



IFUW Update – 20 June 2013

On-line toolkit up online

The IFUW education resource kit aimed at the Education for the Realisation of Rights of Girls and Women is now up in the members' section of the IFUW website at:

http://ifuw.org/members_new/2012-resource-kit



Presented in the format of a blue chest of drawers - blue being the colour for education in heraldry - the drawers contain material ranging from written articles, links, interviews, to references and workshop questions. We welcome feedback from NFA and branches when they have tried using the resource.

The toolkit still has to be ratified at the conference in Istanbul this August, however IFUW would like to thank those who worked on the project: Anne Negre; Marianne Haslegrave; Ranjana Banerjee; Reetta Toivanen; Patrice Wellesly-Cole; Yeabu Josephine Tholley; Seldagg Ceylan; Emma Kruse Vaai; Margaret Tait and Shirley Gillett (chair).

Around the world on IFUW Day (June 1)



South African Association of Women Graduates Celebrates 90th Anniversary and IFUW Day

South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG) celebrated their 90th anniversary combined with IFUW Day.

The SAAWG conference, entitled 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH': CHALLENGES STILL BEING FACED AROUND THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN - AND FINDING A CONCERTED WAY FORWARD, was held in May 2013 with leading women academics, activists and students who participated in the very successful event. At the conference SAAWG included information about IFUW and displayed facts sheets provided on the IFUW website.

On 30 May a Cape Town daily newspaper published the SAAWG press release on the education for human rights. [Please click](#) here to read the article.

Graduate Women Wellington President Joy Dunsheath with awardee winners Bronwyn Tweedle, Amanda Taylor and Nicola Chisnall.

To read the Media Release from the New Zealand Federation of University Women (NZFGW) and Graduate Women Wellington (GWW) on the GWW awards inaugural \$100,000 GWW PhD Scholarship [click here](#).



Left to right: IFUW Day 2013 celebration and Awards at Premier House. Rae Duff, Past-President of NZFGW; Dr Jo Cribb, CE of Ministry of Women's Affairs; Leigh Pearson, winner of the 90th Anniversary Dr Agnes Bennett Award; Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to New Zealand, Her Excellency Ambassador Damla Yeşim Say, Dame Laurie Salas, Bronwyn Tweedle, NZFGW GWW Victoria Academic Staff Development Award; Nicola Chisnall, GWW Science, Engineering and Architectural Management Training Award; Amanda Taylor, GWW new \$100,000 PhD Scholarship; Joy Dunsheath, President GWW.

What did your NFA do to celebrate IFUW Day? Send in your stories to ifuw@ifuw.org

Letters from the Australian Federation of Graduate Women to Federal Attorney-General, Minister for Immigration, and Shadow Immigration Minister regarding ASIO adverse security assessments and refugees

There are approximately 54 people in Australia being detained indefinitely without knowing the reasons, and with no means to challenge or to clarify their status. These people are in the unfortunate position of having received both refugee status and a negative security assessment from Australia's government.

Colleagues from AFGW have written letters to the Federal Attorney-General, Minister for Immigration, and Shadow Immigration Minister, protesting this legal black hole. AFGW argues that the current regime is inconsistent with accepted notions of fairness, justice and the rule of law and calls for an administrative review of adverse security assessments.

Please click the links below to read the three letters from AFGW:

- [Attorney-General Dreyfus](#)
 - [Letter to immigration minister](#)
 - [Letter to shadow immigration minister](#)
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VGIF Secures New Executive Director to Guide Organizational Growth

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) – supporting women and girls in developing countries since 1968 – welcomed Elisabet Eklind as its new Executive Director on May 13, 2013. Ms. Eklind brings more than 20 years experience in nonprofit management and leadership, as well as a particular expertise in organizational growth and development.

