



## *IFUW Update – 31 July 2013*



## **IFUW Conference Countdown**

### **Call for Volunteers for the Hegg Hoffet Shop**

By Marian Ennis, Convener, of the International Federation of University Women Special Committee for The Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates.

The Shop will be open from 8:45 AM to about 6:00 PM every day from Saturday, August 17th until Tuesday, August 20th. We especially need volunteers to help sell goods during the busy periods such as coffee breaks and during the second half of the lunch hour (about 1:15 to 2:30 PM), but volunteers at other times are also needed to give committee members a break and allow them to attend a few sessions. Please look at the programme and timed agenda, and see if you might have an hour or two available to help with this special store which raises funds for displaced women graduates. The work is easy and fun, and it's a great way to meet other conference attendees.

Please email the convener at [MLENNIS@TELUS.NET](mailto:MLENNIS@TELUS.NET), with the date(s) and time(s) you would be willing to help out at the Shop, and we will slot you into our schedule.

A reminder: Even if you don't have time to volunteer, you can greatly assist us by bringing some small items to sell. Donations will be received at the IFUW office at the university (Aug. 15th-16th), or at the Hegg Hoffet Shop from August 17th to 19th.

## **Fellowships Fundraising**

IFUW Fellowships are supported entirely by the generosity of IFUW's NFAs and individual members. We are short of funds if we are to offer a round of Fellowships in 2014, so please give generously during Conference, which is our major fundraising time. Here's how to do it!

Make a cash donation in notes only - no coins please - in the envelopes provided at events (see Conference Programme).

Take a ticket – many tickets – in the Conference Raffle for a chance to win exciting prizes. These include free registration for the 2016 IFUW Conference, silver jewellery, Amazon book vouchers, a length of Burmese silk and a small Turkish Carpet amongst others. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## **Reminder to ALL Council Members, Voting Delegates and Alternate Voting Delegates**

Please note that all Council Members, Voting Delegates and Alternate Voting Delegates have to be registered as Full Fee Delegates to be able to participate in Council, and the Conference business and plenary sessions, and thus to be able to vote. If you are a Council Member, a Voting Delegate or an Alternate Voting Delegate and you have registered only for the Theme Days, please contact the DEKON office to upgrade your registration to a Full Fee delegate. This means that you will have to pay DEKON an additional EUR 250 i.e. the difference between the Theme Day fee and the Full Fee. Theme Day participants will not be able to attend the other conference days.

***To read or download the forms and for more information please visit the Members Only section, [Official Documents and Publications](#) for more information, circulars and forms***

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## **IFUW is Listening**

### **Member question: How can I follow IFUW on Twitter?**

Twitter is user friendly and very simple to set up and use. For any questions, feel free to contact Nina Joyce at [nj@ifuw.com](mailto:nj@ifuw.com), or tweet her @IFUWwomen

**Twitter** is one of the ten most visited sites on the internet.

- a) Go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) in your browser
- b) In the "Sign up" box, enter your full name, email address and password
- c) In the next screen you will confirm your password and username.
- d) Now you are signed up. You need to "follow" 5 people in order to receive your information stream.
- e) For example, type IFUW into the search box. Click the "Follow" button beside the IFUW logo. Immediately you will see the latest message or "tweet" from IFUW. To follow other IFUW members, search for WGU1915, b1614, ShirleyRandell, lindamacnst and MumfordKathy to name the few that we have spotted.
- f) To find people with similar interests to yours, you can search for a topic by preceding it with a hashtag, for example #humanrights #girlseducation #humantrafficking. The search results will show you the people "tweeting" on that topic and you can then "follow" them.

g) You can find people by searching for a username, known as a "handle". A "handle" is always preceded by @, for example IFUW's username is IFUWWomen and our handle is @IFUWWomen.  
h) Once you get tweeting, do tweet us at @IFUWWomen. We'd love to connect and share information.

**LinkedIn** is a social networking service used for professional networking. We have 34 members on our IFUW online group discussion. Open a discussion or jump in to one that is already open. ([https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4791977&trk=myg\\_ugrp\\_ovr](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4791977&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr))

It has come to our attention that the information on one of the affiliate pages was out of date which we have now corrected. In order for all members to use the IFUW network easily, please check and inform us if your details need to be updated on our website.

"Friend" us on Facebook, join our LinkedIn community or follow us on Twitter:



**IFUW will tweet the 31st Triennial Conference!**

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## Advocacy

### **Girls, mathematics and perpetual disadvantage in the NZFGW July news letter**

The question of gender difference in mathematics, achievement, and attitudes is of continuing concern. It is also intimately linked to the underrepresentation of women in the highest levels of science, technology, math and engineering.

A certain level of mathematics is necessary for functioning effectively in our modern world, and mathematics, with its mystique, acts as a gatekeeper to many professions and occupations. [Read more.](#)

### **Of special interest to our Mexico and Nigeria members: Universal Periodic Review**

In October 2013, the United Nations Human Rights Council will present its evaluation of the state of human rights in Mexico and Nigeria. This human rights evaluation will examine whether Mexico and Nigeria's governments have fulfilled the commitments they made to women's rights and education during the last review (2009).

