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Members of the Vienna branch, Austrian Association of University Women, and refugee women they are assisting from Afghanistan, Syria and Iran

— Graduate Women International news —

GEMS World Academy Switzerland (GWAS) get creative with videos on girls' empowerment

Students from the international school [GEMS World Academy Switzerland \(GWAS\)](#) spend a whole day every academic year on community service. This year, some students from the school chose to make films around the theme of [GWI's mission of empowering women and girls through education up to the highest levels](#). GWAS teacher Gesa Robinson facilitated discussion on the social benefits of girls' education and gender equality in professional and life choices. Following this, boys and girls collaborated on three insightful and visually stunning videos, which you can see on [YouTube here](#). Gesa reported that the students loved making these films!

— GWI member news —

Vienna branch of the Austrian Federation of University Women assist refugee women with integration

The Vienna branch of the [Austrian Federation of University Women \(VAOE\)](#) meet regularly with a small group of women refugees from Afghanistan, Iran and Syria. They offer friendship and try to assist with their integration into Austrian life. Members give special language tuition in German, try to meet some of their social and intellectual needs and offer practical advice on such things as hospital visits. They also regularly go on trips together to get the women out of their refugee home and give them the experience of 'normal life' whilst getting to know Vienna. GWI and its national associations and federations (NFAs) have a history of assisting refugee women as can be seen from a long-standing fund, [the Hegg Hoffet Fund](#), which assists graduate women who have been displaced due to war, political upheaval or other serious emergencies.

— Advocacy —

Promoting gender equality is a core activity for the European Union (EU): equality between women and men is a fundamental EU value, an EU objective and a driver for economic growth. The European Commission's strategy for equality between women and men will continue to focus on five key areas for action: equal economic independence for women and men; equal pay for work of equal value; equality in decision-making; dignity, integrity and ending gender-based violence; and promoting gender equality beyond the EU. The 'Strategic Engagement for Gender Equality 2016-2019' is a reference framework for increased effort at all levels, be they European, national, regional or local. You can read the full report [here](#).

— Call for papers —

UN Women Call for Papers on Mobility, Gender & Family Relations for Flagship Report

UN Women has issued a [call for papers](#) on how human mobility and the distancing of family members across places and borders shape gender and generational dynamics within families, for its flagship report, *Progress of the World's Women (Progress)*. The deadline for receiving proposals is **29 July, 5 p.m. EDT (UTC-4)**. Researchers interested in submitting a proposal should send an abstract of no more than 500 words, indicating which theme(s) they will address, and a one-page Curriculum Vitae [progress\[at\]unwomen.org](mailto:progress[at]unwomen.org). Submissions will be accepted in English, French and Spanish.

— 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 —

July	14 - 15	Australian Higher Education Summit Melbourne, Australia
July	21 - 23	3rd Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016 Newcastle, UK
August	08 – 19	Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive Toronto, Canada
September	19 – 20	Preventing Violent Extremism through Education New Delhi, India
October	22	IRFuW Annual Conference Dublin, Ireland
October	25 - 26	International Universities Networking Conference Istanbul, Turkey
Nov	28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women's Museums , Mexico City

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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