



GWI UPDATE – 14 December 2016



The GWI team donned orange at the Escalade 5K race on 3 December in recognition of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence

— Graduate Women International news —

GWI ran the annual Geneva 5k Escalade

On 3 December 2016, the staff of Graduate Women International (GWI) office in Geneva, along with supporters, successfully ran the Escalade 5k race. The race is an annual event that celebrates Geneva's victory over the Dukes of Savoy in 1602. GWI ran to raise awareness of the importance of education and its ability to help women and girls have better lives. GWI wore orange to help spread visibility of how violence against women is a barrier to women and girls' education. Thanks to generous donations GWI has raised over 10,000 CHF for the cause. GWI will be accepting donations until 31 December 2016 to help support the campaign to end violence against women. For more information and to continue to support us, [click here](#).

— GWI member news —

El Salvador holds "Dialogue for Girls and Women" Forum

The Association of University Women of El Salvador (*Asociación de Mujeres Universitarias de El Salvador*) held a "Dialogue for Girls and Women" forum on 29 November 2016. The forum was a success as its objective to encourage civil participation to eradicate early childbearing and violence against women was far-reaching. Panellist focused on analysing the many dimensions to the problem and creating criteria to achieve peace and stop violence against women. One of the panellists, the Head of the Gender Unit of Legislative Assembly, spoke on how specific articles of Civil Code must be changed to protect and help women and girls in El Salvador. GWI President [Geeta Desai sent a recorded message](#) to congratulate AMUS for organising a worthwhile forum that addressed women sexual and reproductive rights and the impact on education.

Uganda Association Christmas Bazaar - Tuesday, 20 December 2016



The Uganda Association of University Women (UAUW) is organising a Christmas Bazaar on **Tuesday, 20 December 2016 from 2:00 -6:00 PM** at the Mulago Hospital Guest House in Kampala. The entrance fee is UGX. 5000 per person which covers one soft drink or water. This is a drive to raise funds for the education of the girl child in Uganda. There will be different items on sale. Come support the cause!

— Advocacy —

UWE submits collective complaint for violations on European Social Charter

University Women of Europe's (UWE) board was enthusiastic to hear from Anne Nègre when she proposed to submit [collective complaints](#) against the 15 countries for their violations on the European Social Charter, 1961, regarding equal pay between women and men. The European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe has never examined this problem before. The General Assembly of UWE voted unanimously to go further, so on 24 August 2016, as a UWE lawyer, Nègre filed her 15 complaints. The gender pay gap is ever present yet, with continued, courageous efforts from women like Anne, changes can be made.

— Events —

The IAFOR International Conference on Global Studies 2017 Barcelona, Spain

The theme of this year's IAFOR International Conference on Global Studies is "Global Realities: Precarious Survival and Belonging". The focus will be on the current refugee crisis in Europe and how this has increased racism, radical nationalism and infringements on human rights. The globalised problems affecting the world have led to a communal and individual vulnerability that is being felt by all. Read more about the conference [here](#).

— Give the gift of education —

GWI's *Teachers for Rural Futures* project provides scholarships and mentoring support to young women from rural areas of Uganda to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls' education. Through our GlobalGiving campaign we hope to raise \$50,000 to support 50 women student teachers. Donate now to help us train women teachers to educate 1000s of students. For more information on GWI's Teachers for Rural Futures [click here](#).

— Season's Greetings from GWI! —

The Board, the committees and the staff of GWI wish to thank all our partners and friends warmly for the encouragement and support we received in 2016. We send season's greetings and hope that 2017 will bring you health, happiness and success.

— Other information and events —

December 24 – January 1	GWI closed for winter vacation (office re-opens 2 January 2017)
February 23	Policy Conference on Women in the Workplace , London, United Kingdom
March 8	International Women's Day , Global
March 13– 24	Commission on the Status of Women , UN Headquarters, New York, USA
July 14– 16	The IAFOR International Conference on Global Studies 2017 , Barcelona, Spain

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