



GWI UPDATE – 3 April 2019



Graduate Women International (GWI) is pleased to announce the winners of the Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship and other 2019 GWI fellowships

— Graduate Women International News —

GWI congratulates the 2019 fellowships and award winners!

Graduate Women International (GWI) is pleased to present the winners of the 2019 GWI fellowships and awards. The fellowship and award programs of GWI and our affiliates make it possible for women graduates to complete exciting and significant research in many important fields directly related to GWI priority interests. This year, eight outstanding young women received fellowships and awards. There were many worthy candidates, but the winning laureates stood out in terms of the quality of their work, their references and the fact that their interests align so completely with the work, missions and values of GWI:

- Vidya Diwakar, University of Cambridge, is awarded the Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship for her research on armed conflict and the education of poor girls in India.
- Ashli Akins, University of British Columbia, is awarded a GWI Recognition Award for her research on the safeguard of intangible cultural heritage in Peru.
- Mariacarmen Hernandez, University of Texas at Austin, is awarded a GWI Recognition Award for her research on home informality and environmental justice in Ecuador.
- Ida Nadia Djenontin, Michigan State University, is awarded a GWI Recognition Award for her research on environmental governance of forest-agricapes in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Ariana Markowitz, University College London, is awarded the Fund for Women Graduates (FfWG) Crosby Hall Fellowship for her research on security, development and the metabolism of fear in San Salvador.
- Subha Shrestha, University of Western Australia, is awarded the Graduate Women New Zealand Daphne Purves Award for her research on antimicrobial resistance in Nepal.
- Mireille Widmer, University of Sussex, is awarded with the Marjorie Shaw Fellowship for her research on urban security governance in Janakpur, Nepal.
- Claire Cullen, University of Oxford, is awarded the Graduate Women New Zealand Cullis Leet Award for her research on norms, intimate partner violence and women's economic empowerment in Rwanda, Uganda and Nigeria

GWI and its affiliates are honoured to support the research of such outstanding young women: their studies will have far-reaching benefits for their own careers and for the communities and countries studied in their research. GWI would like to express its sincere gratitude to all who contribute to the GWI international fellowship fund, to the Women Graduates New Zealand awards, to FfWG and the British

Federation of Women Graduates awards for their generous contributions and support. To review further about the interesting research and learn more about our 2019 laureates, click [here](#).

GWI NFAs contribute to World Water Day 2019

Following an impactful 2019 World Water Day, GWI highlighted some projects relating to water issues from our NFAs in Bangladesh, Haiti, Kenya and South Africa to raise awareness about the importance of access to water and sanitation for all, and especially for women and girls. GWI thanks the Bangladesh Federation of University Women (BFUW), the Haitian Association of Graduates Women of Universities (AHFDU), the Kenya Association of University Women (KAUW) and the South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG) for their meaningful contributions. To read more about their contributions, please click [here](#).

— GWI Member News —

Mujeres a la Tribuna - Mexican NFA hosts radio programme to empower women

The Federación Mexicana de Universitarias (FEMU) works to empower women through their weekly radio program entitled “Mujeres a la Tribuna” (Women to the Stand). FEMU is the first civil society organisation to produce a programme on Ciudadana 660 of the Mexican Institute of Radio, which broadcasts their programme nationally. Mujeres a la Tribuna is one of FEMU’s projects that encourages women to pursue educational opportunities particularly in the field of technology. By doing so, FEMU hopes to reduce the digital gender gap and to increase the rate of participation of women in innovation sectors. To take a listen to their programme, click [here](#).

Graduate Women Scotland to host UWE Meet and Greet

Graduate Women Scotland will be hosting a University Women of Europe (UWE) Meet and Greet in Dundee, Scotland on 17-18 May 2019. The event, to be held at the University of Dundee Department of Equality and Diversity, will provide attendees the opportunity to discover why the city of Dundee is known as “Women’s Town”. Over the two days, guests will focus on this year’s theme, “My Identity, My Story” and together share stories of inspirational women, past and present. For more information or to register for the Meet and Greet, please click [here](#). Registration by email to: info@graduatedwomenscotland.co.uk

GWI honours the literary work of distinguished IFUWA member Nellie D.Nath

To mark the upcoming World Book and Copyright Day, observed on 23 April, GWI highlights one of its distinguished members and her literary work. Nellie D. Nath published a book on the origin and growth of the Indian Federation of University Women's Associations (IFUWA) in December 2017. As a celebration of the centennial year of our organization, Nath, in a generous gesture, would like to make her book available to all GWI members. Click [here](#) to gain access to the PDF of Nath’s book. Additionally, GWI will be publishing a press release and launching a social media campaign to observe World Book and Copyright Day. Stay tuned to our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) pages to see the press release and campaign!

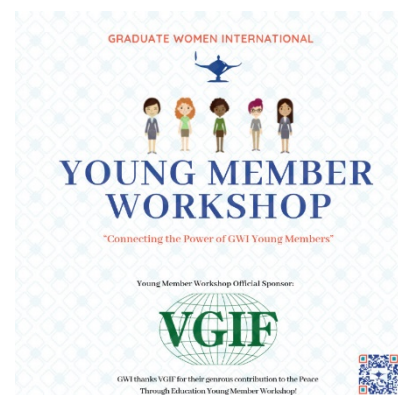
— GWI “Peace through Education” Triennial and Conference —

Early Bird registration for the GWI 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Conference closes on 30 April! Now is the time to join the more than 200 Peace through Education participants and register. Don't miss out, [REGISTER TODAY](#).



