



## GW I UPDATE – 12 June 2019



*“Children shouldn’t work in fields, but on dreams”, Today Graduate Women International (GWI) marks World Day Against Child Labour and calls for the universal adoption of the ILO Child Labour Conventions.*

### — GWI “Peace through Education” Triennial and Conference —



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#### GW I offers conference participants Local Tours of Geneva

Traveling to the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](#).

### — Graduate Women International News —

#### University Women Europe (UWE) Meet and Greet – Dundee, Scotland

From 17 to 18 May 2019, UWE held its annual Meet and Greet in Dundee, Scotland. The theme of this year’s conference, hosted by Graduate Women Scotland (GWS) was: “My Identity, My Story”. Graduate women from all over Europe and beyond, including members of the UWE Board and GWS members and friends, gathered at the University of Dundee Department of Equality and Diversity to share stories of

inspirational women, past and present, and discover the city of Dundee. Speakers included remarkable women from all walks of life, leading by example through their outstanding professional, academic, philanthropic and personal accomplishments. Among participants were Dr. Eileen Focke-Bakker, GWI Vice President Membership who reminded everyone about the most expected event of the year, the GWI Peace through Education Triennial Conference to be held in Geneva in July. Social activities included a Civic Reception at the Dundee City Chambers, a Pechakucha night (a specific style of presentation, originated in Japan, where a presenter shows 20 slides for 20 seconds of commentary each (6 minutes and 40 seconds total), a traditional Scottish music concert as well as cultural visits, including a visit of Glamis Castle. GWI congratulates GWI Scotland for hosting such a wonderful event and all UWE members for their contributions to building a spirit of peace, understanding and friendship between graduate women in Europe and beyond. To read more about this very successful event, click [here](#).



*Attendants of the "My identity, My Story" conference, hosted by GWS, at the UWE Meet and Greet in Dundee, Scotland*

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## — GWI Member News —

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### **France: AFFDU participates in the Women 7 (W7) Summit in Paris ahead of the G7**

Ahead of the G7 Summit which will take place in August in Biarritz, France, a [W7 Summit](#) of women nongovernment organisations (NGOs) was held in Paris at UNESCO on 9 May. French and foreign NGOs assembled, to challenge the government leaders taking part in G7 to realize the importance of gender equality, economic and social empowerment of women and the necessity of financial commitments to boost this empowerment through efficient policy making. The NGO representatives were invited the next day by Marlène Schiappa, French Secretary of State for Equality, to attend her meeting with the other Ministers for Equality of the G7 countries. GWI affiliate, L'Association Francaise des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (AFFDU), was represented at both meetings by Renée Gérard, former AFFDU CIR. A full report (in French) of the summit, written by Renée Gérard, is available on the AFFDU website [here](#).



*Meeting of the G7 Ministers of Equality*

### **Senegal: ASFDU presents new mentoring and sponsoring programme for high school girls**

The Senegalese Association of University Women (ASFDU) contributes to the social and economic empowerment of women and girls in Senegal through the promotion of quality and lifelong education and training. As part of its 2015 Strategic Goal, ASFDU has developed a mentoring and sponsoring programme for young girls' students at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy High School in Dakar, Senegal. Through this programme, ASFDU mentors and sponsors girl students in social and financial vulnerable situations, promotes girls' access to science education, promotes entrepreneurial culture and female leadership in schools and promotes green governance in schools. So far, ASFDU has conducted activities in partnership with several entities of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Highschool, including the school's administration, professors, the association of retired women, alumni and the women doctor's association. ASFDU donated scientific books to the library and personal hygiene materials to be put at the disposal of the young girl students. ASFDU has also started to offer monthly sponsorships to young girl

students in vulnerable situations. Each monthly sponsorship is supported by one ASFU member who also take on the responsibility of mentoring one young girl student. Further activities will be conducted in the coming months. GWI congratulates ASFU for their invaluable contribution to women's and girls' empowerment through education in Senegal.

### **Dr. Mirella Feingold, Executive President of FEMU receives Recognition of University Merit**

On 15 May 2019, Dr. Mirella Feingold, Executive President of the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) received the University Merit Medal from the Dean of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) for her 50 years of service as an odontology professor teacher at the UNAM. GWI joins FEMU in congratulating Dr. Feingold for her deserved recognition.



*Dr. Mirella Feingold*

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## — Advocacy —

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### **GWJ marks the World Day Against Child Labour**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. Each year on 12 June, the World Day brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child labourers and what can be done to help them. “Societies cannot simply turn a blind eye to approximately 100 million of those dreams being tossed aside for corporate short sighted, selfish, gains. Child labour is a cruel atrocity robbing children of their childhoods and the world of its future. Ratification of the ILO Conventions is imperative for the future of the world and its children”, says GWI President Geeta Desai. To read and share the full 2019 GWI World Day Against Child Labour Press Release, please click [here](#). Beginning today, GWI launches a social media campaign to raise awareness about child labour and our pursuit to end this injustice. Please LIKE and SHARE our [recent press release](#) and [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts.

