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— Graduate Women International news —

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Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce its new partnership with Orange Device Group to develop a new mobile application (app) for initial use in Rwanda and potential replication in other countries. This app will provide immediate, easy access to material empowering girls to explore possibilities in their lives beyond traditionally limiting boundaries. While significant progress has been made in gender parity in primary and secondary education enrolment in Rwanda, barriers to achieving gender equality remain. Social norms, gender roles and stigma limit girls' achievements in and beyond school. It will be flexible in its adaptability to other national contexts. Read GWI's full press release [here](#).

— GWI member news —

Senegal proud to announce renewal of GWI membership

GWI is delighted to announce the renewal of GWI membership of the [Senegalese Association of University Women Graduates \(ASFDU\)](#). With a strategy focussed on improving girls' access to secondary education and women's economic transition, Senegal looks ready for some interesting activity on girls' and women's empowerment. Dr Ndeye Arame Boye Faye says: "We are delighted to be part of this global network again, dedicated to girls' and women's well-being through lifelong education". GWI warmly welcomes Senegal back as a member of GWI.

— Advocacy news —

Care releases new report on child marriage - 'Vows of Poverty'

For millions of girls in the developing world, access to education is limited or eliminated by conflict, poverty and by social norms. Parents with meagre means often face impossible decisions about their daughters'

lives, leading too often to marriage because they cannot feed or clothe them. With no income and little opportunity to earn it, even girls themselves sometimes choose early marriage in the hope of escaping poverty's relentless grip. Underlying all barriers, however, exists one persistent, destructive theme: the devaluation of girls. GWI is addressing child marriage and other barriers to girls' education with two initiatives: [Teachers for Rural Futures in Uganda](#), and in Rwanda a [partnership with Orange Device Group](#). The report by Care, the international nongovernmental organisation (NGO), contains new data on the countries where the rates of child marriage are higher than girls' secondary enrolment. Read the report [here](#).

— Call for applications —

Training Opportunity on Human-Rights Approach to Community-led Development in Thiès, Senegal

[GWI partner Girls Not Brides](#) and the NGO [Tostan](#) are pleased to announce a 10-day workshop on a Human-Rights Approach to Community-led Development. They are interested to hear from applicants who can demonstrate they are able to apply the learning to their child marriage work and widely share their knowledge and skills. To apply, please complete the [joint Tostan – Girls Not Brides application form](#) and return it, along with your CV and supporting reference, to Kate.Whittington@GirlsNotBrides.org by 1 February 2016.

— Give the gift of education —

[Join our GlobalGiving](#) campaign and help us raise \$50,000 to support 50 women student teachers in 2016. GWI provides scholarships and mentoring support to young women from rural areas of Uganda to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls' education. Donate now and help us train women teachers to train 1000s of students. You can read more about GWI's project Teachers for Rural Futures [here](#).

— Other information and events —

February	1 - 3	Advancing Female Leadership Through Higher Education , Milan, Italy
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	08 - 19	Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive Toronto, Canada



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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