



GWI UPDATE – 1 May 2019



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Join them and register today!

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The Graduate Women International (GWI) Peace through Education 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Conference will take place 25-28 July 2019.

— GWI “Peace through Education” Triennial and Conference —



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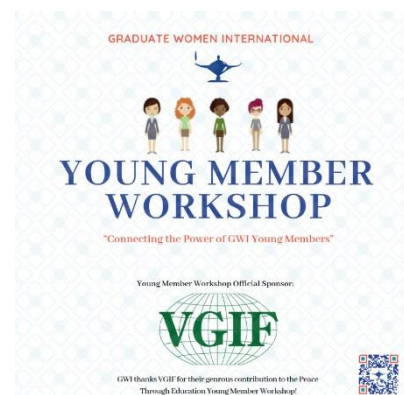
Early Bird registration for the GWI 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Conference has been extended until 31 May! Don't miss out, [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

GWI 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Conference: already more than 300 registered!

By popular demand, GWI is extending the Early Bird Registration to 31 May 2019. More than 300 participants have already registered. If you or the members of your NFA have not registered yet, please do so over the next month to receive the Early Bird Discount. We invite you to read and [share this letter](#) from the GWI Board of Directors and Executive Director to encourage all to [register](#) and make sure that none of your friends and fellow members miss the opportunity to join us for this momentous event!

Under 40? Then register for the GWI Young Member Workshop. Space is limited!

As part of the Peace through Education conference, Graduate Women International (GWI) will hold a Young Member Workshop for National Federations and Associations (NFAs) and independent members. The workshop, generously sponsored by [VGIF](#), is open to GWI young members who are 40 years and younger and will examine 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. The workshop presents an opportunity for young women from around the world to connect, to recognize the power they hold as young people, and to act create an impactful GWI Young Member community. Sign up today because space is limited to 40 NFA and independent members on a first-come first-served basis and we



are half full. For more information click [here](#), or you can contact Eileen Focke-Bakker at E.G.A.Focke-Bakker@tudelft.nl. A travel subsidy will be offered to GWI young members coming from an official development assistance (ODA) [recipient country](#), as established by the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC). **To apply for the financial subsidiary all participants must first register for the workshop then apply for the subsidy click [here](#).**

GWI offers conference participants Local Tours of Geneva

Traveling to the 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Conference is also a great opportunity for participants to explore Geneva, Switzerland! GWI will be hosting four local sightseeing tours in which participants are welcome to register. These tours, to take place before and after conference programming, will guide visitors through historical areas of the city as well as neighbouring mountains and vineyards. The tours include a guided, walking tour through the Old Town of Geneva; a visit to CERN, the world's largest physics laboratory; a day trip to Chamonix and Mont Blanc in France; and a trip to the Swiss Riviera and Lavaux. To register for these local tours, please click [here](#).

GWI Board and Committee Nominees 2020-2022

The nominations process for the GWI Board and different GWI Committees for the 2020-2022 triennium has been finalised. The full list of nominations, as well as the candidates biodata forms are available in the Members Corner of the GWI website [here](#).

— Graduate Women International News —

Geeta Desai, GWI President meet with the Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW)

Geeta Desai, GWI President participated in the TAUW General Assembly in Istanbul on 12 and 13 April. As the keynote speaker, she acknowledged TAUW's remarkable work towards the empowerment of women and girls, gender equality and the promotion of education for all women and girls in Turkey. She went on to highlight GWI activities, values, mission and particularly GWI's commitment to fostering international cooperation and friendship between graduate women to combat all barriers to women's education and global sustainable development. Following the General Assembly, Desai shared dinner with members of TAUW including Prof. Dr. Gaye Erbatır, TAUW President, Ms. Nazan Morođlu, TAUW Former President and Ms. Bařak Ovacık, GWI Vice President Fundraising. *"TAUW members were delighted to welcome Geeta Desai to Turkey and honoured by her attendance to TAUW's General Assembly"*, says Gülbin Tarım former TAUW Coordinator of International Relations (CIR). GWI would like to extend its warmest congratulations on their appointment to all the newly elected TAUW board members!



Geeta Desai, GWI President (left) and Basak Ovacık, GWI Vice-President Fundraising and TAUW member (right) as featured in a recent article of the Istanbul local newspaper Yasamgazetesi about TAUW's General Assembly

— GWI Member News —

Australian Federation of Graduate Women hosts International Women's Day events

Two branches of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women (AFGW) held breakfast sessions and invited guest speakers for International Women's Day (IWD), on 8 March. Celebrated annually for over a century across the world, IWD aims to acknowledge the achievements of women in the social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. The day also raises awareness on women's rights issues and urges everyone to act to accelerate gender parity.



Treasurer Diane Chetham, President Carol Little; Vice President Jacqueline Marchant; Guest Speaker and Secretary Patricia Ruzzene; and Committee Member Margaret Prentice

The Graduate Women Queensland Gold Coast (GWQGC) branch received Patricia Ruzzene to address the 2019 IWD's theme of "Balance for Better" and engage in a lively conversation about how we can build on lessons learned from the past to shape a more gender balanced world. Ruzzene discussed her personal experiences and the ways in which the Feminist Movement shaped her career and her life - from a Graduate Clerk in the Commonwealth Public Service, a short teaching stint, a restaurateur's wife, TAFE administrator, a mum, and a 30+ year career in Australian Universities.