### **Security Council Resolution 2467 on women, peace, human rights and violence in conflict**

On 23 April 2019, the United Nations (UN) Security Council adopted Resolution 2467, thus strengthening its commitment against sexual violence in conflict and towards increased participation of women in peacebuilding and protection of their human rights. This resolution particularly recognised the need for far greater implementation of the women peace and security agenda and that women's empowerment, protection and participation are inextricably linked to the development of more peaceful, durable and equal societies for all. To read the full resolution, please click [here](#). As an organisation committed to increasing women's participation in all spheres of public and private life, GWI welcomes the adoption of Resolution 2467. Our organisation was built on the belief that only through fostering women's mutual understanding, friendship and leadership could peace and prosperity truly thrive. Today, GWI celebrates its centenary, we are more than ever reaffirming our commitment to building “[Peace Through Education](#)” – as embodied by the GWI 33<sup>rd</sup> Triennial, Conference and Centenary theme.

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## — Call for applications —

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### **American Fellowship Summer/Short Term Research Publication Grants**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) offers a fellowship program that provides a grant of up to \$6,000 to support scholars and independent researchers who wish to prepare manuscripts for publication. AAUW stresses that preference will be given to applicants whose work supports the vision of breaking through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Applications for this grant is open from **1 August until 1 November 2019**, find out more information please click [here](#).

### **Amelia Earhart Fellowship**

The goal of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship is to assist the future of women in the fields of aerospace related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. Each year, 35 talented women, pursuing Ph.D degrees in aerospace related sciences around the globe have the chance to receive the \$10,000 Fellowship from Zonta International. The application for the 2020 cycle will be available **mid-July 2019**. To find out more information please click [here](#).

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## — GWI at the United Nations —

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### **41<sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council: GWI organises side event on women and corruption**

The 41<sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) will take place in Geneva at the Palais des Nations from 24 June 2019 to 12 July 2019. On this occasion, GWI is organising a side event on Women and Corruption to be held on the 26 June. Corruption is a multidimensional fundamental issue both in poor countries and advanced economies. Corruption occurs everywhere. Evidence about corruption and its perverse manifestations has been documented for thousands of years yet, only in the past 25 years this phenomenon has been seriously examined and exposed. The GWI panel will address the direct and the indirect effects of corruption on women from a gender dimension, as women experience the consequences of corruption in unique ways and are targeted disproportionately by most un-biased metrics. Women's organizations for empowerment can provide safe and effective ways to address corruption. This panel will consider tools and good practices for women to be alert to corruption and deal with corruption individually and collectively on personal, family, community, and international levels. More details about the side event, including final list of panellists, time and location will be shared shortly. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to get the latest information on GWI Women and Corruption Side Event!

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## — Give the gift of empowerment —

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The Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme (BRPID) is a grants mechanism of GWI that needs your financial support! 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



*Current 2018 NFAs with BRPID projects.*

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 support for this years' upcoming BRPID projects. Please consider [contributing](#) or recommending an organization or institution that would consider [funding](#) a project.*

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## — Did you know? —

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Did you know that with GWI, you can help increase the number of girls that go to school in rural Uganda? In rural areas of Uganda, a huge number of girls are not enrolled in school or forced to drop out, in part due to a lack of women teachers. The GWI [Teachers for Rural Futures Project](#) supports young women from rural Uganda to become qualified secondary school teachers and ambassadors for girls' education. This will provide access to quality education to hundred of children per year and vital role models to improve girls' enrolment. Over the past three years, GWI has welcomed close to 300 generous donations, big and small, from generous GWI NFAs and individual members and friends. The most recent and extremely generous contribution to the Teachers for Rural Futures Project comes from the [Australian Association of University Women Hunter Branch](#), whose members contributed a very generous CHF700 to the programme – that is more than nine months of training for one student teacher!! Contributions of any amount have made meaningful, positive impacts on the lives of our teachers. Please reach out to anyone you know and invite them to donate as well. Your contributions matter, and we are sincerely grateful.

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## — Other information and events —

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10-21 June 2019	International Labour Organisation Conference, Geneva
12 June 2019	World Day Against Child Labour, Global
20 June 2019	World Refugee Day
23 June 2019	International Widows Day
24 June – 12 July 19	41 <sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council
26 June	GWI Women and Corruption Side Event, 41 <sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council, United Nations Office, Geneva, Switzerland
25-28 July 2019	Peace through Education General Assembly, Centenary and Public Conference, Geneva

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