From 2-4 September, there will be a "pre-session" where IFUW can speak on behalf of our members and can advocate for women's rights to diplomats. This is an important opportunity for you to impact discussions in your country. If you wish to have a voice in this human rights process, please inform us as soon as possible as NGOs are heard on a first come first served basis. More information at [www.upr-info.org](http://www.upr-info.org) (<http://www.upr-info.org/-Pre-sessions-.html>)

### **Important message from UNESCO Collective Consultation of NGOs on EFA on the national EFA 2015 review processes**

The National EFA 2015 Reviews have been officially launched through invitation letters addressed to all Ministers of Education. As you will see, both the letter and the guidelines suggest that civil society organizations should participate in the national reviews. You may now wish to approach your governments and/or local UNESCO Offices in order to seek involvement in the process. [Click here to read the letter](#) and [here to read the guidelines](#).

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## Museums of Women

### IFUW Board Member Head of Mexico Museum of Women

In the decade for Human Rights education called by the UN, the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) presented the project for the creation of the Women's Museum in Mexico. The Women's Museum has the aim of reviewing Mexico's history with a gender approach, from the pre-Hispanic era to the present time, in order to make women's historic tasks and contributions to our nation visible, and women's history in Mexico ceases to be forgotten. The Museum was inaugurated on March 8th, 2011, on the International Women's Day and is located in 17 Bolivia Street, in Mexico City's historic centre.

The building once belonged to the ancient University Press, founded in 1937 under Luis Chico Goerne's rectorship of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.



*Women's Museum in Mexico*

## Visit the online International Museum of Women

IMOW is an innovative online museum that showcases art, stories and ideas to celebrate, inspire and advance the lives of women around the world. It is a museum without walls that organises multimedia online exhibitions and temporary physical events and installations, develops toolkits for educators and hosts public programmes featuring world-class authors, artists, and political leaders. IMOW gives voice to women who too often go unheard, provides tools for expression and sparks engagement on behalf of global women's issues. To visit the museum: <http://www.imow.org/exhibitions/index>

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## Other Information

- IFUW is pleased to announce that the **The Mexico Blue Book** is now available to download from our web site at: [http://ifuw.org/members\\_new/official-documents-and-publications/](http://ifuw.org/members_new/official-documents-and-publications/)
- **New Rwanda Friendship Tour announced**

[The Global Engagement Institute \(GEI\)](#) and **Women in Business (Rwanda)** offer an Experiential Learning Programme for professionals and students with high-impact short-term programmes for international students and professionals in developing countries.

### Program Overview

GEI invites passionate and open-minded individuals to participate in an experiential learning programme focusing on the experiences of Rwandan women in the context of business and entrepreneurship. Women and girls in Rwanda face many challenges with regard to their economic empowerment, from access to education and vocational training, to domestic expectations, social support and access to financial resources. In spite of these obstacles, female entrepreneurs continue to thrive and dominate both the manufacturing and agricultural sectors as business owners in Rwanda's economy. Participants in the Women in Business experiential learning programme in Rwanda will witness firsthand the resilience, dedication and commitment of the women of Rwanda both to their own economic empowerment and to the long-term sustainable development of their home country. To learn more visit their website at: [global-engagement.org](http://global-engagement.org)

- **"Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective into all policies and programmes in the UN system"**.

The ECOSOC council saw an historic moment when it approved a resolution on "*Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective into all policies and programmes in the UN system*". This is a huge step for women the world over in the assistance that the UN system provides in leadership and support to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. [Read more.](#)

- **For musical learners and achievers**

Having performed and presented music by women for the last 25 years and created the information site [Women of Note](#), Diana Ambache has set up the [Ambache Charitable Trust](#), dedicated to raising the profile of music by women composers. She plans to assist women composers both past and present. Often women composers quite well-known in their day were written out of musical history. Getting their music heard again and telling their stories will help create a greater recognition and affection. The Trust will make grants (up to £40,000 a year) to projects which champion and visibly promote music by women.

- **Call for nominations for UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize to promote quality education for persons with intellectual disabilities: closing date 13 September 2013**

Every two years, the Prize is awarded to two individuals, organisations, or centres that have contributed to the promotion of inclusive quality education for persons with intellectual disabilities. The Prize consists of a certificate and a monetary stipend of US\$ 20,000 to each recipient.

Nominations can be made by UNESCO member governments and by **NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO** (yes, that means IFUW!). More info from UNESCO (<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/themes/strengthening-education-systems/inclusive-education/prizes/>)

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## Upcoming events

- [12-15 August: Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 4th session](#)
- [9 – 27 September Human Rights Council, Geneva](#)
- [23 September: High-Level Meeting on Disability](#)
- [25 September: Special event to follow up on efforts on MDGs](#)
- [26 September: High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament](#)
- [3-4 October: High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development](#)
- [21 October - 1 November: Universal Periodic Review Session 17](#)

## Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary? Just want to say Thank you or I Love You?

A donation to IFUW is a wonderful acknowledgement and helps fund our programmes such as Fellowships, Hegg HOFFET, and BPRID

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