



## GWI UPDATE – 26 May 2021



GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI)

**MORE ACTION AND  
INVESTMENT IN MENSTRUAL  
HEALTH AND HYGIENE NOW!**

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY 2021  
ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

*GWI marks Menstrual Hygiene Day 2021 with an impactful and ready-to-use advocacy toolkit.*

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### — Graduate Women International News —

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#### **GWI MHD) Advocacy Campaign: impactful toolkit and infographic**

[Menstrual Hygiene Day](#) (MHD), 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, GWI is marking its fourth observance of MH Day with the release of an informative, impactful and

ready-to-use advocacy resources toolkit, including the [GWI 2021 MHDAY infographic](#) and prepared social media posts. We encourage our affiliates and friends to widely distribute the toolkit to local, national and international channels. Please click [HERE](#) to view and download this exclusive toolkit. Look for the full campaign on the GWI [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

### **IFUWA and EAUW joint webinar on “Confronting and Combating Harassment”**

Mark your calendars. As part of the GWI Membership Marketplace NFA2NFA programme between IFUWA and EAUW, the third webinar in the series on Issues Relating to Women's Safety will take place on **Saturday, 29 May 2021, at 4:30PM** Central European Summer Time / 8 AM Indian Time / 4:30PM Cairo. This webinar, Confronting and Combating Harassment, will touch upon varied legal, social, and psychological aspects of this global issue. Do not forget to register in advance for this webinar on the following link [HERE](#).



**IFUWA PUNE**  
Empowering Women  
since 1949

**IFUWA**

**Global Women International (GWI)**

**CONFRONTING AND COMBATING HARASSMENT**  
India-Egypt Partnership Project

**29th May 2021**  
**8:00 PM IST(4.30 PM CET)**

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

### **Save the Date: GWI Young Member Network “Connecting Across Generations” webinar**

On 12 June 2021, GWI will join the international community in marking International Day against Child Labour by holding an exclusive webinar on the effects of NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) in changing times. The effects of NEET in today's changing world will be examined from an intergenerational perspective. GWI is honoured to welcome two International Labour Organisation (ILO) guest speakers, Mr. Shane Niall O'Higgins, who will share expertise about the ILO NEET programme and related issues, including COVID 19, and Ms. Adrienne Cruz, ILO Senior Gender Specialist. O'Higgins is Senior Economist in the ILO's Employment Analysis Unit and Professor of Economics at the University of Salerno. Previously, Lead Researcher in the ILO's Youth Employment Programme; he is one of the main authors of the ILO's biennial Global Employment Trends for Youth. Cruz is co-author of the publication Gender-Based Violence in the World of Work. Among other duties, Cruz coordinates the ILO Action Plan for Gender Equality, and the ILO Global Gender Network. Both will share their expertise and answer questions from GWI members and guests. The webinar will be held **12 June 2021, 4-5:30pm CEST**. Click [HERE](#) to register today.



**Young Member Network**  
Connecting Across Generations Webinar Series

**"NEET" Effect in Changing Times!**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, 12 June 2021**  
**4-5:30pm CEST**

*All members of GWI are welcome.*

JOIN US IN CREATING MEANINGFUL INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.**

## Register for Generation Equality Forum, France

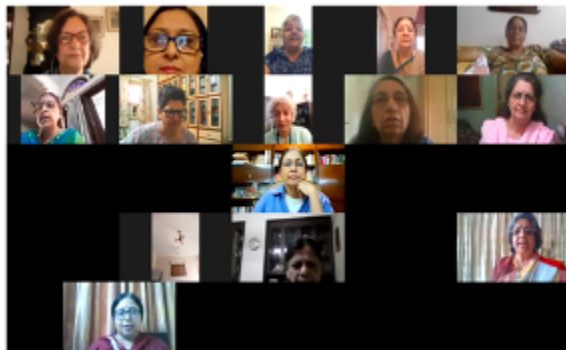
The Generation Equality Forum, which will be held hybridly in Paris from 30 June to 2 July, is a global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women and co-chaired by the governments of France and Mexico, with and the close partnership of civil society. For this first online edition, attendees will gain access to the Forum's digital platform, offering the opportunity to attend nearly 90 events featuring 500 panelists and interact with tens of thousands of participants from around the world. Because it is a multi-actor and intergenerational gathering, it encourages participation from all. Its registration is now open until Sunday, 27 June at midnight Paris time (CEST) - do not forget to register [HERE](#).