GWI presents opportunity for Young Members to prepare for future global trends

As part of the Peace through Education conference, GWI will hold a Young Member Workshop for GWI National Federation and Associations (NFA) and Independent members on 26 July 2019. At the workshop, generously sponsored by [VGIF](#), GWI Young Members, those 40 years and younger, will examine and discuss future global trends in technology, jobs and employment, social and economic justice and human behaviour. Strategic Foresight Specialist and Futurist, Aarathi Krishnan, will guide participants to understand the impact that these trends have on young people and she will facilitate brainstorming for ways to implement trends in women's empowerment. The workshop will be interactive (audience participation is highly encouraged) and will use inside and outside spaces. The workshop presents an opportunity for young women from around the world to connect, recognize the power they hold as young people, and take action to create an impactful GWI Young Member community. The workshop is available for 40 participants on a first-come first-served basis. For more information click the link [here](#), or you can contact Eileen Focke-Bakker at E.G.A.Focke-Bakker@tudelft.nl To apply for the financial subsidiary first register for the workshop then click [here](#).



Paraguay members prepare their coming to Geneva with chocolate fondue party!



Left to right: María José García, PFGW Vice President, Liza Breuer, Gloria Brizuela, Elena Prono, Malvina Segovia, BFGW President, Ana Acosta BFGW Treasurer and Fátima Fleitas, BFGW Secretary

With the GWI General Assembly, Conference and Centenary Celebration just around the corner, members of the Paraguay Federation of Graduate Women (PFGW) are embracing Swiss culture and recently closed their Peace through Education preparation meeting with the perfect activity: a chocolate fondue party! "Our first participation in a GWI Triennial Conference is going to be a great learning experience to all of us. I am very proud and happy to represent my country in such an important event as the Centenary Celebration", says Malvina Segovia, PFGW President. What is your NFA doing to prepare for this unique celebration? [Let us know!](#)

— Advocacy —

Teachers for Rural Futures participant attends workshop to further improve girls' education

Benadet Kwagala, one of our student teachers in the GWI Teachers for Rural Futures programme, recently attended a 7-day workshop at Makerere University. The workshop, funded by FAWEU in partnership with Makerere University department of technical science vocational education, explored the teaching of science subjects to girls in rural schools with an emphasis on encouraging girls to participate in science courses and careers. At the workshop, Miss Kwagala learned multiple strategies to encourage female students to cultivate an interest in subjects such as chemistry, biology, math, and physics. She reported that she required multiple gender responsive pedagogies and will apply them when she teaches the young women in her community.



Participants of the Science Education Workshop at Makerere University

— Call for applications —

Applications for the Women PeaceMakers Programme are being accepted

The Women PeaceMakers Programme (WPM) is accepting applications for 2019/2020 PeaceMakers. Women will have the opportunity to participate in a twelve-month fellowship in which they will build peace and engage in a cycle of learning, practice and strengthening of partnerships. The WPM Fellowship has the goal to perpetuate collaborations between women peacebuilders and conflict-affected communities in order to end cycles of violence. Four Women PeaceMakers and four individuals, who represent international non-governmental organizations, will be selected. The deadline to apply for the fellowship is **22 April 2019**. For more information or to send in an application, click [here](#).

Alliance of Women in Media Foundation Scholarships

The Alliance of Women in Media (AWM) Foundation has partnered with the Ford Motor Company Fund to award two scholarships, the Ford Emerging Voices Scholarship and the Ford Empowering America Scholarship. The winning applicant will each receive a scholarship of \$3,000 and the student that is selected as the runner-up will receive a scholarship of \$1,000, made payable directly to each student's educational institution in the same of Ford Motor Company Fun. Both recipients will receive opportunities to write blog posts for AWM, create two profiles/interviews to be featured on the AWM website, and to attend the Women in Media event held in the Fall. **Apply [here](#) by 3 May 2019.**

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI United Nation Representative Summary Report for CSW63 now available

The GWI UN Representative, New York, Dr. Sophie Turner Zaretsky, participated in the 7th Plenary meeting of CSW 63, General Session, which took place on 15 March 2019. Dr. Zaretsky's summary report can be found [here](#).

GWI UN Representative attends presentation of the 2019 International Women's Rights Award

GWI UN representative Helen Lom attended the presentation ceremony of the 2019 International Women's Rights Award. The award was presented by Michael Beuret who is a journalist and Head of Editorial Content at Foundation Hirondelle. The winner of the 2019 International Women's Rights Award was Nimco Ali, co-founder of Daughters of Eve, a women's rights activist and an advocate for women and girls at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM) and for survivors of FGM. Helen Lom reported that in her acceptance speech, Ms. Ali, who is an FGM survivor, acknowledged the many women who have been campaigning since the 1970s, before UN bodies became involved, against this form of gender-based violence. Today FGM affects over 70 million women and girls in the world and which, as Ms. Ali explained, constitutes both a health and a human rights issue.



Nimco Ali delivering her acceptance speech

— 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 15'500 members in 55 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of our National Federations and Associations (NFAs).

— Did you know? —

Did you know that the GWI Facebook page is only 626 likes away from having 5,000 total likes? Have you liked or followed GWI on Facebook? If not, go on Facebook to help us spread our news, advocacy, and to reach our goal of 5,000 likes. Click these links to check out our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) profiles!

— Other information and events —

23 April 2019	World Book and Copyright Day
26 April 2019	International Girls in ICT Day
17-18 May 2019	Women Graduates Scotland, Meet and Greet, Dundee, Scotland
28 May 2019	Menstrual Hygiene Day
12 June 2019	World Day Against Child Labour
20 June 2019	World Refugee Day
23 June 2019	International Widow's Day
10-21 June 2019	International Labour Organisation Conference, Geneva
25-28 July 2019	Peace through Education General Assembly, Centenary and Public Conference, Geneva

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