



IFUW Update – 19 February 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Walk with Sheila!

Sheila Buemi-Moore, the IFUW Assistant Treasurer based in Switzerland, has taken up the challenge for International Women's Day on behalf of IFUW! Sheila will hike to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro with Women High on Adventure (WHOA), a charity founded by two young American women, that values education for girls and which supports education for Maasai girls in particular. Sheila will help carry a flag with 10,000 names in a show of respect and solidarity for women worldwide. She is walking to raise funds for IFUW, and we already have pledges for money. Support IFUW by contributing to the fund on IFUW's website by clicking on the donate button, put 'Go Sheila!' in the comment box, or by collecting donations in each of your clubs. You can watch her progress on Twitter, Facebook and You Tube. [Sign up for the International Women's Day challenge!](#)

National Federations and Associations news

Japan

The [Japanese Association of University Women](#) (JAUW) has awarded ten academic fellowships, three of which were awarded to disabled students. [Read more](#)

Advocacy

Girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

Technology touches almost every aspect of modern life, yet girls are steering clear of careers in science and technology at a time when their talents are needed for innovation and improved quality of life. This [paper](#) takes a look at a crisis that is brewing worldwide, and offers a number of recommendations for getting girls interested in STEM. What is IFUW doing for girls and STEM? IFUW will advocate at CSW on getting more girls into sciences. [Read our statement](#). [Download the paper](#)

Place your vote on education

Do we need a new global education framework after 2015? It is vital to be clear whether a global education framework will be developed, and what it might look like. There is a need to improve the quality of education and to make sure that all children are learning, regardless of their circumstances, and to end the skills deficits that many countries face. [Vote here](#)

Education for All Global Monitoring Report

The 11th Education for All Global Monitoring Report reveals that a global learning crisis is costing governments US\$129 billion a year. Insufficient funding means that ten per cent of global spending on

primary education is being lost on poor quality education that is failing to ensure that children learn. This situation leaves one in four young people in poor countries unable to read a single sentence. The report finds that good teachers are essential for improvement and calls on governments to provide the best in the profession to those who need them most. [Read more](#)

Opportunities

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) will offer a course on Gender and Organisational Change in Turin, Italy from 31 March to 4 April 2014. Five partial fellowships covering tuition fees are available, thanks to funds from the government of Italy. Beneficiaries shall be nationals of aid-recipient countries. Geographical balance will be among the selection criteria for assigning available fellowships. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

- Feb 27-28 [World NGO Day 2014 Forum](#), Finland
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
Jun 1 IFUW Day
Sep 4-8 [The 5th International Conference "Education, Research and Development"](#), Bulgaria

Did you know?

IFUW conducted a "Building Membership" workshop for IFUW members in Dakar, Senegal in January. [View the photo album on Facebook](#).

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



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