



## GWI Update – 20 May 2015



GWI's Caroline Staffell, winner of Young Leader of the Year 2015

### Graduate Women International news

#### GWI's Caroline Staffell wins Young Leader of the Year Award

Caroline Staffell, GWI's International Development Manager, was awarded "Young Leader of the Year" at this year's [International & European Association Awards](#). The Awards event, held during the Associations Congress on 6 May 2015, in Lausanne, Switzerland, brought together the top executives and associates from associations around the world. Judges said: "Caroline developed a strategic plan, implemented projects, new training offerings and membership services resulting in 100% member retention." Caroline shared, "Thank you to the Associations Network for the honour of this award, and thank you to GWI and its members for their passionate commitment and support, without whom my work would not be possible. Congratulations to the other nominees who have done great work this year."

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### National Federation and Association (NFA) news

#### Turkey

Since the devastating mine explosion in Soma, Turkey, in 2014, the Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) has launched a project to help the women survivors. The Soma project is carried out in cooperation with the Soma Women Solidarity Association (SWSA), and is made possible by the donations from the Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW), TAUW boards, former presidents and its members. The project aims to support women to earn their living by producing and marketing food products, including cookies and dried soups. TAUW board member Gülen Çetin coordinates the project, in collaboration with the Aegean University and the provincial government of Soma. The earnings from the sales are distributed amongst the women and the number of employees has doubled.



#### Japan

GWI congratulates JAUW Coordinator of International Relations (CIR), Izumi Yamashita, on her re-election to the Fuji City Council, Japan. This marks Izumi's second term on the Council, having previously held the position of city councillor in 2007-2011. Her professional background in home economics, especially family support services, will inspire her work on the Council work to promote political commitments for children and their families. The empowerment of women is a priority issue for Izumi, especially combatting patriarchal norms.

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## Advocacy

### World Education Forum 2015

The [World Education Forum](#) (WEF) is currently underway (18 – 22 May), taking place in Incheon, South Korea. As part of the WEF, the 2015 NGO Forum (18-19 May) provided a space for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to meet among themselves and agree on a collective civil society vision for education post-2015, as well as reflect on strategies for civil society engagement in the post-2015 education agenda. The WEF 2015 seeks to galvanize the education community around a common vision for Education 2030, leading to agreement in principle on a comprehensive Framework for Action and the adoption of a Declaration. The WEF's outcome will be fully aligned to the education goal and targets of the global development agenda to be adopted at the [UN High-Level Summit in September 2015](#), so as to ensure a single education agenda for 2015-2030. GWI Executive Director, Danièle Castle, will represent the organisation throughout the week-long event, advocating for access to lifelong, quality education for girls and women worldwide. Watch the webcast of both segments of the Forum [here](#).

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## Grants and Proposals

### Trust Women Scholarships 2015

The Trust Women Scholarship Programme funds leading women's rights experts from across the world to attend the annual Trust Women conference. The Trust Women Scholarship Programme is open to all applicants working in the areas of women's rights, education, human trafficking, and modern-day slavery. Priority will be given to applicants from developing countries who will demonstrate that their participation at Trust Women will enhance their work in their own communities. **Deadline for applications: 26 June 2015.**

For further information on eligibility criteria and to apply [read more here](#).

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## Legacies in favour of GWI

As a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, GWI is sincerely grateful for all donations received from the wills of members and patrons, which make a significant difference in enabling advocacy activities and projects. By leaving a gift in your will to GWI, you are supporting the organisation to continue its mission to increase access to lifelong, quality education for girls and women globally.

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## Other information and events

May 19 – 22	<a href="#">World Education Forum</a> , Incheon, South Korea
May 23 – 25	<a href="#">International Conference on ICTs and Post-2015 Education</a> , Qingdao, China
May 29	<a href="#">University Women of Europe (UWE) Meet and Greet</a> , London, United Kingdom
June 4 – 5	GWI "Communities for Action" workshop, Sofia, Bulgaria
28 August – 1 September	<a href="#">UWE Conference "Networking as a Quality"</a> , the Netherlands
August 21 – 23 (2016)	GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)
August 24 – 26 (2016)	GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)

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