



GWI Update – 21 October 2015



President Dr Marion Gibson speaks at IrFUW Conference

Graduate Women International news

Graduate Women International Regional Seminar in Suva, Fiji, October 29 2015

To coincide with the Fiji Association of University Women (FAWG) Annual General Meeting and membership workshops 26-28 October, Graduate Women International (GWI), in partnership with FAWG and the Fiji National University, is holding a seminar on October 29 on **Education in the Pacific: Bridging the Gender Gap**. Panellists, which include representatives from the Ministry of Women, Fiji University, national NGOs and other experts, will be speaking on ways education can empower girls and women to decision-making and leadership, and enable gender access to justice. [See more information here.](#)

GWI member news

Irish Federation of University Women (IrFUW): Annual Conference on the theme of Women Inspiring Women Across Generations 16-18 October 2015

Hosted by Dublin University Women Graduates Association (DUWGA), the IrFUW conference focussed on inspiring women's leadership. The participants, including GWI Executive Director Danièle Castle, were a group of dynamic women from varied backgrounds, speaking on their own experience of achievement, and on the challenges and opportunities for promoting women to the highest decision-making levels in the fields of science, academia, politics and business, as well as ways of breaking down barriers to equity in pay and promotion. [Read more on IrFUW here.](#)

Association Française des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (AFFDU) in gender equality working group

Catherine Thuet, Board member of AFFDU participated in the Conseil Economique, Social et Environnemental de Lorraine (CESEL) working group. The group's focus is in the Greater East region of France. CESEL aims to make a precise inventory of all initiatives, public and private, to promote equality between men and women. For more information visit [the AFFDU website.](#)

Advocacy

15 October 2015 – International Day of Rural Women

On October 15, 2015, International Day of Rural Women, Graduate Women International (GWI) called on states and policy makers to end discrimination against rural women and empower them through equal access to education, human rights and pay. Educating rural women improves the health and resilience of their families, improves their ability to use technology that assists them and increases agricultural efficiency, contributes to decreasing world hunger and eradicating rural poverty. See our [Press Release here](#).

Grants and Proposals

Training on gender equality and energy

From 16 November to 18 December 2015, the World Bank Institute will offer a training course exploring the linkages between gender and energy. It will feature video presentations, readings, quizzes, interactive problem-solving exercises and online discussions. Reserve your place before 31 October 2015 [here](#).

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 education for girls and women globally.

Other information and events

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| October | 22 - 26 | VAÖ DACH Meeting, Graz, Austria |
| October | 29 - 31 | GWI Capacity Building Workshop: Communities for Action , Suva, Fiji |
| November | 02 - 13 | Universal Periodic Review (UPR) 23rd Session, Geneva, Switzerland |
| November | 14 - 15 | Finnish Academic Women's Association (SANL) AGM , Kaunianien, Finland |
| November | 23 - 26 | GWI Board Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland |
| November | 25 | Tackling Youth Unemployment in Europe , Brussels, Belgium |
| November | 26 - 27 | Feminism and Sustainable Development , Postgraduate University, Mexico |
| November | 25 - Dec 10 | Center for Women's Global Leadership 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2015 Campaign |
| June 28 – July 1 (2016) | | 12th International Conference, ISTR, Stockholm, Sweden |
| 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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