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GWI panel led by Executive Director Danièle Castle at WSIS with panelists from UNESCO and University of Geneva

— Graduate Women International news —

Graduate Women International delivers a panel at WSIS

The [World Summit on the Information Society \(WSIS\)](#) is the world's largest annual event on Information Communications Technology for Development (ICT4Dev) held by the [International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\)](#), Geneva, Switzerland. Graduate Women International (GWI) hosted a panel on 2 May 2016 at WSIS on *Harnessing ICTs for Greater Access to Education for Girls and Women* with panelists from Orange Device Group, UNESCO and the University of Geneva. GWI advocates for ICT as a means to increase access to education for girls and women and accelerate uptake of training opportunities in both formal and non-formal education contexts. Please click [here](#) to download the GWI WSIS recording. See [here](#) for more information on how [our education projects](#) work towards gender equality and empowerment of girls and women.

— GWI member news —

GWI member in Uganda is moving forward on Teachers for Rural Futures Project

The Uganda Association of University Women (UAUW) has just completed the community engagement component of the [Teachers for Rural Futures Project](#). This phase is an information – sharing opportunity and a chance for the UAUW project team to interact with community members. It also serves to identify candidates for the next intake of undergraduates. This is also a chance to raise awareness on the positive benefits of girls' completion of secondary education and beyond, and challenges traditional discriminatory norms. Establishing links between the schools, parents and individuals fosters good relations and sustainability of the project. [Support us to train more girls as women teachers and encourage more girls in rural areas to complete secondary school.](#)

— Advocacy —

Syrian academics in exile- reconstructing the future

The research sharing platform [newresearchvoices.org](#) has recently published a volume of research by and collection of interviews with Syrian academics in exile. The publication aims to create awareness of the

work Syrian academics are doing in exile in the West and also hopes to provide a platform for the academic talent that will be needed to reconstruct the country in the future. Follow [this link](#) to the publication. Additional information on a project to deliver online university courses to Syrian refugee students in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan (The Jamiya Project) is also available in the publication.

— Call for applications —

Mama Cash receiving applications for grants

Mama Cash supports ambitious feminist and women's rights organisations and initiatives led by and for women, girls and transgender people. Groups wishing to apply should consider the Mama Cash selection [criteria and priorities](#). The Letter of Interest format is available [here](#). Mama Cash also supports women's funds. For more information about the criteria and priorities for women's funds, please check their [section for women's funds](#). The deadline is 31 May 2016.

— Membership —

[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 some 20,000 members in 80 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of our National Federations and Associations (NFAs).

— Other information and events —

May	16 - 19	Women Deliver Conference Copenhagen, Denmark
May	21	Graduate Women Scotland, General Assembly Dundee, Scotland
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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