



Graduate Women International
Empowering women & girls through lifelong education

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Graduate Women International (GWI)

Graduate Women International 2019 YEAR AT A GLANCE

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Lead GWI from austerity to prosperity.



Hosted a successful triennial, Conference and Centenary celebration.



Builds on the strong GWI foundations and traditions to lead us into the future!

GWI CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

85%
overall satisfaction rate
(Survey Monkey results)



More than **400** participants



New Board and Committee members elected and appointed



8 Policy Resolutions, **3** Constitutional Resolution and **5** Internal Resolutions adopted



63 workshops and seminars



30 NFA triennial reports submitted



The 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Peace through Education Conference in Geneva in July was the year's highlight!

Keynote speaker:
Zamaswazi Dlamini Mandela

GWI AT THE UNITED NATIONS

GWI participated in the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63), Human Rights Council (HRC), UNECE Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting and the Civil Society Forum, the Geneva Peace Week and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.



Submitted five HRC written and oral statements.



60+ GWI and NFA delegates participated in CSW63 and submitted **17** reports.



GWI UN representatives in New York, Geneva, Paris and Vienna submitted **22** advocacy reports.



Hosted a successful side event on Women & Corruption at HRC41 in June.

MEMBERSHIP

GWI has more than 15'000 members from around the world. Our members work nationally and internationally to promote safe access to quality, lifelong education for women and girls everywhere.



GWI supports **55** National Federations and Associations (NFAs).



The GWI Office referred **103** applications to their local NFAs.



GWI also comprises **23** Independent Members from 15 countries.

COMMUNICATION

Through a comprehensive communication plan of daily social media posts, the Update Newsletter and press releases, GWI advances its mission locally, nationally and internationally.



More than **2000** posts on four different social media platforms.



GWI gained more than **900** new social media followers.



Published **24** Update Newsletters and five Special Editions, totalling to **232** write-ups.



Issued **22** press releases & NFA templates

ADVOCACY

GWI created four impactful advocacy campaign toolkits offering gripping information, advocacy ideas and comprehensive social media campaigns.



International Menstrual Hygiene Day.



International Day of the Girl, published by WUNRN.



International Day of Rural Women, published by WUNRN.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, published by WUNRN.

INTERSHIPS & VOLUNTEERING

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GWI mentored **eight** interns from the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, USA, South Korea and Indonesia.



35 volunteers participated in the 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Peace through Education Conference. Their help was key to the event's success!

COLLABORATION IN GENEVA



GWI is an active participant in the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva, Vienna and New York, a strategic body for women's rights advocacy.



Active participation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, NGO Committee on Ageing and gender networks to promote the protection of education and women's rights.

PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES



More than **2'000** women and girls directly benefited from the 2018-2019 Bina Roy Partners in Development projects in Egypt, Ghana, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Turkey.



GWI awarded a total of CHF **15'300** in the form of fellowships and grants, of which CHF 12'000 went to the Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship.



GWI is currently reviewing new applicants from Syria and Iraq for the Hegg Hoffet fund for displaced women.



The five participants supported by GWI through the Teachers for Rural Futures programme in Uganda are expected to graduate in January 2020.



GWI thanks all its members, volunteers and donors for their tireless contributions!



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Empowering women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace. GWI, formerly IFUW, is in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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