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GWI members will be attending the CSW60 in New York, 14 - 24 March 2016

— Graduate Women International news —

The 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) 14 - 24 March 2016, New York

CSW60 is the principal United Nations gender meeting of the year, where states and civil society come together to review progress on women's rights. The GWI President Catherine Bell and Graduate Women International (GWI) members from all over the world will attend CSW60 to ensure that its mission, [the empowerment of women and girls through lifelong quality education](#), is visible and promoted at the highest levels. GWI will be calling for a greater acknowledgement of the value of [women teachers as a way of encouraging girls to complete secondary education](#) in some regions, and advocating for the enrolment of girls and women in science, technology and innovation programmes worldwide in order to increase their access to the socio-economic benefits of science and technology. [Read GWI's written statement submitted to the CSW 60th session here.](#)

— GWI member news —

GWI's National Federations and Associations also hosting events at CSW60 in New York

GWI is proud to announce that several of its national federations and associations (NFAs) are co-hosting side and parallel events at the CSW60 in line with the priority theme for 2016, *Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development*, and on the review theme for the year, *The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls*. The [Finnish Federation of Graduate Women](#) is hosting a side event, and [Women Graduates – USA](#) are hosting two parallel workshops and sponsoring a third. The [Rwandan Association of University Women](#) (RAUW) and the [Australian Federation of Graduate Women](#) (AFGW) are also hosting a joint workshop together. GWI and its NFAs welcome the opportunity to share advocacy news and success stories and network at the [annual CSW](#).

— Advocacy —

New report on the gender pay gap between men and women in vocational education in Poland

The gender pay gap in Poland can only in part be explained by factors such as level of education, job seniority, experience and breaks in employment relating to child care. They indicate that women earn less than men irrespective of the level of education, economic sector, professional field and the size of an enterprise. There are very few occupations where the average pay of women is equal or higher than men's pay. See the full report [here](#). GWI advocates for enabling access to education for girls and women [to enlarge a country's labour force and to increase their GDP](#), as well as economic empowerment for girls and women.

— Call for applications —

UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education

The Director-General of UNESCO invites all NGOs and Foundations in official partnership with UNESCO to submit nominations for the first edition of the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education. The prize consists of two annual awards of USD 50,000 for each recipient. The nomination form for the 2016 edition can be downloaded from UNESCO's [girls and women education website](#), with the deadline for applications 20 April 2016. Any enquiries with regard to the nomination process should be addressed to Ms Florence Migeon, Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender Equality, phone: +33 1 45 68 11 73, e-mail: gender.ed@unesco.org

— Legacies —

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 —

April	07 - 08	Bricks and Clicks for Europe Galway, Ireland
April	08 - 10	European Women and Sport Conference Stockholm, Sweden
June	24 - 25	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	University Women of Europe AGM and Conference Winchester, UK
July	21 - 23	3rd Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016 Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women's Museums , Mexico City

August 21 – 23 GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)

August 24 – 26 GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)



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