



## GWI UPDATE 25 May 2016



*GWI student teachers Winfred and Benadet have almost completed their first year at Makerere University*

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### — Graduate Women International news —

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#### **GWI Teachers for Rural Futures students progress while community dialogue takes place**

Winfred and Benadet, student teachers from the Graduate Women International (GWI) project [Teachers for Rural Futures](#) are currently doing first year exams for their Bachelor in Education at Makerere University. GWI affiliate and project partner [Uganda Association of University Women \(UAUW\)](#) have generated support for the project in the rural area of Uganda where the girls are from and advocated with parents, teenagers and key individuals to emphasise the benefits of secondary schooling and beyond for their girls. UAUW member Professor Alice Kagoda commented, 'When the community heard we were coming to talk to them, they were intrigued. As this is a remote community many had planned to marry their girls off, but as a result of our visit they have decided to keep them in school.' To donate to our project and help train women teachers in rural areas please follow [this link](#).

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### — GWI member news —

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#### **Graduate Women Scotland hold annual Research Presentations Day and recruit new members**

On 23 April 2016 in Glasgow nine postgraduate students were invited to speak to an audience from [Graduate Women Scotland \(GWS\)](#). The students were from universities in the West of Scotland, selected from 19 who had submitted abstracts. On this occasion there was a particularly diverse range of topics to interest members, ranging from such subjects as advances in the understanding of Congenital Toxoplasmosis; methods of improving the welfare of sheep by making them resistant to Gastro-Intestinal Parasite to the Influential Reviews of Virginia Woolf. The Day is intended to give the students confidence in presentation skills while educating GWS members. The presentations were, as always, well received. In addition, the event raises the profile of the federation among University staff and students, a number of whom have joined GWS as a result.

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### — Advocacy —

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#### **World Humanitarian Summit 2016 will hold round table on empowering women and girls**

Women and girls suffer greatly during humanitarian crises. Extreme levels of gender-based violence and exclusion from life-saving services are some effects, and humanitarian action continues to fail women and

girls. The [World Humanitarian Summit \(WHS\)](#) in Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May, will address these humanitarian failings. The WHS will host a high-level leaders roundtable on [Women and Girls: Catalysing action to achieve gender equality](#). This embraces two WHS core responsibilities: to 'uphold the norms that safeguard humanity, including eradicating sexual and gender-based violence and treat survivors with dignity' and to 'leave no one behind, including through empowering and protecting women and girls.' Outcome reports will be a way forward for states to take the new Agenda for Humanity forward. [Ensuring women's rights and empowerment is integral to post-conflict peacebuilding and resilience](#).

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## — Call for applications —

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### **Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Education**

Since 2005, the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Education has recognised innovations in teaching and learning that leverage technology to improve educational outcomes. The theme for the 2016 edition of UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICTs in Education, is the Use of ICTs in Education for Disadvantaged Groups. Enquiries and applications should be sent to [ictprize@unesco.org](mailto:ictprize@unesco.org) before 30 September 2016.

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## — Membership —

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[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).

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## — Other information and events —

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May	24 - 26	<a href="#">Conference on ICT for Development Education and Training</a> Cairo, Egypt
June	22 - 25	<a href="#">Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership</a> Panama City, Panama
June	24 - 25	<a href="#">Canadian Federation of University Women AGM</a> Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	<a href="#">University Women of Europe AGM and Conference</a> Winchester, UK
July	21 - 23	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016</a> Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	<a href="#">Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive</a> Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	<a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Women's Museums</a> , Mexico City

August 21 – 23

**GWJ General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)**

August 24 – 26

**GWJ Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)**



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