



GWI UPDATE – 11 November 2020



GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI)

International Advocacy Webinar Series

**ADVOCACY IN ACTION:
HOW TO CREATE A STRATEGIC ADVOCACY
PLAN FOR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

Thursday, 12 November 2020

10-11am(first session) and 4-5pm (second session) CET

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(GWI Members Only)



On Thursday, 12 November 2020, GWI will host the fourth webinar in the fall 2020 International Advocacy Webinar series, "Putting the pieces together and raising women's voices through strategic advocacy in a changing world", with its webinar, "Advocacy in Action: How to create a strategic advocacy plan for gender-based violence".

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International advocacy webinar series: next to last chance to participate!

Thank you to all who attended the first three webinars of the Graduate Women International (GWI) International Advocacy Webinar Series, "Putting the pieces together and raising women's voices through strategic advocacy in the changing world" on 22 October, 29 October and 5 November 2020. The series is now drawing to a close! If you have not already done so, click [HERE](#) to register today for the last webinar of the series, "GWI Advocacy in Action: How to create a Strategic Advocacy Plan for Gender-Based Violence (GBV)" to be held Thursday, 12 November 2020, 10-11am (first session) and 4-5pm (second session) Central European Time. We invite you to click [HERE](#) to access a time zone converter and check the corresponding time for your location. Missed the chance to participate? Not a problem! The recording of the webinars are available on the [GWI Member Corner](#) for all current GWI Members.

We are also pleased to announce a **BONUS webinar developed by the GWI Education Committee!** The “Education and COVID 19: What are teaching and schools to be like going forward?” webinar will be on 19 November 2020 at 8am (one session only) Central European Time.

Membership Marketplace new Peer-to-Peer and NFA-to-NFA activities

The GWI Membership Marketplace is in full swing! Activities have started and we are excited to see such great interest and participation in the programme. Visit the GWI website to learn more and join one the two streams of projects offered by the GWI Membership Marketplace: Peer-to-Peer and NFA-to-NFA.

- [NFA to NFA Project](#): Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) and Graduate Women Netherlands (GWI-NL) Afghan peace negotiations: their perilous significance for women in Afghanistan. The project will raise awareness about the Afghanistan peace negotiations currently in progress and their significance for Afghan women and indeed their country. The project participants held their first meeting on 6 November 2020. Stay tuned for project progress!
- New [Peer-to-Peer Activity](#): Early Career Skills. Radwa Mohamed Abdel Fattah (Egypt) - 10 classes, twice per month beginning 4 December. Maximum 15 participants. GWI members only. These classes aim to prepare women more for acquiring a job; it will cover writing CV, cover letter and motivational letter, how to go through an interview, how to look for a job and basic English terms. Other activities being offered are Spanish language lessons, Information and Communication Technology Literacy Positive Discipline Parenting, Discussions on the role and challenges of female scientists in academia and Equal Enjoyment of Older People: A Reading Club for the Elderly. Register [HERE](#).

The Spanish lessons held by Activity Leader, Lenny Roxana, Federación Boliviana de Mujeres Profesionales Universitarias, are very popular. The class group is made up of four countries: England, Ireland, Egypt, and Bolivia. Ms. Roxana says, “I am really happy to be a part of the GWI Peer-to-Peer Membership Marketplace experience. As activity leader it is a privilege to prepare classes each week to share joy and practical knowledge with friends from other countries. Doing a service to friends is a wonderful thing”. “Sharing this diversity is something that rejoices the heart, because in addition to practicing Spanish, we talk about the reality of our countries and professional life, so we can learn from each other. A space of friendship and mutual learning between professional women is a true gift, we all look forward to the arrival of the next class, to see our friends. Learning from each other is the best way to create deep friendships and bonds of solidarity. Thank you very much for this big opportunity”, she adds.



GWI Spanish Lessons

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— GWI Member News —

IFUWA and EAGW to hold NFA-to-NFA project webinar on Sexual Harassment on 21 November



Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace

📅 21st November 2020
🕒 5:30 PM IST (1:00 PM CET)



EAUW in collaboration with IFUWA for women's safety project.

21 November 2020 at 1.00-2:20PM CET (5.30 pm IST). To Register, visit UWA Pune's website, www.uwapune.com, and click on the banner on the website and register and click on the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkdeygrTkoHtPeraYXhYbCLhwdDNNb8oMw>.

This training webinar will be useful for corporate and industrial units and also institutions of higher education. An eminent speaker will elucidate the subject of women's safety with examples. This webinar promises to be informative and GWI encourages all members to participate. Sexual harassment in the workplace is a universal problem and we can all benefit from learning more and hearing solutions for the way forward.

Netherlands Member Mrs Betty Rietveld-Malinosky Blom to celebrate her 100th birthday

Mrs Betty Rietveld-Malinosky Blom, born 21 November 1920 and longstanding member of GWI-NL, is celebrating her 100th birthday this month! Mrs Rietveld-Malinosky Blom was a very active member of GWI, formerly known as the International Federation of Graduate Women (IFUW) between the 1950s and the 1980s, participating in many of the IFUW international conferences. Her daughter, who informed GWI of this happy and unique milestone, noted that Mrs. Rietveld-Malinosky Blom would love to hear from fellow members and friends she met in those days. If you are a friend of Mrs. Rietveld-Malinosky Blom and would like to get in touch to congratulate her on her birthday, please email gwi@graduatewomen.org.

