



GWI UPDATE 23 March 2016



GWI members from New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women, GWI President Catherine Bell and Executive Director Danièle Castle attending CSW60, New York

— Graduate Women International news —

Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce a new partnership with Charriol

Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce a partnership with [Charriol](#), the luxury Swiss watchmaker and jeweller. Charriol has historically supported education, hard work and determination, and the synergy between Charriol and GWI offers exciting possibilities to help create positive change in girls' and young women's education and life opportunities. Charriol recognises the positive impact of investing in education, and has pledged to donate a percentage of the sales of each watch from their ST-Tropez Collection to support the work of GWI. For the GWI press release, please read [here](#).

— GWI member news —

GWI members hosting events at the Commission on the Status of Women in New York

GWI member [Women Graduates–USA \(WG-USA\)](#) hosted a parallel event with [Nonviolent Peaceforce](#) (NP) on 16 March 2016 at the [60th Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW), New York. Peacekeepers presented examples of the beneficial use of unarmed civilian protection (UCP) in South Sudan. NP uses gender-equal protection, and all-women teams where possible. In addition to being trained in UCP methods, they have formed a movement called "One Voice" in South Sudan, where women from the two major tribes have come together and successfully advocated for peace and seats at the peace agreement table. For a summary of the first week of CSW60 sessions attended by GWI members, please read [here](#). More information on GWI member events at CSW will be available in the next Update.

— Advocacy —

GWI statement delivered at the 31st session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva

The Human Rights Council (HRC) is in session from 29 February to 24 March 2016. GWI, as a member of the Non-Government Organisation Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning (NGO HREL) delivered a joint oral statement at the HRC on behalf of all members of the group on 11 March 2016. The statement welcomed the fact that Human Rights Education is now a part of the 2030 Agenda for Global

Sustainable Development and urged states to comply fully with monitoring and reporting guidelines. Read the full statement [here](#).

— Call for applications —

Applications for Women PeaceMakers and Writers now accepted at Institute for Peace and Justice.

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ), at the University of San Diego's Kroc School of Peace Studies, is currently accepting applications for its Women PeaceMakers Program. Four Peace Writers are selected each year to partner with and document the stories of Women PeaceMakers for publication. Writers interview one peacemaker and engage in extensive research to become familiar with the history of her conflict and peacemaking efforts. For more information about the program and an application please visit the website at <http://peace.sandiego.edu/wpm> or contact Jennifer Freeman, IPJ Senior Program Officer for Women, Peace and Security, at jenfreeman@sandiego.edu.

— 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. Please remember to update your legacy to GWI if you have already made one for IFUW.

— 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 **GWJ General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)**

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



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