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**NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE ANNOUNCES
ADDITION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Seattle, WA, December 14, 2020 – The National Girls Collaborative (NGC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Anita Krishnamurthi to the Board of Directors.

“We are so pleased to welcome Anita Krishnamurthi to our Board of Directors. Anita has been a long-time Champion of our work and we look forward to her inspiration and guidance.” - Karen Peterson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer.

About Anita Krishnamurthi:

Anita Krishnamurthi is a scientist and passionate advocate for equitable access to STEM learning. She moved from a research career in astrophysics to one in STEM education and engagement after recognizing the disconnect between scientists’ joy and enthusiasm for science and the public’s disengagement from this vital enterprise.

Anita received her PhD in astronomy from The Ohio State University and conducted her postdoctoral work at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She has been immersed in science education and outreach to a wide variety of audiences for the past two decades in a range of roles - as a Program Officer in the Office on Public Understanding of Science at the National Academy of Sciences; a Program Manager at NASA Headquarters for the Science Mission Directorate’s education program; the Lead for Education and Public Outreach in the Astrophysics Division at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center; the John Bahcall Public Policy Fellow at the American Astronomical Society; and then as Vice President for STEM Policy at the Afterschool Alliance where she launched and led the Alliance’s STEM efforts. Here, she worked at the intersection of policy, research, and practice with national, state and local partners to determine and support national priorities for afterschool STEM policy, research and field-support.

Anita moved to the UK in 2017 and worked in public engagement at the University of Cambridge before moving to her current role as Head of Education and Learning at The Wellcome Trust, a global philanthropy.

About National Girls Collaborative

The National Girls Collaborative (NGC) is the overarching organization that operates numerous ventures. The central endeavor is the [National Girls Collaborative Project](#) (NGCP) which is a network of organizations committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Established in 2002, the NGCP has served over 20.20 million girls and 10 million boys through over 42,500 programs committed to gender parity across 41 states in the U.S. Via [The Connector](#), the nation's largest and most prolific directory of STEAM opportunities for K-12 engagement, NGCP's tapestry of programs make their way to educators, parents, and the youth they serve. In addition, through NGCP's research, the importance of mentors in girls' career path is essential, leading to the creation of [FabFems](#), a database connecting women working in STEM careers so they can directly spark girls' interest in STEM, dispel stereotypes, and expand girls' perceptions of their STEM career options. Through its ethos of collaboration, NGCP draws the resources of corporations, academia, governments, and nonprofits alike toward the shared goal of STEM equity. Learn more about the National Girls Collaborative and its programs at [ngcproject.org](#).

Related Links:

<https://ngcproject.org>

<https://theconnector.org>

<https://fabfems.org>

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