



# Invitation for Submissions

## 30 Women, 30 Voices

### LEARNING - EMPOWERING

**Women and girls across the world face inequality every day, in many different ways. Often, their voices can be unheard, thoughts unspoken, and abilities overlooked.**

Marking 30 years of the Mamie Martin Fund, 30 Women, 30 Voices will be a one-off collection of women's writing. This will celebrate the many different, and sometimes surprising, ways in which learning can empower women, and offer a platform and voice: empowering whilst celebrating empowerment.

Writing of any format is encouraged - it can be a piece of poetry, flash fiction, an essay, a short story, a letter to your younger self, a "day in the life of..." - anything at all.

Entries based around the theme of Empowerment through Learning are open to any woman, including trans women, aged 16 and over, from anywhere in the world. Please note maximum length 750 words. All genres are invited.

Writing will be collated over 2023 and a collection of 30 pieces will be published, highlighting the crucial work the Mamie Martin Fund does funding girls' education in Malawi. The final collection may be used as fundraiser for the charity.





**Please note:** No fee will be paid for any entry selected for inclusion. Writers will be credited in the collection produced and retain copyright of any pieces included. For non-English language entries, we ask that short description in English of the writing is provided; for example, This work is about [subject] and is written in [language].

**Entries should be emailed to  
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Mamie Martin was Scottish teacher and missionary in Malawi in the 1920s. She recognised the inequalities in education provided to girls, and in response set up classes in the villages for women and girls, preparing them for exams. Her daughter, Margaret, was inspired to carry on Mamie's work and set up the charity to support girls at secondary school in North Malawi. Margaret published her parents' letters and diaries in a collection called *Salt and Light*, published in Malawi in 2003. More information can be found at [mamiemartin.org](http://mamiemartin.org)