— Advocacy —

GWI announces 16 Days of Activism against GBV Campaign

This year, GWI will join hands with the global movement to end violence against women and all forms of GBV by taking part in the 16 Days of Activism against GBV Campaign, an annual movement aiming to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls around the world. Beginning with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November and concluding with Human Rights Day on 10 December, the Campaign unites the voices of millions of women and girls to raise awareness about GBV, work to eliminate all forms of GBV and demand equal protection and full access to fundamental human rights of safety and education. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, GWI has expressed concerns about the pervasive gendered impacts of the pandemic.

This year, the GWI 16 Days of Activism against GBV Campaign will bring attention to the shadow pandemic of GBV that has been rising against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. With one in three women globally experiencing violence over their lifetimes, the world was already facing a crisis. Now, COVID-19 is exacerbating the problem. GWI aims to build on the energy and momentum of its two previous annual campaign, as well as the work we have conducted since the beginning of the crisis. Importantly, GWI focused efforts on helping the GWI National Federations and Associations (NFAs) address the lingering, sustained and consequential effects of GBV. To this end, in early April 2020, GWI customized for its 52 NFAs a [statement](#) with findings on the acute impacts of the COVID-19 on GBV. GWI

further raised concerns about the shadow pandemic of GBV in June 2020 through a written statement to the 44th session of the [Human Rights Council](#). Plan to follow GWI beginning 25 November 2020 on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) for impactful and easy-to-follow advocacy ideas, facts and awareness raising resources.

GWI marks International Students' Day 2020

Marked annually on 17 November, International Students' Day is a global celebration of students, highlighting the rights of students and the importance of higher education. GWI believes students represent the next generation and a strong well-educated generation will bring about a better and more sustainable future. This year, GWI brings particular attention to potentially devastating consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on student's education and the urgent need for concerted action to mitigate the impact of the crisis on students' current and future academic and professional paths. The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education systems in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 190 countries and all continents. The crisis is exacerbating pre-existing education disparities by reducing the opportunities for many of the most vulnerable students. GWI encourages you to Follow, Like and Share GWI's social media campaign on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) and join us in galvanizing action by all stakeholders to support students to not only face the current COVID-19 crisis but increase their resilience in the face of future crises.

— Call for applications —

Barbara Lotze Scholarship

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) Executive Board offers scholarships supported and endowed by Barbara Lotze for future high school physics teachers. They are available only to U.S. citizens attending U.S. schools. Successful applicants receive a stipend of up to \$2000 and a complimentary AAPT Student Membership for one year. Applications close on **1 December 2020**. Read more about the scholarship [HERE](#).

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI co-sponsors event at United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

GWI was a co-sponsor of a side-event at the 10th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), held in Vienna 12-16 October. The side-event was on the theme of environmental crime and corruption, with a focus on hazardous waste. It featured a presentation by Professor Verena Winiwarter and was followed by discussion. Environmental crime is increasing globally – it is greatly exacerbated by corruption and in many instances particularly impacts women. The side-event was well received, and we are hopeful that a new resolution on environmental crime will be adopted by UNTOC shortly. Elisabeth Francis GWI United Nations Representative, Vienna attended the event for GWI.

Council of Europe: INGOs Conference adopts Istanbul convention recommendations

Domestic violence is on the rise, as are other crimes such as forced child marriages, excision, trafficking in women and girls, sexual exploitation of migrant and refugee women and girls, and harassment and violence in the public space. On 15 October 2020, the International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGO) Conference adopted recommendation in support of the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, also known as the Istanbul

Convention. Through these recommendations, the members of the INGO Conference reaffirm their commitment to the international and European legal instruments that enshrine equality between women and men as a principle. Click [HERE](#) to read the full recommendations. The INGOs Conference is the body representing civil society in the Council of Europe. The INGO Conference of the Council of Europe is a space for free and innovative participation of committed citizens, offering the possibility to contribute directly to the construction of Europe. It is the only assembly of NGOs playing an institutional role in an international intergovernmental organization. University Women Europe (UWE), GWI's regional group in Europe, is a member of the INGO Conference. GWI congratulates Anne Negre, Association Française des Femmes Diplômées des Universités, for her tremendous work towards this effort.

— Give the gift of membership —

This November instead of making an advent calendar – [give the gift of membership](#) to the outstanding graduate women in your life! 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 become part of a global community of some 16'000 members in 60 countries, either as a [GWI independent member](#) or national member of one of our [NFAs](#).

— Did you know? —

GWI has tremendous potential to change the world for women and girls through advocacy. Advocacy is a core process for addressing the barriers to girls' and women's education worldwide and bringing the issue to the forefront of the agenda for decision makers. Given our history, mission, experience and recognition, GWI is in position to speak on behalf of women and girls. Did you know that GWI, as part of its international advocacy and awareness raising strategy, is active on the four main global social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)? Through a comprehensive communication plan of daily social media posts and impactful advocacy campaigns offering gripping information, advocacy ideas, toolkits and ready-to-use resources, GWI advances its mission locally, nationally and internationally. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) and join us in leveraging the power of social media to create awareness and action for women's empowerment through education at the highest level.

— Other information and events —

12 November	GWI Webinar: Advocacy in Action: How to create a strategic advocacy plan for gender-based violence, 10am and 4pm CET, Global, GWI Members Only
17 November	International Students Day, Global
19 November	GWI Educom Webinar: Education and COVID-19, Global, GWI Members Only
19 November	World Toilet Day, Global
20 November	Universal Children's Day, Global
21 November	IFUWA and EAGW webinar: Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, Global
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Global
9 December	Anti-Corruption Day, Global
10 December	Human Rights Day, Global
18 December	International Migrants Day, Global
25 Nov-10 Dec	16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, Global

20 December
6 February
11 February

International Human Solidarity Day, Global
International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation, Global
International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Global

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