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## — GWI Member News —

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### IFUWA's webinar on "The Extraordinary Tale of Maharashtra's First woman IPS Officer: Meeran Chadha Borwankar"



*Some of the webinar's attendees*

On 17 April 2021, IFUWA held a webinar on 'The Extraordinary Tale of Maharashtra's First woman IPS Officer: Meeran Chadha Borwankar'. This event aimed to bring forth knowledge about Police in Administration and Leadership, which is of vital importance in order to be aware of what women in distress can seek from the police forces. The special guest, Meeran Borwankar, gave a very informative and interesting talk on the challenges and discrimination faced and the measures women can adopt legally for their physical and mental security. GWI congratulates IFUWA for hosting this relevant and successful event.

### FEMU's museum catalog

Led by FEMU and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the Women's Museum aims to revise the history of Mexico with a gender perspective from pre-Columbian times to the present in order to make women's role visible. In times when most cultural venues are closed, a catalogue has been created in order to make the contents of the museum accessible wherever you are. We kindly encourage you to have a look at this comprehensive and beautiful catalogue [HERE](#).

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## — GWI at the United Nations —

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### GWI written statement to the UNODC CCPCJ

GWI submitted a written statement to the UNODC CCPCJ thirtieth session held 17-21 May 2021. In the statement, GWI urges the United Nations to accelerate a gender perspective in all crime prevention, criminal justice, anti-corruption, and anti-smuggling policies, and programmes at the international, regional, and national levels. The CCPCJ was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 1992/1, upon request of General Assembly (GA) resolution 46/152, as one of its functional commissions. The Commission acts as the principal policymaking body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. We encourage you to have a thorough look at this statement [HERE](#).

## Shirley Gillett, GWNZ CIR, personal reflections following the CSW65

The two-week CSW is a time for like-minded women to gather, discuss, learn from each other, advocate and coalesce around the rights of women and girls. Two months after it ended, the intense excitement surrounding CSW65 may be over but GWI attendees continue to share their emotions with us. GWI would like to thank Shirley Gillett, GWNZ CIR, for sharing with us her precious thoughts in this [document](#), which gathers her personal feedback and impressions on this committee where she participated both as a convenor and attendee at the different events.

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### — Give the gift of education —

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**Give the gift of education** to women and girls around the world by contributing to our new [Girls' Education for Brighter Futures Post-COVID-19 Programme](#), which directly supports GWI's advocacy work and microprojects held throughout the world to remove socio-cultural, gender-related and economic barriers girls face towards education endeavours. To contribute to GWI's work towards safe access to quality education and to raise awareness about the gender barriers in education please click [HERE](#).

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### — Did you know? —

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Did you know that GWI members have free and exclusive access to all GWI webinars? The GWI webinars provide invaluable resources and skills training on a wide range of topics, from membership building to awareness raising and new advocacy methods and strategies. Passed webinars can still be viewed for free on the GWI member corner. Valued GWI members can contact [info@graduatewomen.org](mailto:info@graduatewomen.org) to obtain the necessary password to view those previous webinars again. Please visit the [GWI Member Corner](#) for more information on the previous and upcoming GWI webinars.

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### — Dates and events worth noting —

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28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day, Global
12 June	World Day against Child Labour, Global
15 June-3 July	Human Rights Council, 47th 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
30 June-2 July	Generation Equality Forum, Paris
6-15 July	High-Level Political Forum, New-York
15 July	World Youth Skills Day, Global
30 July	World Day against Trafficking in Persons, Global International Day of the
9 August	World's Indigenous Peoples, Global
12 August	International Youth Day, Global
8 September	International Literacy Day, Global
14 Sept-2 Oct	Human Rights Council, 48th session, United Nations Office, Geneva
18-20 September	Centenary of the French Association of University Women (AFFDU)

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