



GWI UPDATE – 17 MAY 2017



Global Giving meets GWI Teachers for Rural Futures candidates and members of the Uganda Association of University Women (left to right: Dr Elizabeth Kizito, Victoria Kataike, Mikey Rothwell, Jane Kafuko, Benadet Kwagala, Winfred Kaduuli, Hasifah Nabirye, Dr. Alice Kadoga and Dr. Victoria Tamale)

— Graduate Women International news —

GWI welcomes crowdfunding champion, Global Giving to Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda

Last week, Graduate Women International (GWI) Executive Director, Stacy Dry Lara, joined the Uganda Federation of University Women in welcoming Mickey Rothwell from crowdfunding giant [Global Giving](#) for a special visit to meet the GWI [Teachers for Rural Futures](#) student teachers at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. During the visit, GWI's five Teachers for Rural Futures



students shared stories about the hardships they faced in trying to earn a university degree and the positive impact the GWI Teachers for Rural Futures program has made to their futures. Each young woman is working towards a Bachelor's degree in Education. In rural areas of Uganda many girls are not enrolled in school or forced to drop out, in part due to a lack of women teachers. GWI aims to change this and works tirelessly to increase the number of girls that attend secondary and tertiary school worldwide. We support and praise our five Makerere student teachers! *They are doing splendid work!* (left to right: Victoria Kataike, Jane Kafuko, Stacy Dry Lara, Winfred Kaduuli, Hasifah Nabirye and Benadet Kwagala)

— GWI member news —

WelTec recognizes the achievements of three Graduate Women-Wellington Scholarship Recipients



(left to right) Abi Harper, Sally Smith and Rachel Marr

The Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) recently recognized the achievements of Abi Harper, Sally Smith and Rachel Marr—this year’s Graduate Women Wellington scholarship recipients—calling them “women to watch”. These three inspirational women were among a group of twenty exceptional candidates and, based on merit, were awarded the scholarship as contributions to the cost of their studies and to promote women in non-traditional areas of study. Upon graduation, Abi will pursue a career in programming with an emphasis on forensic IT; Sally aims to become a civil engineer; and Rachel wants to enter the construction industry as a Quantity Surveyor. GWI wishes these women all the very best and thanks Graduate Women Wellington for selecting such outstanding women for this award!

TAUW Awarded the Networking and Mobility Support Fund of the Think Civilian EU Programme

Over the past three years, the Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) has been running the “Active Woman Citizen Training” project that targets groups of women and girls who have had no educational opportunities and teaches them how to become active women citizens. The project, which involves printing bi-lingual Turkish and English posters and brochures about the work of TAUW, is a splendid opportunity for exposure and extends TAUW’s advocacy work. The project was recently awarded the Networking and Mobility Support Fund by the European Union’s “Think Civilian” programme. With these funds, TAUW will launch a new effort in conjunction with the Swiss Association of University Women called “Reciprocal study of citizenship rights and modelling of best practices.” The mission of the collaboration is to address topics such as gender equality, citizen rights and women’s human rights and kicks off in Zurich, Switzerland from 20-25 June 2017. GWI congratulates TAUW on their award and wishes them the best of luck in the continuation of this programme!

— Advocacy —

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Since the [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#) (CEDAW) was adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly, 189 countries have become state parties. Why, then, do women continue to face discrimination worldwide? Article 10 of CEDAW explicitly states that “State Parties shall take all appropriate measures... to ensure to [women] equal rights with men in the field of education,” and yet [15 million girls](#) aged 6-10 will never enter a classroom. This is in addition to the millions who will leave school prematurely due to barriers such as discrimination, socio-cultural influences and economics. GWI urges states to take responsibility and recognize that they are not fulfilling their CEDAW promises. The time is now for States to do more to ensure that all women are provided with equality of education and this includes CEDAW ratification.

— Call for applications —

South Australian Government Catherin Helen Spence Memorial Scholarship

The South Australian Government is offering the Catherine Helen Spence Memorial Scholarship to students in the social sciences in honour of Catherine Helen Spence, a social and political reformer and writer. The scholarship is available to South Australian students pursuing PhD, masters or honours degree programmes in Australia or overseas, with a monetary value of up to \$25,000. Applicants must be between 20 and 35 years of age, have lived in South Australia for at least five years prior to receiving the award and must use the scholarship to study social sciences related to South Australian social conditions. Deadline for applicants: **17 July 2017**. Please click [here](#) for more information about the scholarship.

L'Oréal-UNESCO "For Women in Science" Awards

Expanding each year since its creation in 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO "For Women in Science Program" has supported thousands of women worldwide in a variety of different ways. For 2018, awards will honour five outstanding researchers working in the Life Sciences, each from a different region of the world. Candidates will be chosen in recognition of their personal scientific excellence and active involvement in the scientific research community. Each awardee will receive €100,000. To learn more about the deadline for your country and requirements for the scholarship, please click [here](#).

— GWI United Nations Representatives —

Geneva United Nations representative Helen Lom wishes to share the March 2017 edition of the *UN Special*, a non-profit, non-commercial monthly magazine of international civil servants working in the United Nations system in Geneva. *UN Special* is recognized by the Swiss media as an outstanding collective of non-professional journalism. The March 2017 places special emphasis on Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality. To read the noteworthy articles, click [here](#).

— Did you know? —

In 1978, Graduate Women International (then the International Federation of University Women) established the Counterpart Aid Programme to help support projects that empower girls and women through education and leadership development. Grants are given to deserving projects organized by GWI's National Federations and Associations (NFAs) from developing countries, on a competitive basis, to be further continued in country. The programme was later named the [Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme](#) in honour of GWI's first Asian President. Dr. Bina Roy believed in the power of friendly and supportive links between GWI NFAs and encouraged the implementation of Counterpart Aid Programme projects.



Today, Bina Roy projects are supported by the [Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund](#) (VGIF) and donations from supporters around the world. Nearly 60% of GWI's NFAs have participated in the programme, either as sponsors or donors. GWI recently approved projects for 2017-2018 cycle and details about each valuable project are forthcoming. *GWI thanks VGIF for its continued support!*
(Pictured: Dr. Bina Roy)

— Other information and events —

June 5-17

[106th Session of the International Labour Conference](#), Geneva, Switzerland

July 2-8 [Poverty in Education: what do we know and what can we do?](#) Deadline to apply 24 April

July 3-21 [67th Session of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#), Geneva, Switzerland

July 14–16 [The IAFOR International Conference on Global Studies 2017](#), Barcelona, Spain

July 19-21 [Youth Connekt Africa Summit '17](#), Kigali, Rwanda

August 24-27 [Annual General Meeting of the University Women Europe](#), Graz, Austria

Sept 29–Oct 1 [Lithuanian University Women's Association Conference](#), Kaunas, Lithuania

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