“Ms. Eklind was selected after an intense and thoughtful search,” said Eileen Menton, VGIF board president. “She joins VGIF at a pivotal time as we embark on a new phase in our organization’s history. She will play a key role in helping us meet our commitment to continue to strengthen the women’s global movement by funding projects that address the self-identified needs of women and girls and tackle the most challenging issues facing our world today.”

Please click here to [read more](#).

Announcements



Offer: Calling gender experts: UN Women announces new Roster of Gender Experts and Trainers

UN Women, in collaboration with the UN System Staff College, have launched a call for experts to sign up to its new UN Women Expert and Trainer Roster initiative, an online database of experts who are available, as a global pool of gender experts, to work for UN Women.

Currently, the registration is open to specialists in the areas of gender equality, economic empowerment, political participation, peace and security, and HIV/AIDS. The roster aims to help UN Women identify and mobilize a diverse range of experienced professionals and trainers on gender equality from around the world. To register, visit: http://unwomen.unssc.org/sites/set_language/eng

The UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) would like to draw your attention to a consultation they are facilitating, at the request of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, to gather critical analysis from civil society on the post-2015 development agenda.

The consultation, launched recently at www.worldwewant2015.org/NGLSconsultation, solicits input on four reports submitted to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The first of them, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, was publicly released and is available, along with more information, at www.worldwewant2015.org/HLPReport. You are invited to submit your reactions to the report online, in English as of today and in Arabic, French, and Spanish starting next week. The consultation will also include a series of teleconferences with regional and sub-regional civil society networks from the global South.

Findings from the UN-NGLS consultation will be delivered to the UN Secretary-General, Heads of State and Government attending the 68th session of the UN General Assembly, and the [Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals \(OWG on SDGs\)](#). The consultation will further inform a day of dialogue between civil society organizations and Member States on 22 September, ahead of the UN General Assembly Special Event on the Millennium Development Goals on 25 September. UN-NGLS will produce a detailed synthesis report that will focus on concrete proposals from civil society for the post-2015 development agenda, emphasizing alternative views to those contained within the four UN reports under review in this consultation. The UN-NGLS synthesis report will also highlight regional perspectives from the global South on the four reports.

For more information, please see www.worldwewant2015.org/NGLSconsultation

Human Rights Council Holds Annual full-day Discussion on Women's Human Rights

The Human Rights Council held its annual full-day discussion in June on women's human rights with two panel discussions, one which looked at various aspects of violence against women and identifying effective ways to address the issue, and the second which took up setting priorities for the future and strengthening of the work of the Human Rights Council and other inter-governmental bodies and processes in the area of violence against women.

To read the full summary, please visit the United Nations Offices in Geneva website at: www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B9C2E/%28httpNewsByYear_en%29/5188C8288A78D75CC1257B810059A/A52?OpenDocument

Credentials and Travel Grants

Deadline 15 July

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



31st Triennial Conference

You can learn more and register by visiting www.ifuw.org or on the official conference page at www.ifuw2013istanbul.org/.

Bring a Delegate to Conference extended to 5 July

The "Bring a Delegate to Conference" organized by the IFUW Membership Committee and LAC has already generated a large amount of interest. Please let us continue to support the fund, so that together we can make the campaign a huge success and help bring as many delegates to Istanbul as possible.

The IFUW Board and the LAC invite both NFAs and individual members to continue contributing towards this fund. The funds will be used only for delegates who are able to attend the full conference and provide an undertaking to participate fully in the programme of events and report back to their NFA in a meeting on their return home. The delegates will be from lower and low middle income countries. To participate [please click](#) here or send an email to memcom@ifuw.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Upcoming events

- [26 June: Thematic debate on Entrepreneurship for Development](#)
 - [1-25 July: Substantive Session, Economic and Social Council](#)
 - [1-4 July: AMR: Science, technology and innovation \(STI\) and culture for sustainable development and the MDGs](#)
 - [8 July: GA Thematic debate on Inequality](#)
 - [12-15 August: Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 4th session](#)
 - [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](#)
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