



IFUW Update – 4 June 2014



International Federation of University Women news

IFUW attends Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) Annual General Meeting

On 18 May, Caroline Staffell, IFUW's International Development Manager, attended JAUW's Annual General Meeting on behalf of IFUW President, Catherine Bell, and associated events in Tokyo, Japan. JAUW's President Dr Sachiko Abe led the proceedings, which included updates on JAUW's reformed structure and reports from 21 of JAUW's branches across Japan. Recent branch activities include a lecture series on men's involvement in gender equality, presentation training for scholarship applicants, and drives to engage young members and university lecturers. Members at the meeting made a generous donation in memory of the late Fumi Takano, and to the Turkish Association of University Women (TUKD) to provide support to the education of girls who are severely affected by the mining disaster in Soma, Turkey, last month. JAUW's General Meeting was a wonderful opportunity to meet JAUW members, to hear about JAUW and branch activities across the country, to give an update from IFUW and to meet JAUW Board Members. JAUW's new President, Mrs Kurumi Nakamura, was announced along with the new members of JAUW's Board. Caroline received a warm welcome from JAUW members and was delighted to see the strength of an active association looking to the future.

Staff change

We are sad to announce the departure of Nina Joyce as a paid employee for personal reasons at the end of June. Nina will continue with us, however, as a volunteer United Nations (UN) representative in Geneva working with our UN team here. Aoife Hegarty, who is stepping in as Advocacy and Communications Officer, is a graduate of law, with six years of university education from Ireland, the USA and Denmark. While studying for her Master of Laws at the University of Copenhagen, her academic focus centred on international human rights, concluding in a final dissertation examining the protection of civilians in armed conflicts. Aoife has previously worked for a human rights think tank based in Copenhagen, where she amongst other things analysed the developments at the UN Human Rights Council and the European Court of Human Rights. Before moving to Denmark, Aoife lived in the Middle East where she was a secondary school English language teacher. She has a strong personal interest in gender issues and has written and published articles on women's rights vis-à-vis freedom of religion. We thank Nina for all her hard work and dedication, and welcome Aoife into the position. Aoife starts on July 1, 2014.

National Federations and Affiliations news

Turkey

The [Turkish Association of University Women](#) (TUKD) Istanbul Branch met to celebrate IFUW Day with

friends and members over a Sunday morning brunch. They discussed a new scholarship programme for the orphaned children of the Soma mine disaster on 13 May and planned a book campaign for them. TUKD shared the values of IFUW with its members and discussed what else it can do to fulfil the aims of IFUW.

Advocacy

Beijing+20 Campaign: Empowering Women – Empowering Humanity: Picture it!

UN Women launched a campaign in the lead up to the 20th anniversary of the landmark 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, calling on citizens across the globe to join the conversation on women's rights. IFUW was well represented at the Fourth UN Conference on Women in Beijing and its parallel nongovernmental organisation (NGO) Forum in September 1995. IFUW members, in particular American advocates, secured the inclusion of the girl child in the [Beijing Platform for Action](#). [Read more](#)

Ending gender bias in recruitment

A new study finds that when equally qualified male and female candidates apply for a job, managers of both genders are much more likely to hire a man. [Read more](#). [Join our discussion on LinkedIn](#).

Nominations and awards

Project Inspire: 5 Minutes to Change the World

NFAs that are passionate about making an impact towards the advancement of women are encouraged to submit a five-minute video about an existing or planned project to empower women through entrepreneurship and business literacy. Submit your application by 30 June for chance to win USD 25,000. [Read more](#)

Grants for girls in science and technology

The global economy is information and technology-based and women and girls lack an entry point to this economy. This affects women's earning capacities as well as opportunities to learn about trends and techniques that can increase their livelihoods. The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) awards grants up to USD 7,500 for projects run by women that encourage the teaching of science for girls, economic empowerment and literacy. Applications are open until 31 July. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

June 5-7	Global Summit of Women , Paris
June 10-27	26th Human Rights Council , Geneva
June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference
June 21	IFUW Workshop: Building Membership, Growing our organisations and empowering women & girls through lifelong education, Dublin, Ireland
June 29-30	IFUW Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop and Seminar , Singapore
July 7-11	ECOSOC High Level Segment
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 19-20	IFUW workshop on "Building membership & visibility" , Mexico
September 26	Pacific Graduate Women's Network (PGWNet) Council Meeting
September 26-28	New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW) Conference 'Women Empowering Women as Leaders'

Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary? Just want to say Thank you or I Love You?

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