. Alongside delicious wine and cheese receptions, you’ll find plenty of networking opportunities!

There are members-only Nights at the Consulate which offer intimate visits to Consul General premises, as well as public UNA-NY Panels featuring special guest presenters on important issues, such as human rights efforts to combat human trafficking. Special outreach efforts to help new migrants to NYC were also offered by UNA-NY.

On a lighter note, our fabulous Summer Soirée mixer for our globally minded members and fellow New Yorkers has now been a smash for several years running.
In recognizing our position as host UNA chapter, we are dedicated to educating, inspiring and mobilizing our New York community to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations. We seek to strengthen the United Nations system, and promote constructive United States leadership at the UN through our programs.

The Worldview Institute is a corporate executive training program that is now a decade-strong facet of our outreach. The expertise of our invited faculty always promises a compelling 10-lecture season of seminars, which attract young executives and managers seeking to broaden their understanding of international affairs, and covers global topics of interest to executives doing business abroad.

Americans of all ages benefit from supporting UNA-NY. Our innovative school curricula for students in grades 6-12, the highly acclaimed Model UN Classroom learning experience, as well as the GenUN programs which involve students at higher educational levels in promoting the work of the UN, are vital scholastic examples of how UNA-NY raises public understanding of global issues.

In our ongoing commitment to educate and engage youth in the work of the UN, we’ve offered a Training at the UN program for high school students, and selected a UNA-NY Youth Representative to attend the internationally held UN DPI/NGO Conference, a dynamic platform on global issues which allows a delegation of young people to get involved, bringing their fresh perspectives and inspiration.

Our Summer Scholars Fellowships enable selected student applicants in graduate degree programs to experience work abroad with the UN or its agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations. The mission of the program is to foster direct knowledge and understanding of the UN and international organizations.

And volunteers from our New York chapter have assisted UNA-NY in helping with the resettlement of refugees throughout the tristate area, in the Refugees Back to School initiative campaign started by our national organization, UNA-USA.
Members of the United Nations Association of New York play an important “behind-the-scenes” role in the UN process of moving the peoples of the world towards a more peaceful and economically viable co-existence. Becoming a member of the New York chapter of UNA links you to a network of other like-minded and motivated individuals who collectively promote the work of the UN at the grassroots level.

Young people are an especially active part of our growing body of members in the more than 175 UNA-USA chapters and divisions nationwide. They are inspired to be engaged in the world, making valuable use of their time to advance the work of the UN... by participating in organized events, Model UN programs, and meetings with elected officials to increase the knowledge of how the UN makes the world a safer place and improves the lives of people everywhere.

As a UNA-NY member, you will receive news and information about the UN, its activities and global issues. You will also receive an invitation to an exclusive annual Members’ Day event at United Nations Headquarters in New York each spring.

And only UNA-NY members have preferred admission at our many varied events, attending most for free, while non-members must purchase tickets in advance to guarantee their seats.

Through a successful outreach, it has been exciting to see how enthusiastically and effectively our message is being received by our membership and the New York public in general.
Membership in the United Nations Association of the USA is open to any U.S. citizen or resident who is committed to the goals of the UN. Together, we can inspire the nation to take action and help build a better world. Please show the UN your full support. Join or renew your UNA-USA membership today! Clip and mail this form — or join online at unanyc.org using your credit card and selecting NYC as your local chapter.

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By becoming a member of UNA, you demonstrate public support for the UN while helping educate others in your community about the value of an ethically informed involvement in world affairs.