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— Graduate Women International News —

Save the date, 6 April 2022! GW I Member Training: How to create an impactful GW I policy resolution

The Call for Resolutions to be considered by the GW I General Assembly to be held in November 2022 was distributed on 17 February 2022. In this training session members of the Resolution Committee will examine the importance of GW I policy resolutions and provide training on how to develop an impactful policy resolution. The session will offer information on the policy resolution process and examine pitfalls to avoid in your submission. An example from the 2019 resolutions will provide illustration of the process, from identification of local issues through the development of the resolution and its use following the Triennial. The training session will focus on resolutions themselves rather than the advocacy for them; tools for which can be found in the GW I Advocacy series [LINK](#). Find the PDF version of the event [HERE](#). **Two identical sessions will be offered.**

Register in advance via the links below:

9h CEST <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluceysrjkjEtYZ0XCBP8cCEYyJOKqfwdfD>

16h CEST <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtfuisrTsvHNN718lgWot1BNODLTO6Epfd>

Bina Roy Partners in Development (BRPID) 2021 summary

The BRPID programme supports locally developed and operated projects initiated by GW I National Federations and Associations to galvanise and empower women and girls through education and leadership development.. For the 2021-2022 round of funding, the selected projects are being operated in Uganda, Nepal, Ghana and Egypt.

These BRPID projects focus on education and training on historical heritage through making traditional crafts (Egypt), educating girls about the benefits of recycling to combat environmental pollution (Ghana), empowerment through literacy training and income generation activities (Nepal), and

training adolescents, parents, and teachers in the making of reusable sanitary pads (Uganda). All projects align with GWI's mission towards lifelong education, advancement and participation in leadership and decision-making for women and girls and are projected to impact no less than 2000 women and girls.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the 2021-2022 BRPID projects. A long-running and successful GWI programme, BRPID began in 1978 and was later renamed in honour of Dr. Bina Roy, educator and former GWI President from India. GWI thanks its donors for their generous contribution to these lifechanging projects.

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President Shahzadi Begum (5th from left) on her left Nabia Bari Secretary General, on her right Motahhara Mannan, Treasurer and EC Members and general members are seen

Bangladesh Federation of University Women celebrates International Women's Day

Recently, GWIBFUW celebrated International Women's Day in a picturesque spot some 30 kilometers from the Bangladesh capital, Dhaka. Discussions centered around social security for girls and women.

BFUW President Shahzadi Begum says, "On this auspicious occasion, my humble tribute goes to great ladies like Clara Zetkin, Sylvia Pankhurst and other leaders who spearheaded the moments for women's rights and gradually brought them to their current position. We must 'break the bias to achieve gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow'. "We all know that bias exists. Knowing about this is never enough. Action is required to level the playing field. We must continue to work until our achievements are recognized by the world at large. I, therefore, would urge all GWI members to work side by side with the political and social leaders, the policymakers of the country so that the women of the world can see brighter days ahead. May Allah bless you all", she concluded.

BFUW Secretary-General Nabia Bari emphasized that "early childhood education is where boys and girls would receive moral education, so they learn to respect each other and share all their thoughts

equally. There will be no disparity between girls and boys". "We enjoy the cultural program, the food, the fun and the beauty of the greenery of the calm and quiet town that rejuvenates our minds. Thank you all for your presence and collaboration. Happy Women's Day to President Terry Oudraad, Executive Director, Stacy Dry Lara, and all members around the world. We will work together to reach our goal", she added.

GWI congratulates BFUW for the magnificent event reminding us how important is to access a high-quality education to achieve women and girls' equality. To see more photos of this celebration please click [HERE](#).

GWI Young Member Network hosts third 2022 Conversation Series

On Saturday, 2 April at 16h CEST, the GWI Young Members Network (YMN) will host its third 2022 Conversation Series. The Conversation Series is a relaxed one-hour themed session between young members sharing their professions, cultures, and their work in respective GWI affiliates. "The series is a platform to strengthen our friendship and know each other better", says Sudha Srivastava, President YMN.

The upcoming conversation will focus on Mexico with speaker Tzazil Valencia, Mexican Federation of University Women with moderator, Zoya Apevalova, Women Graduates Russia.

All GWI members (in their 40s and under) are welcome to join GWI YMN. If you are not yet a member of GWI you can learn more membership [HERE](#). To register for the YMN Conversation Series on Mexico click [HERE](#).

