



IFUW Update – 3 December 2014



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International Federation of University Women news

IFUW publishes press release on the elimination of violence against women

On the occasion of [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) on 25 November, IFUW called on states, international bodies, justice, health and education sectors to develop, implement and enforce holistic plans of action to protect the victims and end the impunity of the perpetrators. Statistics on incidents of violence against women unequivocally highlight the widespread, systemic and detrimental nature of the issue: up to 70% of women suffer violence in their lifetimes, while only 13 – 14% of the most serious cases are reported to the police. Read in full [here](#). Join the United Nations 16-day campaign [UNiTE to End Violence against Women](#).

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Turkey

The Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) held a meeting in the city of Izmir, Turkey, where 114 members from national branches participated in panels, discussions and workshops. One of the workshops on the topics of advocacy and increasing visibility – originally developed by IFUW – was presented in Turkish by TAUW President Professor Gaye Erbatur and Coordinator of International Relations (CIR) Gülbin Tarım.

Japan

The Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) is pleased to announce a call for the JAUW's 2015 International Fellowship Programme for university women graduates. Information on eligibility requirements, proposals and application forms are available to download from the JAUW website [here](#).
Application deadline: 31 March 2015

Advocacy

IFUW represented at 25th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

IFUW United Nations (UN) representatives Polly Woodward, Sophie Zaretsky and Mick Minard recently attended the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on the [25th anniversary](#) of the adoption

of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The meeting, which took place on 20 November at UN Head Quarters in New York, was an occasion to celebrate the progress and achievements made in realising the aim of the convention – the universal promotion and protection of the human rights of all persons below the age of 18. The event also took stock of the persisting challenges facing children, including how to tackle global issues such as child prostitution, forced labour and child soldiers. Read more on the CRC [here](#).

Proposals & Workshops

Pan-African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education

Since 2007, Teach a Man to Fish and The Saville Foundation have been rewarding organisations that contribute to Africa's long term growth and development through an entrepreneurial approach to education and training. **Deadline for applications is 12 December 2014.** Eligibility requirements and further details are available [here](#).

Center for Universal Education Echidna Global Scholars Program Promoting Girls' Education in Developing Countries

[The Center for Universal Education](#) at The Brookings Institution seeks to help build expertise on girls' education policies and programs in developing countries. This program is designed to offer guest scholars from developing countries the opportunity to pursue their own independent research on global education issues with a specific focus on girls' education.

Application deadline: 19 December 2014. [Read more.](#)

Did you know?

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which explicitly enshrines the right to education, is the most ratified international human rights treaty in the world. The CRC has [194 state parties](#), while only three member states of the United Nations have yet to ratify/accede: the USA, Somalia (signatories only) and South Sudan (neither signed nor ratified).

Other information and events

November 25 – [UNiTE to End Violence against Women](#) campaign, Global
December 10
December 3 [International Day for Persons with Disabilities](#), Global
December 10 [Human Rights Day](#), Global
December 18 [International Migrants Day](#), Global

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