International Day of Education is observed on 24 January each year to celebrate the role of education for peace and development. The day was designated by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in December 2018. Today, GWI aligns with the UN to mark this day as we recognise that without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all, the world will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind in a post COVID-19 pandemic world.

Join Graduate Women International (GWI) in celebrating over 100 years of advocating for women and girls equal access to quality education around the world.
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24 January 2023

Women’s and girls’ equal access to quality education is key to achieving all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A focus must be put on SDG 4, quality education. Educated women and girls are more likely to lead healthy lives, earn a higher income, participate in decision-making, and build better futures for themselves and their families.

GWI Actions for Education

GWI is committed to empowering women and girls through education programmes such as Bina Roy Partners in Development (BRPID), Teachers for Rural Futures (TFRF), Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates and the GWI Internship programme.

- Since 2016, GWI has successfully carried out over 30 BRPID projects which have educated thousands of illiterate women and girls to read and write.
- The TFRF programme has successfully sponsored eight young women from rural Uganda to complete their Bachelor Degree in Education. By becoming teachers, the young women have been able to mentor girls to stay in school.
- Since 1936, GWI has helped numerous displaced young women pursue educational opportunities necessary for obtaining certifications and entering the job market.
- In the past 100 years, GWI has successfully mentored and trained thousands of young women interns for the job market who have gone on to find meaningful and secure employment.

Quotable Quotes

"I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls." - Malala Yousafzai, Education Activist.

"Education is a fundamental right and the basis for progress in every country." - Ban Ki-moon, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"To educate girls is to reduce poverty." - Kofi Innnan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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