



GW I UPDATE – 26 June 2019



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— GWI “Peace through Education” Triennial and Conference —



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GW I announces final 33rd triennial, conference and centenary celebration programme

The planning of the GWI 33rd triennial, conference and centenary celebration is in full swing and the programme for the event finalised. GWI is excited to announce that 27 seminar papers and 15 workshops will be presented to the GWI membership and public during the full day Peace through Education Conference on 27 July. An important aspect of this forum is the opportunity to: Learn about the work that is underway at the intersection of Education, Gender Equality, Peace and Development; Foster relationships with United Nation’s (UN) agencies and other organisations within International Geneva and participate and support this work in our respective countries. To access the full programme, please click [here](#).

— Graduate Women International News —

GW I meets with students from the University of East Anglia (UEA), United Kingdom

As an organisation aiming to promote access to education at the highest level for all women and girls, GWI is always delighted to meet with young students and present the work accomplished by the organisation and our members around the world. For three years, GWI has been meeting annually with students from UEA during their annual field trip to International Geneva, sharing first-hand information

about work in an international, membership-based, non-governmental organisation (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations. Students learned more about the structure, main areas of work, values, missions, and history of our organisation from Stacy Dry Lara, GWI Executive Director and Clémence Mathiaud, GWI Junior Office Administrator. Adding to the meaningful discussion with the presence of the three new GWI summer interns, who also come to us from UEA, Nabilah Doyle, studying international relations and modern languages; Dearbhaile Hunt, studying politics; and Naomi Hicks studying international relations. All three young women joined the discussion, thus providing their peers with valuable, first-hand impression of their experience as new interns at GWI. In their first week at GWI, Nabilah, Dearbhaile and Naomi already had much to share about the dynamic and hands-on work environment at GWI. Their contribution to the dedicated work of the organisation and especially to the planning of the 33rd Triennial, Conference and Centenary Celebration is more than valuable. Welcome Nabilah, Dearbhaile and Naomi!

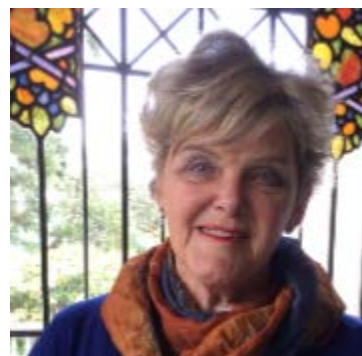
— GWI Member News —

Members of Graduate Women New Zealand receive Queen Service Awards

GWI congratulates Mrs. Beverley Turner, Ms. Beryl Jean Anderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane (Jane) Prichard, members of Graduate Women New Zealand (GWNZ) on receiving various Queen Service Awards earlier this month in recognition of their service to women. Mrs. Turner, Anderson and Prichard were among 183 honours recipients distinguished this year in New Zealand. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern congratulated the group, "Every honours recipient has made a valuable contribution to their community and our country. Their commitment to excellence and service represents the best of New Zealand."

University Women's Club Vancouver (UWCV) celebrates Charlotte Burns

Charlotte Burns is completing her term as President of UWCV. She joined the Club in 2005 and has been totally immersed in all aspects of the branch. She received her BSc degree from Otago in New Zealand. She became a physiotherapist who was able to get many "back on their feet". She brought this same attitude to her presidency as she got many projects underway and continued bringing many others to fruition. She is very adaptive and brought her people skills, organizational skills, orating skills and general ability of handling any situation to the UWCV with grace, dignity and mastery. Charlotte was involved in all committees, interest groups and events. Being a very talented singer, Charlotte represented the UWCV with a presence that was truly "Charlotte". UWCV thanks her for all she has done and accomplished to bring the UWCV together and move forward with new initiatives. GWI congratulates Charlotte Burns on being such a role model and passionate contributor to the work and activities of UWCV. We send her all best wishes for her future projects and warmly thanks Gwen Smith, UWCV Past President, for this write up.



Charlotte Burns, UWCV 2018-2019 President

— Advocacy —

World Refugee Day: GWI calls for urgent protection of refugee girls' right to education

Every year on 20 June, GWI joins the international community in observing World Refugee Day as a mean to raise awareness of the ongoing issue of refugees around the world through the different elements related to the importance of education in the lives of women and girls. This year, GWI focused on '[Refugee Girls: Education is their only weapon](#)', as we address their undeniable right to have the quality of education they deserve to be able to protect themselves. To further mark the Day, GWI President, Geeta Desai, initiated a very positive discussion on the GWI Discussions Network strongly advocating for the rights of displaced women and girls. A summary of this global discussion will be shared in the coming weeks. Alongside the global challenge this year of #StepWithRefugees organised by UNHCR, GWI calls for coordinated global actions for the protection of refugee women and girls and is encourage for positive future actions.

