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Nepalese children affected by earthquake receive educational materials from GWU member JAUW

— Graduate Women International news —

Graduate Women International (GWU) to host panel discussion at World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2016

The [World Summit on the Information Society Forum](#) represents the world's largest annual gathering of the 'ICT for development' community. The WSIS Forum, co-organised by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), has proven to be an efficient mechanism for coordination of multi-stakeholder implementation activities, information exchange, and sharing of best practices to advance development goals. GWU is holding a panel at this event entitled *Harnessing ICTs for greater access to education for girls and women*; the panellists will discuss the potential outreach and acceleration of education up to the highest levels to girls and women through ICTs, fostering a rights-based, gender equal approach to access to information and knowledge. Please see [here](#) for more information. #WSIS

— GWU member news —

GWU member Japanese Association of University Women assists Nepal after earthquake

On 29 April 2015, a massive earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 on the Richter scale hit Nepal, followed by another on 5 May 2015. 14 districts of Nepal were badly affected including Kathmandu, the capital city. The earthquake claimed more than 8,500 lives, demolished many ancient world heritage sites and thousands of civilian homes. Nearly 800,000 people lacked basic services and many were left with nothing. The [Japanese Association of University Women](#) (JAUW) distributed educational materials to school children and blankets to families in Kavre, one of the the worst affected areas. The Nepal Association of University Women (NAUW) extends its gratitude to JAUW for their generous donation to the victims of the earthquake.

— Advocacy —

Graduate Women International (GWU) partner Girls Not Brides releases new resources explaining child marriage

Whether child marriage causes school dropout or vice versa is not always straightforward, but what is clear is that child marriage very frequently undermines investments in education by hindering girls' ability to

attend school, acquire new skills and knowledge, and put existing ones to use. The reduced educational attainment related to child marriage has significant economic impacts, not only for girls on an individual level, but also on a national scale. Developed by GWI partner [Girls Not Brides](#), this [brief](#) explains how to incorporate and measure child marriage prevention and response in the education sector.

— Events —

66th Department of Public Information NGO Conference to be held in Gyeongju, Korea

The United Nations Department of Public Information is pleased to announce that the [Sixty-Sixth Department of Public Information \(DPI\)/Non-Governmental Organisation \(NGO\) Conference](#) will be hosted in Gyeongju, the Republic of Korea, from 30 May to 1 June 2016. The title of the conference is *'Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together'*. This year's conference will focus on three pillars of education: Formal Education, Informal Education and Training; Advocacy and Public Information. The [Conference](#) aims at harnessing expertise across a wide spectrum of civil society organisations to unleash a range of education initiatives that ensure equitable quality education as well as lifelong learning opportunities for all. Please contact undpingo@un.org for more information.

— Legacies —

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 education for girls and women globally. Please remember to update your legacy to GWI if you have already made one for IFUW.

— Other information and events —

April	22 – 24	The Gender Construction of Society Conference Bucharest, Romania
May	16 – 19	Women Deliver Conference Copenhagen, Denmark
June	22 - 25	Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership Panama City, Panama
June	24 - 25	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	University Women of Europe AGM and Conference Winchester, UK
July	21 - 23	3rd Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016 Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women's Museums , Mexico City

August 21 – 23

[GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa \(members only\)](#)

August 24 – 26

[GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa \(open to the public\)](#)



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