



GWI UPDATE - 16 November 2016



The five sponsored students from the GWI project Teachers for Rural Futures in Uganda

— Graduate Women International news —

GWI Geneva takes part in the annual Escalade 5k

Staff from the Graduate Women International (GWI) office in Geneva will participate in the Geneva Escalade 5k race on 3 December, 2016. The [Escalade](#) is an annual event in Geneva that celebrates the city's victory against the Dukes of Savoy in 1602. The group is running to raise funds for the projects and activities GWI is currently working on to empower girls and women through education. Since the race takes place during the [16 days of activism to end violence against women](#), the GWI staff will be wearing orange to help #orangetheworld and raise visibility of the campaign. To find out more and to support us, [click here](#).

— GWI member news —

The Uganda Association of University Women works with GWI to sponsor women teachers

The GWI project, Teachers for Rural Futures, works to increase the number of qualified women secondary teachers in Uganda. GWI has chosen to address this barrier to girls' education by sponsoring girls from rural areas to train as qualified teachers and return to their communities as ambassadors for girls' education. In her recent visit to Uganda, GWI's Communications and Advocacy Officer, Amy Paunila, met with members from the Uganda Association of University Women (UAUW) and the five girls that GWI is sponsoring, to discuss progress on the project. UAUW members mentor the five girls and implement the project community engagement component. Read more on the project and students [here](#).

— Advocacy —

UWE files collective complaint for violation of the European Social Charter

The [University Women of Europe](#) (UWE), an affiliate of GWI, filed collective complaints for application of the Social Charter in 47 member states of the Council of Europe. The complaints highlight the fact that women are not treated as equals in the workplace and earn less than men for equivalent work. Only 15 countries out of the 47 state members of the Council of Europe accept collective complaints. UWE hopes

that by filing a collective complaint for violations of the European Social Charter, the need for change will be strongly highlighted. Edith Lommerse, president of UWE, states, “We aim to make governments more aware of the need to make reparations for women. It is not enough anymore to say the intentions are good but the practice makes it difficult. We need to get this obstacle for equality out of the way.” To read more on UWE in action follow [this link](#).

— Events —

The Trust Women Conference London 2016

The [Trust Women](#) annual Conference, held this year on 30 November and 1 December in London, UK, brings together global corporations, lawyers, government representatives, and pioneers in the field of women’s rights and anti-slavery. Sessions will bring together experts to speak on key issues that affect girls and women including human trafficking, the challenges facing girls and women refugees, and gender equality in supply chains. At each Trust Women conference, inspiring and entrepreneurial thought leaders propose innovative solutions directly relating to women’s empowerment. Read more on the conference [here](#).

— 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 —

Nov. 22	Boosting Youth Employment: Growth & Quality Jobs Brussels, Belgium
Nov. 27 -30	Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Nov. 28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women’s Museums Mexico City, Mexico
Nov. 25 – Dec. 10	16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign Worldwide
Dec. 3	GWI Geneva Headquarters runs the Escalade Geneva, Switzerland
Dec. 7 - 8	Girls CHARGE Annual Strategy and Research Release, Brookings Institution in Washington DC, United States
Feb. 23	Policy Conference on Women in the Workplace London, United Kingdom

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