International Federation of University Women news

The Board of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) has requested that the Update be shortened and sent out weekly. The idea is that a shorter version will enable each NFA leader and CIR to dispatch the news more widely within her own NFA. We encourage you to share the Update as widely as possible and to remind members that they can sign up directly online on the website.

Call for answers

In a continual effort to improve our service to members, IFUW needs your feedback on membership. We invite you to complete a member survey to share your comments with us. The survey takes 10-20 minutes to complete and the deadline for responses is 16 or 19 December, depending on which survey you complete. Please forward this link (http://www.ifuw.org/posts/uncategorized/membership-survey/) onto your fellow members.

If you represent an IFUW affiliated national federation or association, please complete this online survey for national associations and federations.

If you are an independent member of IFUW, please complete the online survey for independent members.

If you are an individual member of an IFUW affiliated national federation or association, please complete the online survey for individual members.

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Austria

Ms. Lakshmi Puri from UN Women made herself available for a luncheon meeting with a number of NGO representatives at the office of Verband der Akademikerinnen Österreichs (VAÖ) representing the Austrian chapter of IFUW. Read more: http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/ifuw-austria-meets-with-un-women/

Canada

The issue of Non-State Actor Torture makes waves on Canadian radio. Listen (mins 12:20-17.55). Female genital mutilation (FGM) and incest are two forms of Non-State Actor Torture (NST) by which women and girls are disproportionally affected. Read IFUW resolution: http://www.ifuw.org/posts/resolutions/non-state-actor-torture-2013-no-8/
Egypt
Members of the Egyptian Association of University Women (EAUW) - Alexandria celebrated the one year anniversary of their "Iqraa" (Read) Initiative, inspired by the Finnish Project "Let's Read Together". Read more: http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/reading-project-in-egypt/

Japan
The Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) Board member Professor emeritus Yaeko Sumi is in New York attending the Third Committee United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as a council member on the delegation from Japan. Read more: http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/jauw-attends-united-nations-general-assembly/

Advocacy

Practical guide for civil society
The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) shares its new Practical Guide for civil society on how to follow up on United Nations human rights recommendations. For national federations and associations (NFAs), this is a powerful tool for the Universal Periodic Review.

Human Rights Day #UNRightsAt20
Human Rights Day falls on 10 December and is a landmark day for IFUW. You are invited to use the draft press release and advocacy letter sent to all NFAs. Don’t forget to send us the news of your association’s activities.

Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
Follow the #HumanRights reviews of #Cambodia, #Cyprus and #NewZealand on Twitter with #UPR18 #HRC

Opportunities

Senior Advisor to Girls Not Brides
Girls Not Brides seeks an experienced Senior Adviser to facilitate international advocacy efforts to end child marriage. Read more: http://www.girlsnotbrides.org/job-opportunity-senior-adviser-london-10-december/

Senior indigenous fellow position

Roster of consultants on gender mainstreaming
The UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is compiling a roster of expert consultants for the Central Asia sub-region on gender mainstreaming. Read more: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/VA/pdf/IRC2348.pdf

Fellowships and calls for proposals

United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women 2013
The 2013 call for proposals is open for NFAs to apply for the UNTrust Fund. Grant proposals are invited for USD50,000 - USD1 million for a period of two to three years. Read more
Other information and events

Dec 2-4  Global Forum on Business and Human Rights, Geneva
Dec 4-5  [UN Women stakeholders forum]
Dec 10  Human Rights Day
Feb 6  International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

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