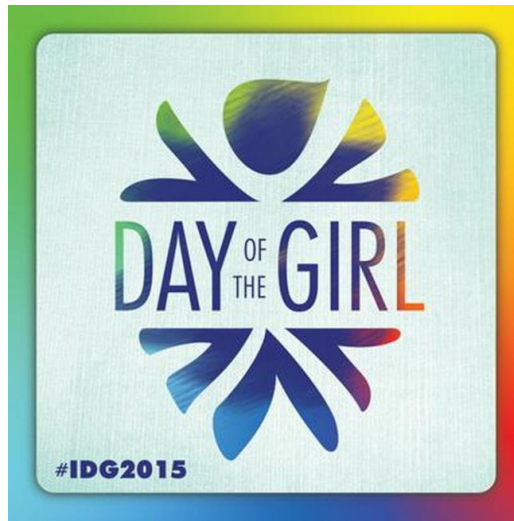




GWI Update – 14 October 2015



International Day of the Girl Child 2015 (avatar permission Girl Summit)

Graduate Women International news

Graduate Women International announces abstract submissions for the Cape Town conference August 2016 are now open

Abstract submissions for the Graduate Women International (GWI) 32nd triennial conference in Cape Town, South Africa, on 24-26 August 2016 are now open on the conference website at <http://www.gwiconference.org/submit-abstract>. Interested authors, researchers and practitioners in the following fields can submit their work on the following: managing complexity in education; new technologies and their impact on secondary, tertiary and continuing education; human rights and education; and access to education for girls and women – challenges and solutions. Read the full Press Release [here](#).

GWI member news

Graduate Women International Members in New Zealand and Sierra Leone launch Twinning Project

Graduate Women International's (GWI) Twinning Programme offers NFAs and branches the opportunity to engage in a partnership with a fellow NFA or NFA branch to achieve common goals. To empower girls and women through lifelong education, many people need to work together; twinning is one of GWI's programmes designed to facilitate such partnerships. The Otago branch of the [New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women](#) (NZFGW) and the [Sierra Leone Association of University Women](#) (SLAUW) are working together on a twinning project that supports girls in Sierra Leone to stay in and complete secondary school, and exchange with girls in secondary school in New Zealand. Linda Williams SLAUW Coordinator for International Relations commented, "I am optimistic that this will be the start of a long lasting relationship which will be very rewarding on both sides."

Advocacy

Geneva, Switzerland, 11 October 2015 - Today, International Day of the Girl Child, Graduate Women International (GWI) calls for states and policy makers worldwide to take action on the challenges affecting girls

and empower them to fulfil their potential by removing barriers to their education at all levels. Despite the existence of legislation to protect and promote girls including Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriage, these measures do not go far enough. GWI strongly emphasises the critical timing of action following recent adoption of the post 15 Global Goals to ensure that the measures agreed will be implemented before momentum is lost. Read the full press release [here](#).

Grants and Proposals

Echidna Global Scholars Programme now accepting applications for 2016

Echidna Global Scholars will leverage developing country perspectives while spending nearly five months at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. As part of their visiting fellowship, scholars pursue research on global education issues with an emphasis on girls' education. We are seeking exceptional applicants committed to girls' education who seek the opportunity to build their research and analytical skills. Applicants should have a background in education, development, economics, or a related area, a Master's degree at minimum, and at least 15 years of professional experience. A cohort of three scholars will be selected. The deadline is November 30, 2015. [Apply here](#).

Legacies in favour of GWI

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.

Other information and events

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| October | 15 | International Day of Rural Women |
| October | 16 - 18 | Irish Federation of University Women, Annual Conference , Dublin, Ireland |
| October | 22 - 26 | VAÖ DACH Meeting, Graz Austria |
| October | 29 - 31 | GWI Capacity Building Workshop: Communities for Action , Suva, Fiji |
| November | 02 - 13 | Universal Periodic Review (UPR) 23rd Session , Geneva, Switzerland |
| November | 14 - 15 | Finnish Academic Women's Association (SANL) AGM , Kaunianien, Finland |
| November | 23 - 26 | GWI Board Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland |
| Nov 25 - Dec 10 | | Center for Women's Global Leadership 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2015 Campaign |
| June 28 – July 1 (2016) | | 12th International Conference, ISTR, Stockholm, Sweden |

August 21 – 23 (2016) GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)
August 24 – 26 (2016) GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)

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