## International Federation of University Women

Empowering women & girls through lifelong education



#### IFUW Update- January 23 2013

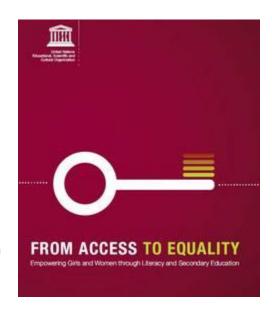
### "Better Life, Better Future"

a newly published report from UNESCO

Making the case for Secondary Education as a means of empowerment for girls and women

Within the framework of UNESCO's Global Partnership for Girls' and Women's Education: "Better Life, Better Future", this newly published report makes the case for education as a means of empowerment for girls and women.

Through an illustration of case studies and examples from around the world, the report puts into perspective the multiple benefits of investing in girls' and women's education whether through formal or non-formal education. With a focus on secondary education and literacy, it highlights enabling factors that contribute to closing the gender gap.



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### **Worldwide Event: ONE BILLION RISING**

In accordance with this year's CSW 2013 theme, Violence Against Women (VAW), we would like to draw your attention to an event that the <u>European Women's Lobby</u> (EWL) is participating in the **worldwide event ONE BILLION RISING** (OBR), initiated by V-Day and taking place on 14 February 2013. As you may know, the aim of the event is to rise up and raise awareness on violence against women and its pervasive presence in women's lives.



EWL has planned to do a flash mob and participate, together with other Brussels-based organizations and individuals, to a free dance. EWL created an original song, "Rise up, Stand up", and choreography on it for this flash mob. During the last Board Meeting, we made a picture of you with a paper stating why you would dance and rise.

We kindly invite you to mobilize too on 14 February: you can use this song and choreography to invite your members to dance and say no to VAW. It would be great if they could join their efforts together with EWL national members and create joyful and powerful events.

Please consult the OBR website, <u>www.onebillionrising.org</u>, where you can get a lot of information on how people and organizations are mobilizing all around the world, download a toolkit and insert your own event.

## **NFA News and Announcements**

# 'Women's careers in Higher Education and Research. What obstacles exist and how to fix them' - a Colloquium by AFFDU



This important Colloquium is being organised by the <u>French Association of University Women (AFFDU)</u> with the financial support of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research on 'Women's careers in **Higher Education and Research. What obstacles exist and how to fix them'** on February 22, 2013 at the Amphitheater Henri Poincaré at the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, 1, rue Descartes, 75005 Paris.

The following topics will be addressed by high level speakers:

- The logic of women's careers
- Informing students about careers
- The unspoken aspects of women's careers
- The progress already made and still to be done

Participation is free, we would love to see a great turn out. Please register with the AFFDU at: contact@affdu.fr or call 01 43 20 01 32, or visit their website at: www.affdu.fr

Final program to be announced and will be circulated to participants at a later date.

## **Upcoming International Events**

- CEDAW 1st Session 11 February 2013
- CEDAW 2nd Session 17 February 2013
- CEDAW Half-day general discussion on access to justice (Room XVI Palais des Nation, Geneva. 18 February 2013
- CSW 57, New York 4- 15 March 2013
- International Women's Day 8 March

#### **IFUW News**

In view of the forthcoming Council and Conference meetings:

Deadline reminder to NFAs

February 15 NOMINATIONS February 16 RESOLUTIONS February 28 WORKSHOPS

Material received after the deadlines cannot be considered

#### **Erratum**

We erroneously stated in our Update dated 20 December 2012 that our Finance officer, Lotta Grammatikopoulos, would be leaving IFUW at the end of 2012. We wish to make a corrigendum and state that Lotta will in fact be leaving us at the end of January 2013.



Reserve 16-21 August 2013 and join us at the 31st Triennium Conference, Istanbul 2013, to "Meet where the continents meet". A great opportunity to renew friendships, exchange and learn.

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