



IFUW Update- 13 March 2013

International Women's Day (IWD)

We hope you had a wonderful International Women's Day and the various celebrations, advocacy actions and events throughout your countries were highly visible.

We have been working on improving IFUW and member visibility and awareness too, and as part of this we have created a IFUW group on LinkedIn, the leading professional social network.

We would like to invite you to join and, above all, air your concerns, discussions, questions and thoughts on the group. Every time someone intervenes, each member gets a note (depending on your chosen settings) and the discussion is posted in the general LinkedIn news. It is a great way to raise profile and an easy way to have multiple conversation strands, that should nevertheless be focused on the essential concerns of IFUW and its affiliates. Here are what just some of our NFAs had planned:

New Zealand Federation

For the third year in a row the Graduate Women Wellington of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women joined with UNWomen, Aotearoa NZ and the Zonta Club from Wellington for Breakfast at the New Zealand Parliament. It was hosted by the Minister of Women's Affairs and the Keynote Speaker is Amanda Ellis, Deputy Secretary, International Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The event was organised by a subcommittee made up of representatives from the three organisations, the Federation of Graduate Women, Zonta and Soroptimists International. All funds raised go to UNWomen New Zealand. In 2012 over NZ\$1000 was raised.

British Federation

The Canterbury Association of the British Federation of Women Graduates held a coffee morning to raise funds for the Bina Roy Project in Development.

Turkish Association

The Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) celebrated IWD with its 20 Branches and Members on March 8. Throughout March, TAUW is organising panels, parades, and lunches with more than 30 events in different cities all around Turkey. Every year they prepare a joint programme and invite our members and friends from media, parliament, universities, municipalities and civil society organisations to join us for the celebrations. TAUW hopes the results of these efforts will help promote and raise awareness for women's human rights.

Women Graduates-USA

The Northeastern region of Women Graduates-USA is celebrating IWD on March 23 by standing with women artists around the world and by gathering at the Philadelphia Museum of Art to view "Women and Art". Women artists have always had difficulty being accepted in the important exhibits and schools of art. Much has been written recently about what an important socializing influence women are in business, in science, in art and in the home as they have a particular perspective which is valuable to family, society and governance.

Indian Federation

The Association the University Women of Calcutta observed IWD on March 13th. In the wake of some of the horrifying cases of rape throughout the country in recent months, the programme is a somber one. A senior woman police officer from the Central Bureau of Investigation is the guest speaker for the evening. The topic is "Can the Women in India find protection in the Laws and the Courts of the country?" followed by an interactive session.

Independent members

One of our Independent Members in Sudan will celebrate IWD by inviting leading women from her institute for a talk about women leadership or empowerment in the country, or it might be an open talk in her city with a simple cocktail party.

Policy News

2013 United Nations Human Rights Council; please [click here](#) to see how what is being discussed in Geneva is relevant to your country. Report by IFUW UN Representative Nina Joyce.

IFUW News and Announcements

New Online Discussion

A new online discussion on "Women, Ageing and Financial Literacy" will start on 19 March 2013. To take part, sign up to the discussions network if you are interested and not already registered. To do this, visit: www.ifuw.org/resources/networks/. Information on our member networks and discussion groups can be found under '**Resources**' from the drop down menu on our home page. You may subscribe and unsubscribe yourself to the discussions network and any of the other network and discussion groups that IFUW offers at any time.

Deadlines and Dues

Nominations have now closed. Please send in NFA reports before **April 16th 2013** and applications for VGIF training programme grants by **April 30th 2013**. We thank you for respecting these deadlines.

We would like to encourage all NFAs to be current with their dues before conference starts in August. On site we will only be accepting Swiss Francs CHF, USD and Euros. For your convenience, you may pay by bank transfer or PayPal. Please contact IFUW for further information.

Official Conference Webpage

The Official Conference webpage is now live and has all the information you need, including Registration forms, fees, accommodation, tours, speakers, programme and other important practical information. Visit www.ifuw2013istanbul.org, www.ifuw2013istanbul.org/en/reg.asp or <http://www.ifuw2013istanbul.org/en/registration-accommodation.html>.

From the IFUW homepage, (see image below for guidance), red arrow links (1 & 2) will bring you to the official conference website. The blue arrow link (3) will take you to practical conference documentation such as Programme, Seminars, Workshops, Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments.

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ADVOCACY NEW ON THE IFUW WEBSITE

2013 International Women's Day around the world

Women and Education in Developing Countries

Women's careers in Higher Education and Research

More NFA News »
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 31st IFUW Triennial Conference
- IFUW Programme for Action

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IFUW Young Leaders

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

IFUW has four leadership positions that are filled specifically by young members under 40:

- 2 International Coordinators Young Members (ICYM)
- Young Members' Newsletter Editor
- Young Members' E-mail Network Moderator

Eligibility

1. Candidates must be members in good standing of an NFA or a current Independent Member.
2. Candidates will also need to meet the specific skill/knowledge requirements for the position they for which they are applying.

The job descriptions and self-nomination selection process were drafted by the Young Members in 2007 to ensure a transparent and equitable process allowing any young member who is interested in fulfilling the responsibilities of these positions to apply.

For details on the different positions visit: www.ifuw.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/YM-within-IFUW.pdf

If you are interested in one of the positions please submit your CV to ymapps@ifuw.org by **March 31**. Any applications received past the deadline will not be considered. We also ask you to address a small number of key criteria relevant to the position in which you are interested in this email.

Young members may nominate themselves. However, if they are shortlisted, they will need to confirm their dues are up to date. For national members, this should take the form of a confirmation email from that national President, CIR, Membership Officer or the equivalent. For Independent Members, confirmation should be provided by IFUW Office.

IFUW Training Programme, 15-21 August 2013

“Capacity building to take leadership roles in the local and wider community”

Although more women now benefit from higher education, there is still a low presence of women in leadership and decision-making positions in local, national and global bodies. This training programme will provide tools on “how to become a leader” to participants and present role models.

Please visit www.ifuw.org/ifuw2013/training/

Upcoming International Events

25 February - 22 March 2013, Geneva, Human Rights Council

20-23 March 2013, Advancing the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda

22 - 26 April 2013, New York, 46th Commission on Population and Development

21-30 May 2013, Resumed session, Committee on NGOs

22 April - 3 May 2013, Second Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference, Geneva



Reserve 16-21 August 2013 and join us at the 31st Triennial Conference, Istanbul 2013, to “Meet where the continents meet”.

A great opportunity to renew friendships, exchange and learn.

www.ifuw2013istanbul.org

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