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IFUW Strategic Plan Smart Objective 4.3.1.

IFUW programmes and activities

AIM 2: INCREASING WOMEN'S VISIBILITY IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE



To ensure that girls and women are empowered through education and training to represent and be heard at all levels of decision-making worldwide and to enable young women to be the leaders of tomorrow.

The defined SMART objectives for this aim are:

1. To increase girls' and women's access to quality education and participation in decision-making at all levels, working in partnership with others.
2. To promote educated female role models for women and girls and challenge restrictive cultural mindsets that create barriers to women's equality.
3. To strengthen the IFUW scholarship programme and encourage NFAs to develop their own.

Looking at the 23 IFUW programmes and activities 19 of them can support the realisation aim 2:

- Programme for Action pillar 1. Education for Empowerment and Leadership and pillar 3. Education for Financial Independence, Employment and Entrepreneurship
- Bina Roy projects
- Fellowships
- Conference Training Programme
- Policy Resolutions
- Conference seminars
- Conference workshops
- Reps at UNESCO
- Reps at ECOSOC
- Reps at ILO
- Pencils for Pakistan and similar
- Lobby for Afghan women and similar
- IFUW day
- IFUW online discussions
- IFUW blogs
- Colloquia project: identifying barriers to women's access to decision-making positions in Higher Education
- Olympes de la Parole
- Regional Conferences

- Twinning

To get an impression what each of these nineteen IFUW programmes and activities are see:

<http://www.ifuw.org/what/ifuw-strategic-planning/>

For example: **Policy Resolutions**

Policy resolutions give direction to NFAs and the IFUW Leadership. They provide focal points for NFA lobbying efforts with their respective governments and guidance to IFUW's representatives at the United Nation. Since its conception in 1919 IFUW has adopted many policy resolutions. In 1998, IFUW began introducing action plans to accompany the resolutions. These provide concrete suggestions for steps IFUW national affiliates and members can take to implement the resolutions in their own countries.

The **30th IFUW Conference** held in Mexico City on 5-9 August 2010 adopted 9 policy resolutions. These resolutions addressed the following issues: work-life balance for women between professional careers and family responsibilities, numeracy and women, financial literacy, abuse of female migrants, human trafficking, bioethics and women, climate change – greenhouse gas, cluster munitions and peacekeeping.

Call for a Campaign against Incest and Child Brides

Press release - 25 November 2012



The Turkish Association of University Women is determined to launch a campaign on the 25th of November (the day designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to raise awareness against two sensitive issues: Incest and Child Brides.

In many countries, Turkey included, there is no provision in the penal code against Incest. In most cases Incest is considered taboo and the offender is only accused of “abuse” or “sexual harassment to a family member” therefore the penalty is minimal and is not dissuasive penalties quality.

Many countries also determine by law, the age of marriage to be 18 years old for girls. Despite this provision, in many countries, Turkey included, girls from the age of 13 onwards are forced into marriage, often with older men, for various reasons.

TAUW seeks a strong support from all the NFAs in voicing our objections against these unacceptable practices involving girls (and boys), by writing letters to their women MPs and asking for their support in pressuring their governments to amend their penal code with forceful provisions and penalties against these issues so often overlooked.

Raising awareness will not happen just by reaching women MPs. Therefore we invite all NFAs to organize a press release on the 25th of November to bring these burning human rights issues

to the public forum. Despite the culturally taboo nature of these issues, the TAUW firmly believes that increasing public awareness coupled with consequential legal options can help in stemming these deplorable problems.

By Ayden Birerdinç, “Incest and Child Bride”, Project Coordinator and Nazan Moroğlu, President TAUW

<http://www.tukd.org.tr/haber125.asp>

FEMU INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE: HOW TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”

The Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) Calls for participation in its Annual International Seminar “For a culture of peace: How to eliminate violence against women”, which will take place on November 29th and 30th 2012 in the Autonomous University of Puebla.

Specialized lectures will be presented with the aim of making a comprehensive analysis of gender violence at a National and International level, and to present proposals to reach a culture of peace that allows women a violence free life.

Papers will be received on the following key topics:

1. *State of the art*

- a. Gender Violence in Mexico
- b. Gender Violence in Latin America
- c. Institutional and social discourse on gender issues
- d. Historical and conceptual evolution

2. *Legal Frame*

- a. Legislation on gender violence
- b. Access to justice for gender violence victims
- c. Institutional policies on protection for the victims

3. *Gender Violence and the “War against drugs”*

- a. Institutional discourse
- b. Femicide: Steps forward and backwards in Mexico and Latin America
- c. Actions and good practices

4. *Gender Violence and Social Security*

- a. Assistance for victims
- b. Women’s health issues as a result of gender violence
- c. Social and cultural consequences of gender violence
- d. Gender violence and women’s sexual and reproductive rights

5. *Awareness and prevention*

- a. Women as a key element for change
- b. Good practices in Mexico and Latin America
- c. Education as a tool for awareness and prevention
- d. Human rights and a culture of peace as pillars for eliminating gender violence.

For more information please go to www.femumex.org or write to femumex@yahoo.com.mx

Congratulations to Austria and Finland on their 90th Anniversary celebrations!

The Finnish Federation of University Women celebrated its 90-year Anniversary in Helsinki on October 19.-20. During the festivities there was a colloquium at Aalto University with three excellent lectures and six interactive workshops giving the participant the possibility to discuss the aims and actions of the federation. FFUW was honoured to have as guest IFUW Vice-President Anne Nègre.

The current President, Ritva Tammivaara, made an opening speech in the morning annual assembly took place in the afternoon during which time a new board was elected. Congratulations to Helena Ranta who was elected President and to Marja Toivanen who will continue her role as CIR. To read more on Helena Ranta please visit our website at:

<http://www.ifuw.org/resources/nfa-news/>

Congratulations to the **Austrian Association of University Women** on the success of their 90th Anniversary celebrations. The event was attended by IFUW Vice-President Anne Nègre along with many members and friends of the association.

Many European associations were also represented such as Finland, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Romania, Germany, Netherlands, France, and UWE. The lively event which took place over several days comprised of an official reception and various cultural discovery visits throughout Vienna.



Helena Ranta President of the Finnish Association



from left to right:

Ingrid Nowotny, President of VAO, Liana Tumbiolo, President of Italy, Cosima Shenk, General Secretary of UWE, Anne Nègre, Vice-President of IFUW and Ida Rampolla, CIR Italy

2013-2014 Sauvé Scholars Program, Canada

The National Office of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has received this call for nominations and applications to the 2013-2014 Sauvé Scholars Program in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The program welcomes scholars from different countries. The applicants must be between 23 and 30 years of age.

Members of the IFUW may access the links in the message below, to find out more about the Sauvé Scholars Program. Please circulate this information throughout your networks.

[Click here for information in English](#)

[Click here for information in French](#)

www.ifuw.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/SauveScholarsProgram2013-1

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS DUE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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