



IFUW Update – 7 May 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop & Seminar, 29-30 June 2014, Singapore

This workshop on building membership and visibility, for members in the Asia region, will provide interactive sessions, presentations and useful tools to support recruitment, retention and engagement of members, while increasing your organisation's visibility and impact. IFUW will hold a public policy seminar during the workshop, which will bring attention to a pertinent issue in the region.

Who should participate? IFUW members in the Asia region who would like to build their federation or association's membership, and independent members in Asia who would like to create an association. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Caroline Staffell at cs@ifuw.org for more information.

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 organisations 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 who would like a refresher.

Date and time: 27 May at 10:00 and repeated at 18:00 CEST

Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes

Who should participate? Representatives of all national federations and associations and members that would like an introduction to advocacy

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.

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

Turkey

The [Turkish Association of University Women](#) (TUKD) Istanbul Branch has an ongoing project, the Friendship Bridge Project with female university students to raise awareness about the practice and dangers of child marriage in Turkey. As part of the project, students attend a training programme on child marriage with a psychologist, lawyer and medical expert. During their summer holidays, the students return home and apply their training to start field work in their respective towns or villages in different parts of Turkey. Are you looking for project ideas? Member can log in to the members only section of the website to read IFUW [best practice cases](#)

Sharing activity

Women Graduates-USA (WG-USA) does not have local clubs, but operates virtually with the exception of a face-to-face annual meeting. Instead, occasional teleconferences are conducted. They recently sponsored a telephone forum focused on Women's Education in Afghanistan. Three presenters shared their passion and support for educating Afghan women, describing the current educational climate in the country and offering ways to improve literacy and access to education by the 2020 benchmark. The programme featured a special virtual call-in for participants, providing an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters in real time.

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) and WG-USA have become "twinned partners" and shared in this program. Hally Siddons, from CFUW, reprised the CSW58 parallel presentation on Afghan education using the PowerPoint "Setting the Stage" as the foundation for the morning's programme. Her colleague Dianne Rummery, also of CFUW, offered some historical context and suggested grassroots ways to get involved inexpensively. Lori Noack, director of the Afghan Women's Writing Project, introduced the idea of "telling one's story as a human right," a fundamental part of her organisation's mission to establish an online connection between Afghan women and girls through the creative writing of poetry and prose. This session was recorded and can be accessed online at: <http://www.wg-usa.org/recordings/03.29.2014-Conference-EdComm.mp3>

Advocacy

India

On the occasion of the World Book Day, 23 April 2014, IFUW urged governments to ensure that secondary school girls in particular have easy and regular access to both digital and paper books through a press release. The University Women's Association (UWA) of Deheradun, an affiliate of the Indian Federation of University Women's Associations (IFUWA) shared the release with the local media. To see the press clippings and more [here](#).

Book publication

Feminists in Development Organizations

Feminists in Development Organizations was written by Rosalind Eyben and Laura Turquet and arises from a collaborative project of feminists working inside the head offices of multilateral organisations, government aid agencies and international NGOs. The personal stories in this book show that these feminists are 'tempered radicals' positioned on the border of the development agencies that employ them. It is a place where they are neither fully one thing nor another: neither fully paid-up, pen-pushing bureaucrats, nor full-blown feminist activists on the barricades.

Nevertheless, feminist bureaucrats see their work as urgent, essential and a necessary contribution to global efforts to achieve women's rights. *Feminists in Development Organizations* shows how feminists can build effective strategies to influence development organisations to foster greater understanding and forge more effective alliances for social change. This book is aimed at staff of development organisations and students and researchers concerned with the politics of gender mainstreaming.

Other information and events

May 4-10	Global Action Week on Education for All , UNESCO, Paris
May 5 - 23	IFUW online discussion - What happens to IFUW resolutions after they have been endorsed at the conference?
May 9-11	Meet and Greet the University Women of Europe , Amsterdam
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	Intl Conference on ICT for Development, Education & Training , Kampala
June 1	IFUW Day (IFUW member login required)
June 5-7	Global Summit of Women , Paris
June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference, Ontario
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference

Did you know?

IFUW was one of the only NGOs to focus on girls' education in its [oral statement to CSW58](#). Tell us something we don't know about IFUW – [email us!](#)



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