

Dear Girls' Education Supporter,

The Graduate Women International (GWI) staff is gathering a team of girls' education champions to run as a group in our 2nd Annual *Course de l'Escalade* to promote girls' education, and we invite you to join us! The *Course de l'Escalade* is a traditional sporting event that attracts more than 40,000 annually and is an excellent opportunity to draw attention to the importance of girls' education.

When girls are educated everyone benefits. Girls who have the opportunity to pursue further education are less likely to experience serious life barriers such as early and forced child marriage, early pregnancies, and violence, meaning that they will have more opportunities to work, innovate, and contribute to society. However, there are still barriers that are systemically and culturally embedded that prevent girls from achieving education beyond primary school in many parts of the world. GWI aims to remove these barriers and enable girls all over the world access to quality education that will allow them to reach their highest potentials.

GWI invites you to join us for a fun-filled race of your choice, either the 5k or 7k to raise awareness about the vitality and potential of girls. The entry fee for the race is 35CHF, which we will pay initially and then collect the 35CHF from you when we deliver your race pack. Outside of this, we greatly encourage any fundraising you may be comfortable doing. Any contributing amount is greatly appreciated.

If running is not your event but you are a girls' education champion, we sincerely appreciate your contributions to the work of GWI. We can graciously accept your contribution [here](#).

You can sign up to join the group [here](#). And, please share this invitation with your friends. The deadline to sign up to run is **5 November 2017**.



GWI graciously thanks professional cartoonist, Laurence Rassat, for contributing this groovy cartoon. More of her work can be seen on her [website](#), LRCartoonist.weebly.com.

