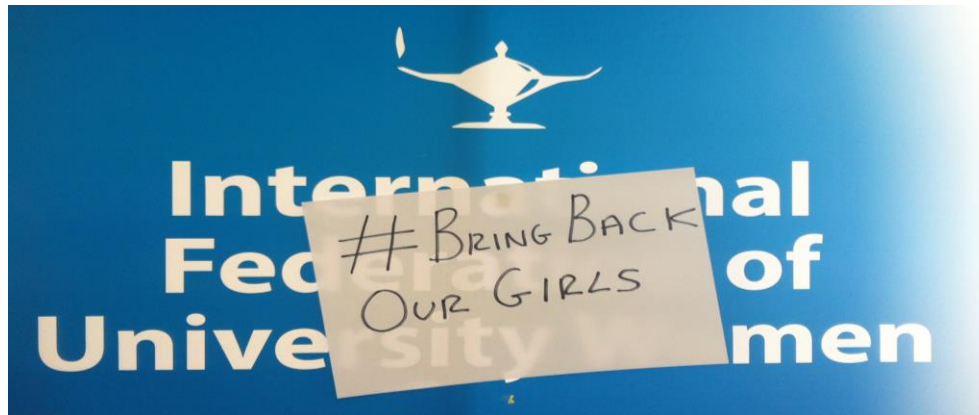




IFUW Update – 14 May 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Bring Back Our Girls

Over 200 adolescent girls were abducted from their school in Chibok Borno State in Nigeria by the militant group Boko Haram. IFUW demands that the Nigerian government urgently take steps to ensure that the girls are returned to their families unharmed and can continue their education in a safe environment. Safe access to secondary education is indispensable to the development of communities and countries. [Read the IFUW press release](#) and please share it with your local and national politicians and journalists. [Join our discussion on LinkedIn](#).

National Federations and Affiliations news

Canada

The [Canadian Federation of University Women](#) (CFUW) is alarmed over the kidnapping of over 200 secondary school girls in Nigeria. It called on its federal government to take immediate action, urging Canada to work with the Nigerian government to return the girls to safety and ensure that an event like this does not occur again. [Read more](#)

Britain

The Crosby Hall Fellowship, which is funded by a charitable foundation of the [British Federation of Women Graduates](#) (BFWG), is now known as the FFWG Fellowship. The Fellowship will be awarded every two years and its value will rise to £6,000 with immediate effect, with the first award at this new level being made later this year. [Read more about IFUW international awards](#)

Cyprus

As part of its 2013 activity, the [Turkish Cypriot Association of University Women](#) (TACUW) organised a public meeting on International Women's Day with experts about violence against women and children. During this debate TACUW raised awareness about the situation in Cyprus as well as a telephone hotline for violence against women and children. [Read more](#)

Advocacy

Improving the lives of married adolescent girls

A report by the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) evaluates a groundbreaking programme to improve the lives of child brides. The programme, called “Toward Economic and Sexual Reproductive Health Outcomes for Adolescent Girls,” worked to address the health and economic needs of over 5,000 child brides aged 10 to 19, in Ethiopia’s Amhara region. ICRW found that the programme significantly improved the girls’ lives in many aspects, including their economic and social lives as well as their sexual and reproductive health. [Read more](#)

Calls for nominations

UNESCO–Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences

Three awards for the UNESCO–Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences will be made for a significant research contribution to the life sciences to enhance the quality of human life. The prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to her by an international jury. The deadline for nominations is 30 May 2014. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

May 5 - 23	IFUW online discussion - What happens to IFUW resolutions after they have been endorsed at the conference?
May 23-24	South African Association of Women Graduates National Conference <i>Peace in our Times?</i> Launch of 90 th anniversary publication “ <i>Rights and Wrongs in this land of ours</i> ”
May 26	Women’s Leadership 2014 : Inspire to grow, Amsterdam
May 25-29	Women Advancement Forum , Gambia
May 28-30	Conf on ICT for Development, Education & Training , Kampala
June 1	IFUW Day (IFUW member login required)
June 5-7	Global Summit of Women , Paris
June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference
August 17-22	Women’s World Congress , Hyderabad
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference

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