



GWJ Update – 17 June 2015

Gender Education in Rwanda: The Uwicyeza Project

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The Uwicyeza (pronounced ooh-wee-CHAY-zuh) project provides secondary school girls in Rwanda with a core foundation of critical knowledge and practical skills crucial for their own personal and professional development, as well as for participating in the development of their country as dynamic, confident and successful women.



Visit the [Uwicyeza Project webpage](#) to learn how you can support gender education in Rwanda

Graduate Women International news

GWJ participate in discussion on the right to education

On 10 June 2015, GWJ staff Caroline Staffell was invited as a discussant to a seminar on the justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCRs). The session was organised by the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, School of Medicine (University of Geneva), Manchester International Law Centre (University of Manchester), Collège Universitaire Henry Dunant, and the Platform of NGOs on the Right to Education. During the session, Mr Singh, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, highlighted the importance of the right to education and its application in domestic law, with reference to his report on the right to education ([UN Doc. A/HRC/23/35](#)). In the discussion, GWJ commended this report, highlighting that primary education is no longer enough. GWJ supported Mr Singh's recommendation that there must be commitment to achieving universal secondary-level education for all by 2030.

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Uwicyeza is launched!

On 13 June 2015, GWJ and Rwanda Association of University Women (RAUW) member Katie Carlson and the Paper Crown Institute launched Uwicyeza at an official launch party and fundraiser held in Kigali, Rwanda. The launch included performances from acclaimed singers Diana Teta and Carolyne Nderitu. The Uwicyeza project provides secondary school girls in Rwanda with a core foundation of critical knowledge and practical skills crucial for their own personal and professional development, as well as for participating in the development of their country as dynamic, confident and successful women. [Support Uwicyeza.](#)

Advocacy

HRC29

The 29th session of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council (HRC29) is currently under way at the UN Office in Geneva (UNOG), Switzerland, running from 15 June to 3 July 2015. The session will include several highly pertinent sessions including a panel discussion on "Realising the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl" ([HRC Resolution 27/6](#)). GWJ has submitted a written to HRC29 entitled "The Full Realisation of the Right to Education for Girls and Women". GWJ's statement emphasises that the human right to education is often unrealised and inaccessible for many girls and women worldwide.

GWI will participate at various sessions throughout HRC29, with more detailed information and summaries to follow in forthcoming Updates.

Grants and Proposals

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Programme

The Australian Government Department of [Education](#) and Training is inviting applicants for its Endeavour Scholarships and [Fellowships](#) programme aiming to build [Australia's](#) reputation for excellence in the provision of education and [research](#), support the internationalisation of the Australian higher education and research sectors and offer high-achieving individuals from overseas and Australia opportunities to increase their productivity and expertise in their field. The programme typically offers three-quarters of the scholarships and fellowships funded each year to overseas citizens, with support ranging from short-term fellowships or research placements to full postgraduate degrees. Australians receive support to undertake targeted research and professional development overseas **Deadline for applications: 30 June 2015**. More information on [eligibility criteria and how to apply here](#).

The online website **Funds for NGOs** frequently promotes various grants and funding opportunities and is available to visit here: <http://www.fundsforngos.org/>

Legacies in favour of GWI

As a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, GWI is sincerely grateful for all donations received from the wills of members and patrons, which make a significant difference in enabling advocacy activities and projects. By leaving a gift in your will to GWI, you are supporting the organisation to continue its mission to increase access to lifelong, quality education for girls and women globally.

Other information and events

June 18 – 21	Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Annual General Meeting (AGM) , Québec, Canada
July 6 – 10	ECOSOC High-Level Segment on Sustainable Development, UN New York
August 28 –	UWE Conference “Networking as a Quality” , Utrecht, the Netherlands
September 1	
September 25 – 27	Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) AGM , Baltimore, USA
November 14 – 15	Finnish Academic Women’s Association (SANL) AGM , Kaunianien, Finland
August 21 – 23 (2016)	GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)
August 24 – 26 (2016)	GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)

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