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Open Challenge

This project has earned a permanent spot on GlobalGiving but is still competing for bonus prizes. **Help them get to first place!**

Donations: **10th place** (\$6,551 raised)

Donors: **12th place** (53 donors)

Thanks to you we now have a permanent spot on Global Giving. Now help us reach our goal of \$50,000!!

— Graduate Women International news —

Graduate Women International and Teachers for Rural Futures: Benadet's Story Part Three

After submitting her application form for sponsorship for teacher-training at Uganda's Makerere University, Benadet waited patiently. In July 2015, she was contacted by the Uganda Association of University Women (UAUW) with the good news that she was a successful applicant. Benadet and her family were thrilled! She is now studying to be a teacher of science at Makerere University and, when she graduates, she will be able to return to inspire girls in her rural community as a financially independent, university-educated woman who is also breaking traditional stereotypes. Benadet says: *"I am so proud to study a Bachelor's degree at Makerere University. Because of your sponsorship, I am also working towards being a role model in my teaching career."*

Graduate Women International (GWI) is directly addressing the shortfall of women teachers in Uganda. Our project will support 50 young women from rural Uganda to become qualified secondary school teachers and ambassadors for girls' education. This will provide access to quality education for 2,000 children per year and vital role models to improve girls' enrolment. [Donate now](#). Find out more about the project [here](#).

— GWI member news —

The British Association of Women Graduates and the Hegg-Hoffet Fund assist two Iraqi sisters

[The Hegg-Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates](#) has been able to help two Iraqi sisters now living in the UK. Though they have different degrees they decided, after some considerable discussion and advice from members of the [British Federation of Women Graduates](#), to take the same course to enable them to find employment, which had proved difficult. They are taking a Royal Society of Arts course in English Medical Terminology so that they can work in the health service as translators. This will assist their integration into their new country and help others in their community. For a successful application a woman must have a first degree, have the right to remain in the new country and be taking a short course to enable her to use her qualification or learn a necessary language. Please see [here](#) for more information.

— Advocacy —

Chapter on Protection of Women from Violence to be included in Punjab school textbooks in Pakistan
[Violence against Women Centres](#), established this year in the Punjab, have achieved further success on their ongoing campaign to reduce impunity for violence against women. Following their advocacy drive, the Punjab education authorities took a landmark step in this sector to include education on this issue in the curriculum. The timing of the initiative coincided with the global [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign](#). GWI advocates for [safe access to quality education](#) to the highest levels and inclusive, gender-equality training to be included in curricula. Read the full article [here](#).

— Call for proposals —

eLearning Africa 11th International Conference on ICT - Making Vision Reality

[eLearning Africa](#) is the key networking event for ICT enhanced development, education and training in Africa. The three-day event is for those wanting to develop multinational, cross-industry partnerships and contacts whilst sharing knowledge and learning new skills. Taking place in Cairo, Egypt, 24-26 May 2016, the [11th eLearning Africa](#) will bring together decision-makers and practitioners from across the education, business and public sectors to debate, share and take action on all themes surrounding access, openness, skills, pedagogy, sustainable development, best practice and more. Contribute your research, stories, thinking, experiences and expertise – [submit your proposal](#) before 18 January 2016.

— Give the gift of education —

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 over 23,000 members in more than 100 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of over 60 National Federations and Associations (NFAs).

— Other information and events —

January	27	Free from Fear, Free from Pain- Eliminating FGM in Europe Brussels, Belgium
March	09 - 11	Future Sense- Universities Shaping the New Era Canberra, Australia
April	07 - 08	Bricks and Clicks for Europe Galway, Ireland
June	14 - 17	Missing and Marginalised Conference University of Waterloo, 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 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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