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Worldwide web of international friendship

Celebrates a quarter of a century!

Women Welcome Women World Wide (5W) the international friendship and travel network for women has reached its 25th birthday, a remarkable achievement for an organisation based on the simple concept of encouraging ordinary women to forge friendships with other members around the globe. As friendships blossomed, so did 5W and there are now around 2500 members in over 80 countries.

Just think of the excitement of having friends in countries you may only ever have dreamed of visiting and then actually travelling and staying in the homes of your new friends, experiencing their different cultures and lifestyles. That is just one of the opportunities made possible by this truly unique organisation. 5W offers its members so many choices.



They can travel to wonderful places, enjoying the hospitality of other members and then offer the same hospitality to women visiting their own area of the world. "If you're wondering how you might be able to travel less like a tourist, more like a member of the global village, and return home with a journal packed full of musings about new friendships made, stories and experiences shared, and a deeper understanding of the countries you've journeyed through, then 5W is for you", enthuses one member.

Alternatively, many members simply enjoy the experience of corresponding with 5W friends, old and new, opening up whole new worlds without leaving home. In the words of a 5W member from the USA, "It is such a pleasure opening my mailbox and finding letters from around the world". With 5W you can also make new friends just around the corner, with local groups getting together in almost every area of the world. However they choose to use the organisation, 5W members all agree that it is a very special experience.

5W Founder, Frances Alexander, strongly believes that the original ethos of the organisation is more important now than ever before, "Experiencing a different lifestyle is interesting, enriching and mind-opening. There are still people who regard different as threatening. Women have a natural gift for making friends and I know that 5W, in its own way, has made the world a smaller place".

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