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IWWG Announces Launch of *Write Forward* Anthology
Join us in celebrating the voices and achievements of women

New York, NY – The International Women’s Writing Guild (IWWG) is excited to announce the launch of its *Write Forward* Anthology, a compelling collection that amplifies the voices of women from across the United States and around the world. With funding from The de Groot Foundation, this anthology celebrates the strength and resilience of women and features a diverse array of stories, poems, essays, and reflections, unified by themes that echo the goals of **Beijing +30** and the **CSW69** (Commission on the Status of Women). These themes—empowerment, gender equality, leadership, global solidarity, and social justice—are at the heart of both the anthology and the international conversations taking place at the UN. *"We're delighted to help bring women's stories to life through this important, inspiring project."* said Clydette de Groot of The de Groot Foundation

To celebrate the release of the *Write Forward* Anthology, IWWG will host a **hybrid reading event** in May 2025 in New York City. This event will bring together writers and community leaders for an evening of readings and reflection. *"We are thrilled to showcase the voices of women from all corners of the globe who have contributed to this anthology. Each piece is a testament to the progress women have made and the road ahead,"* said Michelle Miller, Executive Director of IWWG.

Following the launch in May, IWWG will host a **Writing and Wellness Retreat** from **August 11-15, 2025**, at a peaceful retreat center in New York. This immersive experience will combine generative writing workshops across various genres with meditation, art, music, nature walks, open mics, and community-building activities. The retreat provides a space for participants to deepen their creative practice while nourishing their mind and body. It is designed to celebrate women’s voices, acknowledging the important role women play in advancing social justice and global change. **For more information about the *Write Forward* Anthology, the upcoming hybrid event, and the Writing and Wellness Retreat, please visit www.iwwg.org or reach out to michelle@iwwg.org.**

About the International Women’s Writing Guild (IWWG): The IWWG is a global community dedicated to the advancement of women writers of all genres. Through its workshops, conferences, and retreats, IWWG fosters creativity, encourages self-expression, and advocates for the rights of women around the world. A proud member of the United Nations with non-consultative status, IWWG is committed to empowering women through writing and creating spaces for collaboration and growth.

About The de Groot Foundation: A private foundation investing in writers and the literary arts. The de Groot Foundation’s initiatives focus on discovering new voices and supporting emerging writers. They believe non-violence, diversity, inclusivity, and cooperation make a more beautiful world.