After examining the evolution of the movement, she encouraged her audience to use networks, mentors, and champions, since these strategies had proven so successful in the promotion of women in the past. Finally, given her strong belief in the empowering nature of education for women and girls, Ruzzene suggested ways in which members and friends of GWQGC could work within their community. A record number of 50 members and friends attended.



Exchange Student Camilla Barstad from Norway (guest of past President Sylvia Hovey); President Bev Hinz; Guest Speaker: CDR Sarah Sharkey RNR CSC Director General Garrison Health Operations & Director General Navy Health Services; and Peace Proscovia: "Lightning" Super Netball goal shooter recruit originally from Uganda

For its own celebration of IWD, the Sunshine Coast branch invited Sarah Commodore Sharkey to talk about her experiences and vision with members. A Medical Officer in the Royal Australian Navy for more than 20 years, Sharkey has enjoyed a range of postings both at sea and ashore with her clinical background, mainly in submarine and diving medicine. Commodore Sharkey is also a Fellow of Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies and Associate Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. Throughout her career, she has received many awards, including the Australian Medal of Defence and Chief of Army Commendation. Highlights of her celebrated career, the challenges she faced and the role of women in the armed forces in the 21st century were presented.

GWI Istanbul Branch creates “Mina’s Children” Fellowship Project

In memory of Mina Başaran, an active promoter of gender equality in education and business who unfortunately died in a plane crash in 2018, eleven university students of the GWI Istanbul Branch have actively worked to create a fellowship project in which they’ve titled “Mina’s Children”. The project aims to support education and development of children from ages 10-14 in rural areas in order to prepare them for their lives in an advanced manner. After completion of training, these eleven university students will begin to help other students in villages or cities of their origin in building self-awareness, self-confidence, and the ability to fight for one’s rights. For more information on “Mina’s Children”, please click [here](#).



Guldal Göymen (Chair of GWI Istanbul Branch), Beril Başaran (Mina’s mother), and fellow students who run “Mina’s Children”.

— Advocacy —

International Girls in ICT Day

On 25 April, GWI marked International Girls in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Day. This International Telecommunications Union (ITU) backed initiative takes place in over 170 countries worldwide and creates a global environment that encourages girls and young women to consider careers in the growing field of ICT. GWI President, Geeta Desai, reminded on this occasion that “increased participation of women and girls will substantially increase the productivity and innovation of companies, ICT and otherwise”. As a whole, GWI stands committed to breaking stereotypes around the skills and abilities of girls, and to create an interest in ICT at an early stage. In case you missed the press release that GWI published for the International Girls in ICT Day, please click [here](#) to read the full report.

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI UN representative Ingrid Szabolcs’ reports on the Commission on Narcotic and Drugs in Vienna

In March, GWI UN Representatives, Vienna, Olivia Klemmer, Amarie Klemmer and Ingrid Szabolcs attended the 62nd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, Austria. Ingrid Szabolcs attended the main session of the Commission, along with the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs informal Dialogue with the Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and several side events. To read her synthesized report of those event, please click [here](#).

— Call for applications —

International Women’s Forum Fellows Programme

The International Women’s Forum (IWF) provides comprehensive and curated leadership training for fellows with influences from components of Harvard Business School and INSEAD. The program also

matches participants with IWF members who will act as their mentors, giving participants advice and insight from women at the top of their respective fields. Participation in IWF's annual World Leadership Conference is included, which brings together over 850 female executives from over 40 countries worldwide. To be considered for this Fellows Program, apply [here](#) by **1 June 2019**.

Eira Davies Scholarship at the University of Swansea, United-Kingdom

The Eira Davies Scholarship is a full tuition fee scholarship that will be awarded to a student demonstrating academic excellence and evidence of financial need. Female students ordinarily resident in a developing country who are admitted to pursue taught master's postgraduate courses within the College of Human and Health Sciences at Swansea University shall be eligible to apply for the Eira Francis Davies Scholarship. It is also a condition of the award that students return to their home country and detail how completion of the programme will better the lives of those at home. Further information about eligible countries and the application process is available [here](#). **Deadline for applications is 1 June 2019.**

— Give the gift of empowerment —

The Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme (BRPID) is a grants mechanism of GWI. BRPID began in 1978 and was later named in honour of Dr. Bina Roy, educator and former GWI President from India. To date, over half of the GWI NFAs have participated in BRPID, either as project sponsors or donor partners. For the 2018 round of funding, applications were received from Egypt, Ghana, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Turkey. These BRPID project applications focus on entrepreneurial knowledge and skills for disadvantaged women (citrus production in Turkey; horticultural and artisan skills in Egypt; STEM involvement for young female students in Ghana; gender-based violence education and prevention in schools in Sierra Leone; and the advancement of children's learning methods through technology in Nepal.) The Bina Roy projects are supported by donations from impact investors, personal contributions and our own member affiliates around the world. GWI needs further support for this years' upcoming BRPID projects. Please consider [contributing](#) or recommending an organization or institution that would consider [funding](#) a project.



Current 2018 NFAs with BRPID projects.

— Did you know? —

Did you know there are only a limited number of available seats left for the Young Member Workshop? The workshop is open to GWI young members who are 40 years and younger and will examine future global trends in technology, jobs and employment, social and economic justice and human behaviour. Don't miss your chance to take part in this amazing event!

— Other information and events —

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 Conference, Geneva

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