



## IFUW Update – 25 June 2014

Join us for a seminar on  
**Increasing Access to Education for Girls & Women in Asia: Solutions for Success**

**30 June 2014**  
**16:30-18:30**  
Followed by a drinks reception, close 20:00

**Changi Village Hotel**  
1 Netheravon Road Singapore 508502  
Admission - Free to all

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Logos for IFUW, UN Women Singapore Committee, and the Singapore National Women's Council are visible at the bottom of the poster.

## International Federation of University Women news

### Staff change

IFUW is sad to announce the departure of Kimberly Addison as Administrative Assistant as she moves to Ghana with her family to pursue other goals. Kim is a valued member of the IFUW office where her quiet and reliable support will be missed as well as her penchant for a good bagel and bubble tea. Kim will be replaced by Lorraine Mangwiro, a Zimbabwean living in Geneva since 2007. Lorraine previously worked as an administrative intern at the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and volunteered with ZimHealth-Europe, a Zimbabwean non-profit charity based in Geneva. Having completed an Assistant to the Manager Diploma in 2010, Lorraine is now pursuing health and social care studies with the Open University. She is excited to join the IFUW team and we welcome Lorraine. Lorraine begins with IFUW on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### New IFUW United Nations representative

IFUW is pleased to welcome Mick Minard to our team of UN representatives in New York. Mick has over 16 years of experience working with non-profit and for-profit social ventures. She is Founder and Managing Director of REEF Reports, a company that works to design, support and scale early stage income-generating opportunities for the rural poor, particularly for women. Mick will work with two experienced IFUW mentors, Polly Woodard and Sophie Turner Zaretsky. Please join IFUW in welcoming Mick Minard to IFUW.

### **Increasing Access to Education for Girls & Women in Asia: Solutions for Success, 30 June 2014, 16:30-18:30, Singapore**

Join us in Singapore on 30 June, when IFUW, the Singapore Committee for UN Women and University Women's Association Singapore (UWAS) will hold a seminar on "Increasing Access to Education for Girls and Women in Asia: Solutions for Success". Access to education is not only a human right, it is essential to achieve economic growth, human development, peace and stability. Of the estimated 130 million young people who do not attend school, 70% are girls. Join us for this interactive seminar, with high level speakers who will explore how the barriers to education can be overcome. For further information and to register please visit: <http://www.ifuw.org/seminars/singapore>. [Join the discussion on LinkedIn.](#)

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## National Federation and Association (NFA) news

## Mexico

On 1 June 2014 the [Mexican Federation of University Women](#) (FEMU) dedicated its weekly radio programme, “Mujeres a la Tribuna”, to IFUW Day. Dr Mirella Feingold, Executive President of FEMU, and Mrs Glenda Hecksher, Vice President of international issues for FEMU, spoke for an hour about IFUW’s objectives and commitment to the rights of girls and women, as well as Mexico’s contribution to welfare and peace in the world. The live radio programme shared [IFUW’s history from 1919 until 2013](#) and the audience asked many interesting questions and congratulated IFUW for its work.

## Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs)

IFUW CIRs have a strong internet network but do not often have the opportunity to meet. IFUW encourages CIRs and members of National Federation and Associations (NFAs) to contact other NFAs when they travel to member countries and benefit from being part of a valuable world-wide network.

In Turkey, Shirley Randell, [Rwanda Association of University Women](#) CIR met with [Turkish Association of University Women](#) CIR Gulbin Tarim, where they discussed challenges and opportunities for both associations. Prof Randell also met the [Slovene Union of University Educated Women](#) President, Darja Teran, Past President, Hedviga Kolman, and Slovenian CIR Teja Rot. They discussed the *Domestic Violence Met by Educated Women* project that tackles specific problems of violence against educated women. Suggestions for amendments of the proposed questionnaire were canvassed. Countries participating in the project are Finland (initiator), Germany, Sweden, Romania and Slovenia.

## University Women Europe

[University Women Europe](#) (UWE) and the [Asociatia Femeilor Universitare](#) (Romania) invite you to their next Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on 4-7 September 2014, in Bucharest, Romania. The AGM will be combined with a two-day conference, bringing together university women from all over Europe to a wonderful and inspiring environment. The Conference theme is “Quality Education for All in Europe”. Its purpose is to create a UWE vision of the demands for high quality education in the 21st century and to enlarge the knowledge of the legal, political and administrative procedures of the European institutions (European Union and the Council of Europe). Please visit UWE’s website for more information, including the [programme and conference fee](#).

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# Advocacy

## Responding to sexual violence in conflict

Conflict-related sexual violence is a public health and human rights concern, as well as a matter of peace and security, and was the focus of the [Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict](#) in London, UK, this month. Sexual violence is not an inevitable consequence of conflict. More can be done to prevent it and to hold individuals accountable for it, according to an article published by The Lancet.

## Another legal victory against forced marriage

Following a similar victory in Sindh, Pakistan, which was shared in [last week’s Update](#), the British government has passed a law to criminalise forced marriage in England and Wales by up to seven years in prison. A British charity, the [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children](#) (NSPCC) has made an [animated film](#) to warn children about the issue. It is being launched to coincide with the introduction of the new law against forced marriage. According to the government’s forced marriage unit, 40% of cases reported last year involved children under the age of 18 (around 500). Read IFUW’s [resolution](#) and [position paper](#) on forced marriage. Use these [resources on forced marriage](#) to act to end child marriage in your country.

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## Other information and events

June 30	<a href="#">IFUW Seminar: Increasing Access to Education for Girls and Women in Asia, Singapore</a>
June 30-July 18	<a href="#">58th session of CEDAW</a>
July 7-11	ECOSOC High Level Segment
August 17-22	<a href="#">Women's World Congress</a> , Hyderabad
August 30-September 6	Rwanda Friendship Tour
September 4-7	<a href="#">University Women Europe</a> AGM, Bucharest
September 5	<a href="#">UNITAR-Yale Conference</a>
September 12-14	<a href="#">Women Graduates USA</a> AGM, Salt Lake City
September 19-20	<a href="#">IFUW workshop on "Building membership &amp; visibility"</a> , Mexico
September 26	<a href="#">Pacific Graduate Women's Network</a> (PGWNet) Council Meeting
September 26-28	<a href="#">New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women</a> (NZFGW) Conference 'Women Empowering Women as Leaders'
September 27-October 1	Third Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, Bulgaria
17-22 November	<a href="#">Global Education Conference</a>

### Did you know?

IFUW has increased its services to members and we would like your feedback on your experience of these services. **We invite IFUW members to [take our short survey](#) of 5 questions before 26 June 2014.**

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



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