— Call for applications —

U.S. Department of Education - Federal Pell Grant Program

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain postbaccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any one of approximately 5,400 participating postsecondary institutions. Grant amounts are dependent on the student's expected family contribution (EFC); the cost of attendance (as determined by the institution); the student's enrolment status (full-time or part-time); and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less. **For the 2019–20 year, you can apply until 30 June 2020.** To find out more about the program click [here](#).

Korean Government Scholarships for International Students

The Korean Government Scholarship Program (KGSP) is designed to provide higher education in Korea for international students in order to promote international exchange in education and mutual friendship between the participating countries. There are many scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students alike. **Deadlines for applications vary depending on the scholarship.** For more information about the application process, requirements and deadlines, click [here](#).

— GWI at the United Nations —

The 41st session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) opened in Geneva

The 41st session of the Human Rights Council is currently under way in Geneva at the Palais des Nations, running between 24 June and 12 July. This Council, GWI organised a side event on 'Women and Corruption' to be held today. The panel, composed of international experts on the matter corruption and stakeholders from both public and private sectors, will address the gendered dimensions of corruption and raise awareness of how women experience corruption in unique and specific ways and are targeted disproportionately as victims of corruptions. Additionally, GWI is co-sponsoring three side events 1) Child Widows, 2) Education, Science and Technology for Women's Empowerment; and 3) Role of Women in the Peacebuilding Process between North and South Korea.

The United Nations, Vienna turns 40

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the handover of the Vienna International Centre (VIC) to the United Nations (UN) in August 1979, when Vienna thereby became one of the official headquarters of the UN, together with New York, Geneva and, later, Nairobi. A ceremony, co-organised by the City of Vienna and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs was held on 27 May 2019 to mark the occasion, with UN Secretary General (SG) Antonio Guterres attending.

This interesting report submitted by GWI UN representative, Elisabeth Francis, describes her attendance at the ceremony, the Vienna International Centre, the UN agencies that operate in Vienna, and what this means for GWI and our representation and advocacy here. We encourage you to read the full report [HERE](#). GWI congratulates the UN Vienna.

— Give the gift of empowerment —

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 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.*



Current 2018 NFAs with BRPID projects.

— Did you know? —

GWI fondly remembers “A Lamp of Friendship” by Edith C. Batho. Did you know that Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, Rose Sidgwick and Caroline Spurgeon suggested the idea of an international federation of women to prevent another catastrophe like World War 1?

On an autumn evening 1918, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College and two of her English friends Prof. Caroline Spurgeon from University of London and Miss Rose Sidgwick from the University of Birmingham, met and discussed how they could prevent another catastrophe similar to the war that had just ended. Miss Spurgeon is reporting to say, “We should have, an International Federation of University Women (IFUW)”. From there the women agreed they “must rally the Association of Collegiate Alumnae”, with Sidgwick suggesting, “We must go back and talk with the British Federation of University Women”.

Dean Gildersleeve believed that this was the birth of IFUW though it had a long gestation period. It was on 11 July 1919 that the IFUW was officially formed. The first conference was held in London in 1920. Representatives gathered from nine organized national federations of university women. Those present included the United States of America, Britain, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, The Netherlands, Italy and Spain. As well as this, eight other delegations attended, these were Australia, Belgium, Denmark, India, Norway, South Africa and Sweden. Among the delegates were Louisa MacDonald and Mildred Muscio, representing Australia. Shortly after the conference, these delegates successfully became national associations. The second conference occurred in Paris, 1922, whereby, an Otago representative Miss Cameron also represented New Zealand.

— Other information and events —

24 June – 12 July 19	41 st session of the Human Rights Council
26 June	GWI Women and Corruption Side Event, 41 st session of the Human Rights Council, United Nations Office, Geneva, Switzerland
15 July 2019	World Youth Skills Day, Global
25-28 July 2019	Peace through Education General Assembly, Centenary and Public Conference, Geneva
30 July 2019	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Global
9 August 2019	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Global

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