



IFUW Update – 09 April 2014

HISTORY

The Fund was established in 1936 as the IFUW Emergency Fund (later called the Relief Fund) to help University women who had been deprived of the right to work, and in many cases, the right to live in their native countries.

In honour of the many years of long-term Convener Mme Blanche Hegg Hoffet of Switzerland, who was particularly responsible for raising money and distributing assistance during and after the Second World War, the Fund adopted her name in 1968.

REMEMBER!

The work of the Hegg Hoffet Fund cannot be done without your generous help and support every year!

International Federation of University Women news

Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates

IFUW is pleased to welcome Christel Moor as the new Convener for the [Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates](#). She is a Past President of the [British Federation of Women Graduates](#). She has attended IFUW Conferences since 1989 and has helped the Hegg Hoffet shop as well as contributing to it through her local association in Canterbury. Christel used to teach sociology in schools and colleges. IFUW wishes to thank outgoing Convener Marion Ennis for her long and dedicated service to both the Hegg Hoffet Fund and to the women who have benefitted from it.

Global Summit of Women

At the 24th Global Summit of Women (5-7 June, Paris), public, private and non-profit representatives will come together to expand women's economic opportunities globally through exchanges of solutions and strategies forged by women leaders in different parts of the world. It is a business summit, with a focus on women's advancement in the global economy. IFUW is proud to be an international partner. If you plan to attend, please let us know so that we can help you to get the maximum benefit from the conference. [Read more](#)

Exclusive Member Offer! Free Screening Kits: Women, War & Peace

[Peace is Loud](#) have developed an acclaimed documentary series entitled, *Women, War & Peace*. IFUW has teamed up with Peace is Loud to offer this series to IFUW national federations and associations (NFAs) to host screening events, and to launch a [joint statement: Priorities in Peacekeeping: Women, War & Peace](#). Founded by activist, filmmaker and philanthropist Abigail Disney, Peace is Loud inspires action through media and live events that spotlight women leaders on the frontline of peacebuilding worldwide. *Women, War & Peace* is a five-part documentary series featuring women's voices from the frontlines of peacebuilding in Liberia, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Colombia. The series includes the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* and is co-created by filmmakers Abigail Disney, Pamela Hogan and Gini Reticker. [Watch the trailer](#).

The films are available in a screening kit that comes with region-free DVDs and a discussion guide featuring interviews with women leaders, including Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee, on organizing for peace. Plus each screening kit has four language options: Arabic, English, French and Spanish. Already, over 180 organizations in 66 countries are screening the films to foster education, discussion and advocacy. We hope you will join this effort!

IFUW has fifteen free screening kits to give away to NFAs, if you would like to receive a kit please email details on your screening, including who you will invite, where you will host it, and your objectives for the screening, in no more than 200 words. Email your screening details to cs@ifuw.org by **16 May 2014**.

National Federations and Affiliations news

India

On 8 March, University Women's Association of Calcutta, part of the [Indian Federation of University Women's Associations](#) (IFUWA), celebrated International Women's Day by honouring two luminaries in its organisation who have spent their lives uplifting women and girls through education. Professor Chitra Ghosh initiated the India Award ([read Update 4 July](#)) for women's empowerment projects and contributed USD 1000 in seed money towards the award. She also established the Green Leaves School as part of the Women's Voluntary Services for girls' primary education. Mrs Barnali Brahmochary established 29 primary and secondary schools for underprivileged students with the cooperation of the beneficiary communities. In addition, she has opened health camps, care for challenged children and counselling centres. IFUWA salutes these two great ladies and wishes them many years of continued advocacy for girls' education.

New Zealand

The Otago branch of the [New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women](#) (NZFGW) hosted a breakfast for International Women's Day. Speaker Tangiway Rewi traced her life journey as a Maori (indigenous) woman entering academia and studying the pedagogy of Maori and indigenous women. Women's roles as mother and grandmother, and the ways in which they participate in their communities and display a work ethic, can be very influential in the education of girls. Members from other local non-profit organisations attended and in this way the focus on education for women and girls, both formal and informal, was spread through a wider network.

Advocacy

Advocating for women's rights through Arabic radio fiction

"Worth 100 Men" (Be 100 Ragl), the exclusive Arabic radio fiction on the role of women in society produced by the Womanity Foundation, is broadcast on 92.7 MEGA FM in Egypt. Since its launch on 30 March 2014, "Worth 100 Men" enacts typical situations and problems that affect women and Noha, a young radio journalist, challenges prejudice and oppression, and becomes a role model for the whole society. The radio fiction series is also on air in the Palestinian territories on Radio NISAA FM. [Read more](#)

Call for submissions

Imagining Equality: Your Voices on Women's Human Rights

The International Museum of Women, now part of the Global Fund for Women, is accepting submissions of any media type for an upcoming online exhibition *Imagining Equality: Your Voices on Women's Human Rights*. Submissions are welcome until April 30, 2014. [Read more. Join IFUW's discussion on women's human rights.](#)

Funding and scholarships

Funds and scholarships for NGOs and research [Read more](#)

EU/Nepal Support to in-country Actors to Prevent and Respond to Crisis in Nepal & European Union Countries

Delegation of the European Union to Nepal, Instrument for Stability Peace-building Partnership Annual Action Program 2013 invites proposals for support to in-country actors. Deadline: 22 April 2014 [Read more](#)

Netherlands Fellowship on short course on Integrity and Anti-Corruption

Deadline: 6 May 2014 [Read more](#)

Netherlands Fellowship on short course on 'Local Economic Development'

Netherlands Fellowship Program (NFP) is accepting fellowship applications from working professionals in government and non-government organisations who apply for the short training course 'Local Economic Development'. Deadline: 6 May 2014 [Read more](#)

Other information and events

April 1-3	2014 Social Forum , Geneva
April 10 & 15	IFUW Day Webinar – exclusively for IFUW members
April 24	Girls in ICT Day
April 28-30	Pan-African Conference on Tackling Inequalities , Accra
May 9-11 Amsterdam	Meet and Greet the University Women of Europe ,
May 23-24	SAAWG national conference
May 25-29	Women Advancement Forum , Gambia
June 1	IFUW Day (IFUW member login required)
June 5-7	Global Summit of Women , Paris
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference
September 27-October 1 Bulgaria	3 rd Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO,

Did you know?

IFUW will conduct its first webinar on how to mobilise for IFUW Day on 10 April. Have you signed up? [email us!](#)



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