



GWI Update – 07 October 2015



GWI President Catherine Bell during the Girls' CHARGE Panel discussion at the UN General Assembly, New York

Graduate Women International news

GWI President at United Nations General Assembly, New York

GWI President Catherine Bell participated in the side event hosted by the Brookings Institution at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), 27 September 2015. Together with a group of experts brought together by the Collaborative for Harnessing Ambition and Resources for Girls' Education (CHARGE), Catherine [spoke on the panel discussion](#) about the programmatic models that are most successful in cultivating leadership in girls' education. The 17 new [Sustainable Development Goals](#), or Global Goals as they are also known, were adopted by member states at this 70th annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

GWI member news

Women Graduates USA Annual General Meeting, Baltimore

WG-USA members and their guests attended the three-day [WG-USA](#) Annual General Meeting in Baltimore, MD, the weekend of September 25-27, 2015. The theme was awareness and action in a global society and sessions ranged from participating in a town hall-style visioning session to listening to information speakers on WG-USA's programme and advocacy priorities: human trafficking; safe access to education for women; women, peace and security. Graduate Women International President Catherine Bell participated actively; it was also the occasion to discuss mutual GWI and WG-USA opportunities and interests.

Advocacy

GWI called for governments to enable teachers to fulfil their vital role on World Teachers' Day

GWI called upon states and policy makers worldwide to celebrate World Teachers' Day on 5 October 2015 and honour the specific objective under Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted at the UN General Assembly in September 2015, to 'substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries'. World Teachers' Day highlights the fact that teachers must be empowered as a critical step towards quality education, the cornerstone of nations' economic and social capacity. GWI emphasises that teachers remain a key influence in the advancement of girls and women through education; it is essential that the international community and governments stand united to support teachers and quality learning worldwide. Read the full press release [here](#).

Grants and Proposals

Heya Fellowship Fund: You empower a woman, you empower a generation

Women have the potential to make meaningful contributions as changemakers and leaders in conflicts, but they often lack the means to harness that potential. Peace Revolution works to support young women to become self-empowered and impact their homes, families and communities by strengthening their personal growth through meditation and self-development as well as promoting women's rights. Are you a female leader who is actively involved in social work and have the passion for social change? Do you want to reveal your inner power and qualities to pursue your goals and dreams for yourself, your community and your country? Then this Fellowship is for YOU!! Application deadline 20 October 2015. [See here for registration and for more information.](#)

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

October 11	International Day of the Girl Child
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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