Member Opportunity – World Trade Organization Call for essays The World Trade Organization (WTO) has issued a call for young economists to submit papers for the 2022 WTO Essay Award. The aim of the award is to promote high-quality research on trade policy and international trade cooperation and to reinforce the relationship between the WTO and the academic community. "The winning paper will be officially announced at the annual meeting of the [European Trade Study Group](#), the largest conference specialising in international trade". Deadline to submit essays is 6 June 2022. For further information click [HERE](#).

— CSW66 —

GWI hosts three CSW66 parallel events – get the recordings here

As part of the Commission on the Status of Women 66th session (CSW66) held 14-25 March, the GWI Education Committee (EduCom), Young Member Network (YMN) and office produced three parallel events. GWI distinguished panellists addressed the gendered dimensions of corruption (18 March); climate crisis and education (22 March) and young women voices about how education plays a vital role in raising a climate conscious generation (24 March). **Parallel event recordings can be accessed and shared below:**

For Gendered Dimensions of Corruption and its Impact on Gender Inequality produced by the office in sponsorship with Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN) event click [HERE](#).

For Climate Crisis and Education: A Women's Voice Included produced by EduCom event click [HERE](#).

For Young Women and Climate Action: Educating a Climate Conscious Generation by the GWI YMN event click [HERE](#).

GWI UN Representative, Dr. Sophie Turner- Zaretsky CSW66 report

On 17 March, GWI UN representative, Dr. Sophie Turner-Zaretsky participated in the UN Women CSW66 side event: **Beyond COVID -19: Advancing Gender-Responsive Policies on Climate, Care and Jobs for a Sustainable and Equal Future**

A distinguished panel of visionary leaders from the UN and civil society came together for this interactive discussion the climate crisis, COVID 19, jobs and the economy, and what governments and the private sector must do to mitigate these problems. Dr. Turner-Zaretsky's report is a treasure trove of relevant and interesting facts.

"NFAs may benefit from the above statistics in their advocacy, they should form alliances to strengthen their voice, and they must demand women's and girls' participation at all climate-related negotiations", say Dr. Turner-Zaretsky.

To read Dr. Turner-Zaretsky's full report click [HERE](#).

— GWI at the United Nations —

UNiTE Orange Day

Monthly on the 25th, GWI participates in Orange Day. The UN Secretary General's 2020 Campaign UNiTE to End Violence against Women proclaimed the 25th of each month as "Orange Day," a day to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls. As a bright and optimistic colour, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls, for the UNiTE Campaign. Orange Day calls upon activists, governments, and UN partners to mobilize people and highlight issues relevant to preventing and ending violence against women and girls. Access the UNiTE campaign Action Circular [HERE](#).

World Water Day infographic

On 22 March annually GWI celebrates World Water Day, a day that raises awareness of the about the importance of water as a vital resource for the planet. World Water Day supports the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030. The 2022 theme: Groundwater: making the invisible visible is addressed in the GWI infographic. GWI invites you to click [HERE](#) to download and widely distribute these relevant facts.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination statement

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March. The Day commemorates the 69 people murdered in South Africa Sharpeville, who were peacefully marching against apartheid. After more than 60 years discrimination persists as a barrier to education in South Africa and globally. Within the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, GWI joined High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, in calling on the global community promote respect, compassion and equality without distinction.

GWl encourages you to read the UNHCR High Commissioner statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination of the [HERE](#)

— Give the gift of membership —

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— Did you know? —

Did you know that the lamp logo was designed by members of the Norwegian Federation for the Third Conference in Oslo in 1924? The delegates at that meeting adopted it as the permanent badge of International Federation of University Women, now GWl. The original showed an antique lamp representing the light of learning on a blue background broken with the letters of IFUW. Around the central disc was an interlinked chain symbolising the bonds of friendship linking IFUW members throughout the world. Eventually the lamp came to be known as the lamp of friendship. It was later modernised, and the chain was dropped.

Did You Know that the United Nations offers a cinema? Cine-ONU is back after being close due to COVID-19 pandemic. To see if there is a UN Cine in your city, please click [HERE](#).

— Dates and events worth noting —

1 st Saturday Monthly	GWl YMN Conversation Series, Zoom
28 Feb- 1 April	49th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva
23 April	International Girls in ICT Day, Global
23 April	World Book & Copyright Day, Global
7,14,21, 28 May	GWl YMN SDG Ambassador Series, Zoom
28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day
12 June	World Day against Child Labour, Global
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
15 July	Youth Skills Day, Global
30 July	International Day for the Elimination of Trafficking in Persons, Global
31 July	Pan-African Women's Day, Global
9 August	Indigenous Peoples' Day, Global

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