Global Nurses United (GNU) was formed at a meeting of 14 nurses unions in June this year, with the aim of working together globally to protect our professions, our patients, our communities, our work and our planet.

Today, September 17, is Global Nurses United’s first global day of action to highlight the important role nurses and midwives play in our health system, in providing high quality health services for all and ensuring care is based on need and not capacity to pay.

Across Queensland, and elsewhere across the country, nurses and midwives will celebrate the birth of Global Nurses United today. Join us in celebrating not only the contribution nurses and midwives make to our communities every day, but also the contribution their unions make as advocates for their members, the provision of safe health care for all, and economic and social justice.

September 17 was chosen to launch this new global alliance, as it coincides with the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York, convened to consider the UN’s Millennium Development Goals which include halving extreme poverty and halting the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Nurses and midwives around the world face similar challenges, be they:

- the struggle for safe staffing levels and safe workplaces
- attacks on our rights at work, pay and conditions
- threats to universal health care.

Queensland nurses and midwives know we will be more effective if we work together around the world to address these challenges.

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