



GWI Update – 09 September 2015



Girls learning in a Ugandan classroom

Graduate Women International news

On the occasion of International Literacy Day (8 September 2015) GWI emphasised that states must take the steps necessary to eradicate illiteracy in view of achieving Goals 4 and 5 of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), which aim to provide equitable and inclusive quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all and attain gender equality, empowering girls and women everywhere. GWI insists that all programmes for action must recognise and make provision for the vulnerability of girls and women, who account for two-thirds of the 756 million illiterate people in the world. Read GWI's full Press Release [here](#).

GWI member news

GWI and the Uganda Association of University Women (UAWA) are proud to announce that their project [Teachers for Rural Futures](#) is under way with its two female undergraduate teachers, Winfred and Benadet, at the Makerere University's B.Ed Programme. Teachers for Rural Futures represents a significant opportunity to address multifaceted challenges in rural communities, driven by a lack of quality education and gender stereotypes. The girls are funded to complete the three-year course and, once finished, will return to their rural community to teach there. They are also supported through mentoring and holistic skill building to prepare them for work as a secondary school teacher in a rural area. For more information on the project and to **donate** see [here](#).

Advocacy

Sustainable Development Goals 25-27 September 2015, New York

Having consultative status with ECOSOC, and being a contributor to the Post 2015 education and gender equality agenda, Graduate Women International is particularly interested in the outcomes of the UN General Assembly in September 2015, at which countries will have the opportunity to adopt a set of goals to drive activities for the next fifteen years. See the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly 4 and 5 for education and gender equality targets [here](#).

Cultivating a new generation of female leaders: G(irls)20 Summit, October 5/ 6, 2015 Istanbul, Turkey

G(irls)20 places girls and women at the heart of the economic decision-making process by advancing the idea that increasing female labour force participation will generate growth, stabilise communities and countries and lead to social innovation. G(irls)20 will cultivate a new generation of female leaders through entrepreneurship, education and global experiences. For more information see [here](#).

Call for applications

FRIDA – The Young Feminist Fund

FRIDA, The Young Feminist Fund, is the only youth-led fund focused exclusively on supporting global young feminist activism to advance social justice movements and agendas. The organisation believes that supporting young feminists is key to the expansion, rejuvenation and sustainability of women's movements and organisations, both now and in the future. Deadline for applications: 14 September. For more information see [here](#).

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).

Other information and events

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| September 18 – 24 | Bolivian Federation of University Women Professionals Meeting , Cochabamba, Bolivia |
| September 25 – 27 | Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) AGM , Baltimore, USA |
| September 29 - 30 | 3rd UIA Associations Round Table Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand |
| October 16 – 18 | Irish Federation of University Women, Annual Conference , Dublin, Ireland |
| October 22-26 | VAÖ DACH Meeting, Graz Austria |
| October 29 – 31 | GWI Capacity Building Workshop: Communities for Action , Suva, Fiji |
| November 14 – 15 | Finnish Academic Women's Association (SANL) AGM , Kaunianien, Finland |
| November 23 – 26 | GWI Board Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland |
| Nov 25 - Dec 10 | Center for Women's Global Leadership 16 Days of Activism against Gender- Based Violence 2015 Campaign |
| June 28 – July 1 (2016) | 12th International Conference, ISTR, Stockholm, Sweden |
| 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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