



## GWI Update – 5 August 2015

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## Graduate Women International news

### Keeping girls in school in Rwanda

On 1 August 2015, the Uwicyeza project was launched in Kigali, Rwanda, providing secondary school girls in Rwanda with personal and professional development, for them to complete school and transition to university, further education, or work. Rwanda has made tremendous progress in gender equality over the last 20 years, in the home and in communities challenges remain that keep girls from achieving their full potential, notably because school completion rates remain unacceptably low. Gender-based violence and discrimination remain persistent problems. Uwicyeza works with teenage girls to support them to address these challenges. As part of GWI's commitment to support the transition of girls from secondary school to university or work, GWI has partnered with Uwicyeza. Developed by GWI member, Katie Carlson, at the Paper Crown Institute, in partnership with GWI, Uwicyeza will develop future women leaders. [Find out more and donate here.](#)

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## GWI Member news

### GWI welcomes new members: The Ghana Association of University Women and the Lithuanian University Women Association

This month GWI is delighted to welcome two new national member associations to its global membership community. The Ghana Association, based in Cape Coast Ghana, promotes lifelong education for women and girls in Ghana; encourages women and girls in leadership; and promotes international cooperation. The Lithuania Association unites graduate women in the country to elevate education for girls and women, encourage women's professional development, work towards equality, and offer adult education. For more information on our national members visit: <http://www.graduatwomen.org/where-we-work/>.

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## Advocacy

A handbook, **Remedies for Forced Marriage - A Handbook for Lawyers**, to assist those seeking legal remedies for forced marriages in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom, and in particular to prevent forced marriages, and protect those affected, has been published by [Interights](#). While aimed primarily at lawyers, it was also designed to be useful for voluntary sector workers, social workers and women's rights advocates and activists seeking to identify available legal remedies brings together expert

commentaries by lawyers and activists working on the issue of forced marriages and interference with choice in marriage in the four different countries. [Read more](#).

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## Competitions

### Call for papers: The second annual Amartya Sen Prize Competition

The Yale Global Justice Program, Global Financial Integrity, and Academics Stand Against Poverty invite submissions of original essays on illicit financial flows to the second annual Amartya Sen Prize Competition by August 31, 2015. Prizes are named in honour of Amartya Sen, whose work has shown how the rigour of economic thinking can be brought to bear on normative and practical questions of great human significance. [Read here](#) for more information.

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## Give the gift of membership!

Do you know a graduate woman who would like to join the leading women's international organisation that works to empower girls and women through access to lifelong, quality education and training? Give the gift of membership to join a global community of over 23,000 members in more than 100 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of over 60 National Federations and Associations (NFAs).

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## Other information and events

Aug. 27 – Sept. 1	<a href="#">UWE Conference “Networking as a Quality”</a> , Utrecht, the Netherlands
September 18 – 24	<a href="#">Bolivian Federation of University Women Professionals Meeting</a> , Cochabamba, Bolivia
September 25 – 27	<a href="#">Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) AGM</a> , Baltimore, USA
October 22 – 26	<a href="#">VAÖ DACH Meeting</a> , Graz, Austria
November 14 – 15	<a href="#">Finnish Academic Women’s Association (SANL) AGM</a> , Kaunianien, Finland
Nov. 25 – Dec. 10	Center for Women’s Global Leadership <a href="#">16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2015 Campaign</a>
June 28 – July 1 (2016)	12th International Conference, <a href="#">ISTR</a> , Stockholm, Sweden
August 21 – 23 (2016)	<b>GWJ General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)</b>
August 24 – 26 (2016)	<b>GWJ Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)</b>

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