



GWI UPDATE – 13 May 2020



GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI)
Connecting across Borders for
Growth of Knowledge and Friendship

GENDER AND MEDIA WEBINAR

EMPOWERING OR THREATENING?
A REPRESENTATION OF WOMAN IN MEDIA

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15 May 2020
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Graduate Women International (GWI) continues its 2020 Webinar Cycle “Connecting across Borders for Growth of Knowledge and Friendship” with a Gender and Media Webinar on 15 May 2020 (GWI Members Only).

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— International Advocacy News —

GW voices concerns about the shadow pandemic of GBV during COVID-19

GW is cautiously encouraged by governments' phase-in measures to reopen schools and economies around the world. Yet our organisation remains focused on raising the voices of graduate women against the proclivity of GBV against women and girls worldwide as a by-product of COVID-19. Importantly, as countries phase-in COVID-19 recovery, GW is focusing efforts on helping the GW National Federations and Associations (NFAs) address the lingering, sustained and consequential effects of GBV. To this end, GW customized for its 52 NFAs a [statement](#) with findings on the acute impacts of the COVID-19 on GBV. The goal of the statement is to provide members, partners, friends and colleagues with information to identify COVID-19, GBV-specific risks in their communities and how to take actions to mitigate those risks. Individualized statements have been distributed. However, for further awareness-raising, the overarching statement that includes space for each GW NFA to include local information additional impact regarding local concerns about GBV is available for download [HERE](#). We encourage members to localise and widely distribute the statement.

GWI to mark Menstrual Hygiene Day on 28 May 2020

Menstrual Hygiene Day, observed annually on 28 May, is a reminder that women and girls across the world continue to face a variety of unnecessary challenges due to their menstruation. This year marks GWI's third observance of [Menstrual Hygiene Day](#) (MH Day). Initiated by the German-based NGO [WASH United](#) in 2014, this annual awareness day brings together non-profit organisations, government agencies, private sector, the media and individuals from around the world to promote Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). GWI is pleased to announce the continuation of its alliance with [Menstrual Hygiene Day \(MH Day\)](#) in their efforts to catalyse a growing, global movement that recognizes and supports girls' and women's rights and advocate for the integration of MHM into global, national and local policies, programmes and projects. A comprehensive infographic as well as an advocacy toolkit with ready-to-use and will be released in the coming days. Look for the full campaign on the GWI [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

— Member News: GWI 2020 Webinar Cycle —

GWI kickstarted its Spring 2020 Webinar Cycle "[Connecting across Borders for Growth of Knowledge and Friendship](#)" on 8 May with a successful webinar on the [GWI Twinning Programme](#). Through this exclusive discussion, GWI members discovered how to build international friendship and collaboration between National Federations and Associations (NFAs) through participation in the Twinning Programme and in line with the vision of GWI's founding mothers. This webinar provided a comprehensive [overview](#) of the programme, presented the purpose and benefits of twinning as well best practices to make the most of the programme. Missed the chance to participate? Not a problem! The recording of the video will be available soon for all current GWI Members. Stay tuned and in the meantime do not lose the chance to register for the upcoming GWI webinars!



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GWI Gender and Media Webinar

15 May 2020

10-11am Central European Summer Time (CEST) or 4-5pm CEST

The GWI Gender and Media Webinar : Empowering or threatening? A Representation of Woman in Media will provide members with the tools to view and analyse films, TV series, advertisements and news

through a gender lens. Whether communication takes place between individuals or via mass communication through the media, it is not simply a transmission of news, information or images and is often biased. Knowledge of what is happening in real life is produced by professionals working in the media. Therefore, every news broadcast, image, series, films, or advertisement that is filtered through the production processes of the media cannot be neutral. To maximize participation opportunities for all members, the GWI Gender and Media Webinar will be held twice. Participants can choose between the two following times on 15 May 2020: 10-11 am CEST or 4-5pm CEST. [CLICK HERE to register today!](#)



GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI)
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ADVOCACY WEBINAR

REGISTER TODAY (GWI Members Only)
Thursday, 21 May 2020
4-5pm CEST

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Plan to attend future webinars on GWI Resolution on migration, Gender and Art, and more!

