



## IFUW Update – 26 February 2014



### International Federation of University Women news

#### **Sponsor Sheila and support secondary education for girls**

IFUW's Assistant Treasurer Sheila Buemi-Moore will depart for Tanzania on Friday 28 February to climb Mount Kilimanjaro with a group of women interested in education, challenge and achievement. The group of women climbers aim to reach the top on March 8 for International Women's Day. IFUW will use this opportunity to raise money for girls' education. We invite you to contribute generously by using the [sponsorship form](#) or by going through the IFUW website by clicking on the donate button, put 'Go Sheila!' in the comment box to pay by Paypal or credit card.

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### National Federations and Affiliations news

#### **Finland**

The president of the Finnish Federation of University Women (FFUW), Helena Ranta, wrote an article in Helsingin Sanomat, Finland's largest newspaper, on 6 February. The article calls for zero tolerance to female genital mutilation (FGM) and for active monitoring to ensure that girls living in Finland are not taken to other countries to be sexually mutilated. [Read more](#) | [Read how FGM affects girls' education](#)

#### **Germany**

Based on the letter template sent by IFUW to advocate that Syrian Women be included at the Syria peace talks, the [German Federation of Graduate Women](#) (DAB) sent a letter entitled "Peace Negotiations without Syrian Women?" to the German Foreign Minister and the Federal Minister of Women's Affairs on 10 December 2013. This letter was also sent to the National Council of German Women's Organisations (Deutscher Frauenrat), which sent the letter to its 10,000 members in a newsletter and which published the letter on its website.

#### **Scotland**

The Scottish Federation of University Women (SFUW) will hold a seminar in March at the Scottish Parliament entitled "The Scottish Referendum on Independence, particularly with reference to women". SFUW will also hold an annual Research Presentations Day when postgraduate students in the local universities give an account of their work to members.

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## Shine a light on slavery

Stand up for the nearly 30 million men, women and children trapped in slavery around the world in brothels, factories, mines, on street corners and in homes. On Thursday February 27, draw a red X on your hand to tell the world that slavery still exists and that you will not stand for it. [Read more](#)

## Female migrants in India

UNESCO has launched an online knowledge platform on Gender, Youth and Migration (GYM) in India to bridge the gaps between researchers, decision makers and practitioners working on gender, youth and migration. In India, 70 per cent of internal migrants are women and internal migrants account for almost 30 per cent of the country's population. [Read more](#)

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## Opportunities

The International Center for Research on Women seeks a Senior Director, Gender Economic Empowerment & Livelihoods. [Read more](#)

The University of Sussex is offering scholarship for Masters programmes to students who are both nationals and residents of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. [Read more](#)

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## Other information and events

Feb 27-28	<a href="#">World NGO Day 2014 Forum</a> , Finland
Mar 3-28	Human Rights Council, Geneva
Mar 6-7	<a href="#">High-level event on the contributions of women, the young and civil society to the post-2015 development agenda</a>
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
Jun 1	IFUW Day

### Did you know?

IFUW has just concluded its February board meetings. It was also the occasion for the UN representatives from Geneva, Paris and Vienna to meet and define a strategy, together with the New York team who joined by Skype.

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



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