



IFUW Update – 18 June 2014



International Federation of University Women news

IFUW, Singapore Committee for UN Women, and University Women's Association of Singapore (UWAS) Seminar

Increasing Access to Education for Girls & Women in Asia: Solutions for Success

30 June 2014, 16:30-18:30

Changi Village Hotel, 1 Netheravon Road, Singapore 508502

On 30 June 2014 IFUW, the Singapore Committee for UN Women and UWAS will hold a seminar in Singapore on "Increasing Access to Education for Girls and Women in Asia: Solutions for Success". Access to education is not only a human right, it is essential to achieve economic growth, human development, peace and stability. Of the estimated 130 million young people who do not attend school, 70% are girls. Join us for this interactive seminar, with high level speakers who will explore how the barriers to education can be overcome. For further information and to register please visit:

<http://www.ifuw.org/seminars/singapore>. [Join the discussion on LinkedIn](#).

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Ireland

The [Irish Federation of University Women](#) (IrFUW) marked IFUW Day with a seminar at the Centre for Global Health, Trinity College, Dublin. This took place on Saturday 24 May 2014 and was hosted by Dublin University Women Graduates Association (DUWGA) member Frédérique Vallières. Members of all the Irish associations, and linked members, were in attendance. Frédérique, who is studying for a PhD at the Centre for Global Health, gave an inspiring account of her work to provide secondary school education to Maasai girls in Tanzania. She described the challenge these girls face to avoid early marriage, and told the stories of brave women who had fled their own communities at age 11-12 in order to continue their education. Her colleague Dr Fiona Larkan gave a very well-received presentation on her research with HIV patients undergoing antiretroviral therapy in the Western Cape in South Africa. She included a most interesting and in-depth analysis of patient adherence/compliance, which provided an insight into the challenges these patients face in their daily lives.

Japan

On 30 May 2014, the [Japanese Association of University Women](#) (JAUW)) submitted a petition to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, calling for the immediate release and safe return of over 200 abducted Nigerian girls by Boko Haram. JAUW President Kurumi Nakamura, Vice President Makiko Nawata, and Chairperson of JAUW's International Network Committee, Yaeko Sumi, visited the Gender Mainstreaming Division of Japan's Foreign Policy Bureau and filed petitions in both Japanese and English using [IFUW's press release](#). [Read more](#) (in Japanese).

Spain

The Marbella Branch of the [Spanish Federation of University Women](#) (SFUW) celebrated IFUW Day by organising a fundraising lunch of over 60 people which raised enough money for a university scholarship for a girl from Marbella for the 2015-2016 academic year. There was live music and a raffle of valuable objects donated by branch members. For the past two academic years, the Marbella Branch has provided four university scholarships to girls from Marbella. This year (2014-2015) four more girls with excellent academic results and modest family incomes, will also receive scholarships. View pictures and a summary of the event on the [blog](#) (in Spanish).

Sweden

[Swedish University Women](#) (KAF) held a seminar at the [Nordic Forum](#) on 12-15 June 2014, entitled "Blue stockings, Red stockings - resistance in the Academy during the 20th Century". Over 60 delegates attended the seminar, with every seat occupied! The speakers, Hanna Markusson Winkvist, PhD, Beatrice Christensen Sköld, PhD and Christina Florin, Professor, Gender History, gave insights into the history of KAF and its fight for the rights of women to study at universities and undertake professional work. UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka as well as 90 women's organisations attended this event.

Advocacy

Communications Procedure of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Communications Procedure of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) is a tool for individuals to use in order to raise awareness about injustice and discriminatory practices against women in any country in the world. IFUW members and NFAs are invited to submit claims to the Commission on the Status of Women for consideration at its [next session \(09-20 March 2015\)](#). The deadline for submissions is 1 August 2014. [Read more](#)

I Am A Girl feature film

Girls are the largest persecuted group in the world today and are more likely to be subjected to violence, disease, poverty and disadvantage than any other group. This feature film paints a picture of the reality of being born a girl in the 21st century. [Watch the trailer](#)

Legal victory against child marriage

A new law was passed unanimously by the provincial assembly in Sindh, Pakistan, that prevents anyone under 18 years of age from getting married. The law also punishes those who facilitate, contract or perform such marriages with up to three years in jail and a fine of 45,000 rupees. Read IFUW's [policy position on child marriage](#).

Grants and opportunities

Mama Cash fund

Mama Cash is an international grant making organisation that offers grants to organisations and initiatives which promote women's and girls' human rights as their mission, who push for structural and fundamental change and who want to grow in influence and scale. Deadline to submit grant proposals is 1 July 2014. [Read more](#)

Fellowship programme, Institute of Design, Stanford University

Graduate students, professionals and academics from across disciplines come together at Stanford University's "d.school" to learn and apply design thinking to complex challenges facing people around the world. Applications for the d.school fellowship programme for the academic year 2014-15 are open. This year, experts in the fields of K12 education and health care are particularly welcome. Ideal candidates will be mid-career professionals and entrepreneurs with the potential to drive systems-level change. [Read more](#)

Job opportunities

Classifieds for the market place in development jobs. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference
June 21	IFUW Workshop: Building Membership, Dublin, Ireland
June 29-30	IFUW Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop , Singapore
June 30	IFUW, Singapore Committee for UN Women & UWAS Seminar: Increasing Access to Education for Girls and Women in Asia: Solutions for Success , Singapore
June 30-Jul 18	58th session of CEDAW
July 7-11	ECOSOC High Level Segment
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 4-7	University Women Europe (UWE) AGM, Bucharest
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference
September 12-14	Women Graduates USA AGM, Salt Lake City
September 19-20	IFUW workshop on "Building membership & visibility" , Mexico
September 26	Pacific Graduate Women's Network (PGWNet) Council Meeting
September 26-28	New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW) Conference 'Women Empowering Women as Leaders'
September 27-Oct 1	Third Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, Bulgaria
November 17-22	Global Education Conference

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