



GWI Update – 16 September 2015



32ND TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

"At the crossroads of education, gender and human rights"

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Graduate Women International Conference 2016
21 - 23 August 2016: GWI members-only General Assembly

Graduate Women International news

GWI in the Pacific

A GWI Pacific regional capacity-building workshop 'Communities for Action' will be held 29-31 October 2015 in Suva, Fiji. Participation is open to all GWI members in the Pacific region, with a two-hour policy seminar on 29 October which is open to all. The interactive sessions will provide useful tools to support recruitment, retention and engagement of the membership community. The workshop will also include an optional "train the trainer" component on 31 October on workshops for teenage girls supporting them to complete secondary school and transition to university, further education or professional work. [The deadline for registration is 15 October 2015.](#)

GWI member news

Irish Federation of University Women

GWI member the Irish Federation of University Women (IrFUW) will hold its annual conference 16-18 October 2015. This year's conference, hosted by President Dr Marion Gibson, will discuss the theme of 'Women inspiring women across the generations'. Held at the School of Midwifery and Nursing, a number of notable guest speakers will be presenting, including Catherine McGuinness, the retired judge and activist, and a panel discussion with other Irish women leaders. To find more on IrFUW's work visit go [here](#).

Advocacy

GWI statement on education for indigenous girls and women to be delivered at HRC 30

GWI has submitted an oral and a written statement at the Human Rights Council Session 30, 14 September – 02 October 2015 calling for the commitment of governments to support the education rights of indigenous girls and women. The written statement has already been accepted. In the statement GWI draws attention to SDG 4.5: "By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including... indigenous peoples". Read GWI's full written statement [here](#).

Women's empowerment and political voice in Colombia

GWI applauds the ability of Colombian women to progress significantly in three major areas of women's empowerment despite ongoing conflict; gendered experience has influenced law and order, seen a rise in the

number of women in decision-making positions and girls' enrolment in secondary and tertiary education now outperforms boys'. With this year marking the 15th anniversary of [United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325](#) (UNSCR 1325), reflection on the experience of women's empowerment in Colombia over the past 15 years are especially timely. To read the ODI report go [here](#).

Grants and Proposals

Tool for women's rights organisations to find funders

Research consistently shows that women's rights organising is significantly underfunded. AWID is an international, feminist, membership organisation committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights. This searchable tool developed by AWID attempts to bridge the information gap on funding sources and make it easier for women's rights and feminist organisations to find funders working in their countries, regions, or supporting issues and populations they are working with. For more information [follow this link](#).

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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