



## GW I UPDATE – 11 January 2017



*Antalya branch of the Turkish Association of Graduate Women Opens Women Labour Centre Project*

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### — Graduate Women International news —

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#### **GW I Vice President, Rae Duff, Appointed Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit**

GW I Vice President, Rae Duff, was recently appointed as Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM). This prestigious honour, which was approved by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as part of the New Zealand 2017 New Years Honours List, was awarded in recognition of Rae's services to women and education. We congratulate Rae for the invaluable contribution she has made to education and women's rights internationally. Please read more about our fellow sister's honour [here](#).

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### — GW I member news —

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#### **2017 JAUW International Fellowship Programme**

The Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) is calling for applications for the JAUW's 2017 International Fellowship Programme for university women graduates. Information on eligibility requirements, proposals and application forms are available to download from the JAUW website [here](#). **Application deadline: 31 March 2017.**

#### **Turkey**

##### **Women Labour Centre Project Supports Migrant and Local Women**

The Zeytinköy Women Labour Centre Project started by Antalya branch of the Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) is now part of the Social Development Financial Support Program of the West Mediterranean Development Agency (WMDA). With a goal to empower women, TAUW established a training centre where women living in the Zeytinköy district will learn to make handcrafts they then sell for income. The training centre was inaugurated January 9, 2017 and classes are off to a full start. The project will run until June 2017 when trainees will be given Certificates of Merit at the end of the training period. Read more [here](#).

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## — Advocacy —

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### **Call for Civil Society Speakers for the Human Rights Council in February 2017**

The [CoNGO](#) Committee on Human Rights is calling for applications for civil society speakers to address the High-Level Segment of the 34th Session of the Human Rights Council on the following topics: Peace and Human Rights; War on Terrorism; Civil Society Space and Human Rights Defenders; Migrant and Refugee Education; Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; Business and Human Rights for Indigenous Peoples. **The deadline to submit your three-minute statement for consideration is 25 January 2017.** Please email your statement to [gwi@graduatewomen.org](mailto:gwi@graduatewomen.org) with the subject line HRC34 Civil Society Speaker.

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## — Applications —

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### **OHCHR Special Fund of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is accepting project applications to the [Special Fund of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture](#). In 2017, the OPCAT Special Fund will accept project applications aimed at implementing recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Prevention of Torture after a visit to a State party, provided these recommendations are contained in a report that has been made public in accordance with article 16(2) of OPCAT. The proposed projects should aim to contribute to the implementation of country-specific recommendations on the establishment or effective functioning of national preventive mechanisms. **Deadline for Applications is 1 March 2017.** Eligibility requirements and further details are available [here](#).

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## — Other information and events —

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February 23	<a href="#">Policy Conference on Women in the Workplace</a> , London, United Kingdom
March 8	<a href="#">International Women's Day</a> , Global
March 13– 24	<a href="#">Commission on the Status of Women</a> , UN Headquarters, New York, USA
April 27	<a href="#">International Girls in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Day</a> , Global
July 14– 16	<a href="#">The IAFOR International Conference on Global Studies 2017</a> , Barcelona, Spain
Sept 29-Oct 1	<a href="#">Lithuanian University Women's Association Conference</a> , Kaunas, Lithuania

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