



IFUW Update – 30 April 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Looking for volunteer teachers

Regular Update readers will remember that IFUW's Sheila Buemi Moore trekked to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in March for International Women's Day. Sheila also visited schools in Tanzania and Kenya as part of her advocacy work. [Give a Heart to Africa](#) is a non-profit organisation which works to empower women through education and skills building in Tanzania, where only 5 per cent of girls finish secondary school. Give a Heart to Africa seeks volunteer teachers to teach adult education, business skills, and English to women in Tanzania. Please email Executive Director [Monica Fox](#) for more information.

Tembea Academy is a girl's high school located in Kenya that sponsors girls aged between 15 to 17 years to complete their academic curricula for graduation. Tembea Academy also aims to prepare girls for college. The school recently opened a nursery to local children aged between 3 and 5 years who are learning English. The school is currently looking for a volunteer physical education teacher (field hockey, soccer etc). For more information please email [Debbie Rooney](#).

Webinar: Introduction to website development using WordPress, 6 May

In today's ultra-networked world, a website acts as the equivalent to a visiting card. A website is essential to establish your presence, public visibility and recruiting and retaining members. In this webinar for IFUW members, we will guide you through the creation of a simple website using WordPress, a package that is freely available online. In the week before the webinar we will share daily short tutorials with you to help you get the most out of the session and prepare questions. In addition, IFUW is currently developing website templates that member associations can use to create their websites.

Date and time: 6 May at 09:00 and repeated at 18:00 CEST

Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes

Who should participate? Representatives of all national federations and associations and members who would like to develop a website for their association

How do I register? Register online for the [09:00 webinar here](#) and for the [18:00 webinar here](#).

Webinar: Introduction to Advocacy, 27 May

What is advocacy? How do we begin? What do we need for advocacy success? These are questions that many national federations and associations ask when they would like to begin or improve advocacy activities. This webinar will provide you with an introduction to advocacy, key principles for success, components of advocacy strategy and planning, and important tools. The webinar will be useful for members new to advocacy as well as those that would like a refresher.

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IFUW Commemorative Book

Past-President Elizabeth Poskitt has kindly volunteered to draft a book to commemorate the centenary of IFUW. Given that this is a huge undertaking, we would already like to solicit any anecdotes and interesting historical tidbits from present and past members. We would be grateful if you could keep your anecdote to one page A4 (i.e. some 500 words maximum) and send it in to ifuw@ifuw.org. We cannot guarantee that all stories will be taken, but we will guarantee that they will all be considered and those not chosen will be archived. For those of you who might have pictures of historic relevance, please scan them in high resolution (min. 300 dpi) and label the contents so we know who is on the picture and when and when it was taken.

IFUW Online discussion 5 - 23 May: What happens to IFUW Resolutions after they have been endorsed at the conference?

Following on from a very successful series of online discussions moderated last year by the IFUW Status of Women Committee, the IFUW Education Committee (EDUCOM) will continue to use the internet to facilitate discussions on important international issues for women. The first online discussion this year takes a searching look at one of the IFUW's internal processes. For those that wish to participate please sign up on our page at: http://www.ifuw.org/discussion_networks/ or send an email request to hgg@ifuw.org.

National Federations and Associations news

Canada

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) will name a new CFUW scholarship in honour of its member and IFUW past-President Linda Souter: the Linda Souter Humanities Scholarship. Linda was the second Canadian IFUW President (1998-2001) and her service to CFUW and IFUW through her local, regional, national and international work is exemplary.

Advocacy

Intimate Partner Violence

A paper from the World Bank entitled "Gender equality and development" draws a connection between intimate partner violence and a country's economic growth. IFUW advocates that countries cannot exploit their full economic potential without equitable and inclusive economic and social models. Widespread gender based violence or the risk of violence prevents one half of a population from contributing fully to economic productivity. [Read more](#). [Join the discussion on LinkedIn](#).

Call for nominations

Documentary Photographic Project award

The Alexia Foundation has launched a 2014 Alexia Women's Initiative Grant of \$25,000 for a project to be produced on a significant issue involving and affecting women anywhere in the world. Students and

professional photographers are invited to produce a serious documentary photographic project encompassing any issue involving women in any country. Application deadline is 30 June. [Read more](#)

Call for nomination for the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the life Sciences

The UNESCO–Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences is to reward the projects and activities of an individual, individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations for scientific research in the life sciences, which have led to improving the quality of human life. The Prize encourages research and the establishment and development of networks of centres of excellence in the life sciences. Nominations should be received no later than 30 May 2014. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

May 4-10	Global Action Week on Education for All , UNESCO, Paris
May 5-9	Biennial Conference of the Int. Association of Women Judges, Tanzania
May 9-11	Meet and Greet the University Women of Europe , Amsterdam
May 12-14	Oslo Freedom Forum , Oslo
May 23-24	South African Association of Women Graduates National Conference <i>Peace in our Times?</i> Launch of 90 th anniversary publication “ <i>Rights and Wrongs in this land of ours</i> ”
May 26	Women’s Leadership 2014 : Inspire to grow, Amsterdam
May 25-29	Women Advancement Forum , Gambia
May 28-30	IFUW Day (IFUW member login required)
June 5-7	Global Summit of Women , Paris
June 30-Jul 18	58th session of CEDAW
August 17-22	Women’s World Congress , Hyderabad
September 4-7	UWE Annual General Meeting, Bucharest
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference
September 27-Oct 1	3 rd Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, Bulgaria

Did you know?

Did you know that IFUW’s membership includes former Ministers? Tell us something we don’t know about IFUW – [email us!](#)



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