



GWI UPDATE 19 October 2016



GWI and partners celebrated the International Day of the Girl, 11 October 2016 with a Flashmob Dance! Photo credit: Igor Khromov

— Graduate Women International news —

GWI Danced for the Girls on 11 October!

[Graduate Women International](#) (GWI) celebrated International Day of the Girl with a flashmob dance! Organised for the Non-Governmental Organisation Commission on the Status of Women Geneva (NGOCSW), the flashmob, held at the Place des Nations in Geneva, was supported by students from the International School of Geneva, and partners include the U.S. Permanent Mission in Geneva, the United Nations Office of Geneva, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, FAWCO and others. GWI was delighted to see the high level of support from the United Nations Director-General, Michael Moller's recorded message. Celebrating girls worldwide raised awareness that states, policy makers and institutions must take meaningful actions towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The event was also mentioned in the Guardian as one of their featured global stories on [International Day of the Girl](#). Many congratulations to Nina Joyce, GWI Geneva UN Rep and Stacy Dry Lara, Executive Director of GWI who spent months planning and organising.

— GWI member news —

WG-USA discussion on Peace Building month-long 1 October

The Women, Peace and Security Working Group of Women Graduates-USA (WG-USA) initiated a discussion on the Graduate Women International (GWI) networks that will run throughout the month of October as a part of the United Nations initiated campaign #WomenSeriously. Stories about peacebuilding will be shared and showcased— locally, nationally, and globally. As a GWI member you are invited to join this discussion and give your input into one of the defining issues of our time. For more information on becoming a member, visit our website at <http://www.graduatwomen.org/take-action/become-a-member/benefits-of-membership/> or write to us on gwi@graduatwomen.org

Erratum: in the 5 October Update the Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) Board members were wrongly identified. This is the corrected JAUW Board composition: President Yaeko Sumi, Vice Presidents Kazuko Umeda and Yumiko Makishima; and Treasurer Mitsuko Tanabe. Izumi Yamashita is Co-ordinator of International Relations (CIR).

— Advocacy —

Will we have to wait until 2022 for a woman United Nations Secretary-General?

The former prime minister of Portugal, António Guterres, has emerged as the choice of the Security Council to serve as the ninth UN Secretary-General. Despite months of campaigning and much speculation that the organisation would select its first ever woman leader, it was not to be, and Guterres will commence his five-year term in January next year. The role of Secretary-General is one of many at the UN from which women are routinely excluded. Last year, eight out of ten top jobs at the UN went to male candidates. Of the fifteen current members of the Security Council, only one - the United States - has a woman ambassador. Guterres has promised to increase women's participation at senior level, but what he will do to advance the rights of women remains to be seen. To read the New York Times article, [click here](#).

— Job opportunities —

Job opportunities with Girls not Brides and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

[Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage](#) is seeking an experienced Senior Member Engagement Officer to ensure members are empowered, engaged and actively contributing to the work of the global partnership. The new Senior Member Engagement Officer will be joining the organisation at an important time as we plan the implementation of the partnership's strategy for 2017-2020. A full [job description is here](#).

The [Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy](#), Tufts University is seeking an Assistant/Associate Professor in Public International Law. For more information and to apply, please follow [this link](#).

— Give the gift of education —

[Join our GlobalGiving](#) campaign and help us raise \$50,000 to support 50 women student teachers in 2016. GWI provides scholarships and mentoring support to young women from rural areas of Uganda to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls' education. Donate now and help us train women teachers to teach 1000s of students. You can read more about GWI's project Teachers for Rural Futures [here](#).

— Other information and events —

October	22	IrFUW Annual Conference Dublin, Ireland
October	25 - 26	International Universities Networking Conference Istanbul, Turkey
November	16	10th Further & Higher Education and Research Conference Accra, Ghana
November	22	Boosting Youth Employment: Growth & Quality Jobs Brussels, Belgium
November	27 - 30	Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
November	28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women's Museums Mexico City, Mexico

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