



IFUW Update – 5 February 2014



International Federation of University Women news

IFUW is listening: Member feedback on international advocacy

Members have told us that they wish to have more tools and services for international advocacy. To this end, IFUW is currently preparing an advocacy package for IFUW Day, sample advocacy letters to support IFUW policy resolutions and an advocacy package for United Nations advocacy. We will inform members as these tools become available. In the meantime, please [email us](#) with your ideas and wish lists.

The 2014 round of fellowships is open!

IFUW members are encouraged to contact the [IFUW affiliate in their country](#) to apply for an education grant free of charge. Independent members who have been members for two years can also apply free of charge. Non-members may apply if they pay the administration fee. [Read more](#)

National Federations and Affiliations news

University Women Europe (UWE)

UWE announces a **Meet and Greet in Amsterdam: 9-11 May 2014**

The weekend will start with a reception on Europe Day, hosted by the President of the UWE. There will be workshops on Council of Europe and European Union, including the work at the [European Women's Lobby](#), and an introduction to the work of the UWE Board for future candidates. IFUW members from [Ireland](#), [Netherlands](#), [Romania](#), [Switzerland](#), [IFUW](#), possibly [Spain](#) and [Italy](#) will attend. [Read more and register!](#)

Advocacy

Walk for women's education

To mark International Women's Day on 8 March 2014, Ladies Trekking Club, that unites active and adventurous women from all over the world, is planning to design a unique flag bearing all of their members' names and to take it to the Roof of Africa - Mount Kilimanjaro. The goal is to include the names of at least 10,000 women on the flag as a show of respect and support to all women around the world. Ladies Trekking Club mainly supports Maasai girls, because it is extremely difficult for them to get an education. Let's all think and act big, and value education. [Join the challenge](#)

Female literacy for economic and social empowerment

Literacy is a basic component of the right to education. The National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA) India has released the final report of the International Conference on “Achieving Literacy for All: Effective innovative approaches to scale up literacy, reduce gender disparities and create a literate world”, organised by NLMA, India, jointly with UNESCO and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in July 2013 in New Delhi. [Download the report](#) for ideas on how to reduce gender inequality in literacy and economic development.

Opportunities

Applications are open for an online PhD in Education and Social Justice from the Department of Educational Research at Lancaster University. It is a part-time programme undertaken entirely online, over four years. The programme is designed to enable experienced professionals worldwide to focus on, and research, social justice issues that are at the heart of their own professional practice and concerns. [Read more](#)

Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) is accepting applications for Higher Secondary Scholarship programme 2014. Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate, graduate and PhD level students. ICDF focuses on education as the crucial mechanism for training workforces in developing countries. Deadline for applications: 14 March 2014. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

Feb 5-12	IFUW Board meetings, Geneva
Feb 19	Child Protection in Crisis symposium , New York
Mar 3-28	Human Rights Council, Geneva
Mar 6-7	High-level event on the contributions of women, the young and civil society to the post-2015 development agenda
Mar 8	International Women’s Day
Mar 10-26	Committee on the Status of Women (#CSW58), New York
May 5-9	Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, Tanzania
May 9-11	UWE Meet and Greet, Amsterdam
Jun 1	IFUW Day
Sep 4-7	UWE Annual General Meeting, Bucharest

Did you know?

IFUW’s largest conference was in 1992 at Stanford in the USA. Over 1,700 participants took part from all over the world.

Tell us something we don’t know about IFUW - [email us!](#)



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