



IFUW Update – 08 January 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Membership survey

Thank you to all those who answered the membership survey. Your feedback will be used to improve the service we provide to you and to refocus on our mission.

Pencils for Pakistan

The Pencils for Pakistan project, launched by IFUW Immediate Past President Marianne Haslegrave, has now been completed, with the last of the funds transferred to Pakistan to the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Swabi Campus in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The funds were originally donated to provide books and stationery for girls whose homes and schools were destroyed in the terrible floods in Pakistan in 2010. This final tranche will be used to buy books for the library and in this newly-established University.

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

India

IFUW members are invited to conduct presentations or workshops at Women's Worlds Congress 2014. If there are six or seven IFUW participants, then the Indian Federation of University Women Associations (IFUWA) can request for a special panel for IFUW/ IFUWA during the conference. Please contact IFUWA Coordinator for International Relations Dr Meera Bondre at meera.bondre@gmail.com

Japan

Fumi Takano, a life-long member of Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) and Past President of IFUW (1980-1983) passed away on December 7th. She was 99. She dedicated herself to the education and empowerment of women through writing many books and leading one of the oldest women's colleges in Japan, Tsuda College.

Advocacy

Impact of advertising practices on cultural rights

NFAs are invited to read a [letter](#) and respond to a [questionnaire](#) by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Farida Shaheed, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 19/6, on the impact of advertising and marketing practices on the enjoyment of cultural rights.

UN Women launches database mapping women's rights in constitutions

The new Constitutional Database examines constitutions through a gender lens, mapping the principles and rules which guarantee, deny, or protect the rights of women and girls around the world.

<http://constitutions.unwomen.org>

Fellowships and calls for proposals

G(irls)20 Summit

The [application form](#) is available for the G(irls)20 Summit until 10 January 2014. Girls must be 18-20 years old at the time of the summit in August 2014. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

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| Jan 13-16 | Conference of the Southern African Association for Research in Mathematics, Science and Technology Education, Port Elizabeth |
| Feb 5-12 | IFUW Board meetings, Geneva |
| Mar 3-28 | Human Rights Council, Geneva |
| Mar 8 | International Women's Day |
| Mar 10-26 | Committee on the Status of Women (#CSW58), New York |
| May 5-9 | Conference of the International Assoc. of Women Judges, Arusha |
| May 12-14 | Oslo Freedom Forum , Oslo |
| Jun 1 | IFUW Day |
| Aug | G(irls)20 Summit, Australia |
| Aug 17-22 | Women's World Congress, Hyderabad |

Did you know?

IFUW was instrumental in getting the girl child included in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Tell us something that we don't know about IFUW! Email us at [ifuw\(at\)ifuw.org](mailto:ifuw(at)ifuw.org)



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