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GWI Advocacy Webinar
21 May 2020
4-5pm CEST

With the exclusive participation of NGO Committee on the Status of Women New York guest speakers: Houry Geudelekian, President and Ivy Koek, Vice Chair. GWI provides a global voice for women graduates through a bold, multichannel and innovative advocacy strategy. GWI works at the international level with the United Nations and its different mechanisms, other international agencies, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), to eliminate the barriers women and girls face when trying to gain an education. This third webinar of the 2020 GWI Webinar Cycle "Connecting across Borders Growth of Knowledge and Friendship" will provide participants with an in-depth overview of the GWI advocacy strategy. GWI members will also learn how to utilize GWI advocacy channels to strengthen their own NFA voices. [CLICK HERE to register today!](#)

— Call for Applications —

2020 UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education – Extended Deadline

As COVID-19 related school closures widen gender disparities, organizations championing girls' and women's education need our support more than ever. Accordingly, UNESCO reminds its partners and followers around the world that the call for nominations for the 2020 edition of the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education is open until **26 May 2020** (12am Central European Summer Time). Funded by the People's Republic of China, the Prize honours outstanding and innovative practices advancing girls'

and women's education and consists of two monetary awards of USD 50,000 to help further the work of laureates in this field. For further information on the Prize and its nomination process, please click [HERE](#).

OWSD PhD Fellowships – Extended Deadline

The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World is offering a fellowship to women scientists from Science and Technology Lagging Countries with funds provided by the Swedish International Development Agency. The fellowship aims to contribute to a new generation of emerging women leaders in science and technology and promote effective participation in science and technological developments in their countries. Fellowships are available as two study themes 1) full-time (maximum 4-years) research conducted in another developing country or 2) the 'sandwich' theme which allows PhD students to conduct studies in another country while simultaneously completing their degree at home. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the deadline for applications is extended to 31 May 2020. For a full list of eligibility requirements and information about the fellowship, please click [HERE](#).

— Give the gift of membership —

Graduation season is upon us: with the turn of a tassel, a new generation of female leaders and changemakers emerges, carrying with them an incomparable sense of pride, accomplishment and hope for what's yet to come. Celebrate the accomplishments and limitless potential of the graduate women in your life, [give the gift of membership!](#) GWI membership allows graduate women 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 provide new graduate women with the opportunity to raise their voice at the global level by becoming a part of a community of some 16'000 members in 56 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of our NFAs.

— Did you know? —

Did you know that the [GWI Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme](#) supports projects that empower girls and women through education and leadership development. BRPID grants are awarded to GWI national federations and associations from developing countries on a competitive basis. The Bina Roy projects are supported by donations from impact investors, personal contributions and our own member affiliates around the world. BRPID began in 1978 and was later renamed in honour of Dr. Bina Roy, educator and former GWI President from India. [For the 2019-2020 round of funding](#), the selected projects are located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), El Salvador, Ghana, India, Mexico and Turkey. [Click here](#) to learn more about the BRPID programme and the current and previous GWI BRPID projects.

— Other information and events —

28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day, Global
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour, Global
15 June-3 July 2020	Human Rights Council, 44 th session, United Nations Office, Geneva
19 June	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Global
20 June	World Refugee Day, Global

23 June	International Widows Day, Global
7-10 July	Generation Equality Forum Paris
15 July	World Youth Skills Day, Global
30 July	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Global
31 July	Pan-African Women's Day, Global
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Global
12 August	International Youth Day, Global
8 September	International Literacy Day, Global
14 Sep-2 Oct	Human Rights Council, 45 th session, United Nations Office, Geneva
18-20 September	Centenary of the French Association of University Women

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