

The Power of Education in Effecting Change

By the time girls reach the secondary level of schooling, the average enrolment rate worldwide is 68.3%. Achieving a tertiary education is remarkable, with only 36% of women worldwide enrolling in post-secondary programmes. Women comprise less than 50% of all formal employment within the global economy. There are insufficient women in leadership positions, whether in business, politics, or the economy at large. That is why IFUW, hand in hand with its member national federations and associations (NFAs), empowers girls and women to access education as a human right through its global network of educated women leaders.

Visit our website for more information: www.ifuw.org.

Join IFUW if you are a woman:

- graduate with a university degree, diploma or equivalent qualification from a recognised institution of higher learning;
- who has been accepted for a Master's or Doctoral programme at a recognised tertiary institution;
- interested in opportunities to meet women of all ages, from different countries, cultures and professions;
- ready to use your knowledge and skills to help make a difference, especially for women and girls.

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National Federations & Associations

- Members of a national group are also members of IFUW.
- Membership is based on country of residence, not nationality.
- To join IFUW, contact the national affiliate in your country. Contact information at www.ifuw.org/nfas.
- If there is no national affiliate in your country, you are welcome to join as an independent member.
- Groups of 20 members are welcome to start a new association in countries where one does not exist.

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Armenia	India	Rwanda
Australia	Indonesia	Samoa
Austria	Ireland	Scotland
Bangladesh	Israel	Sierra Leone
Bolivia	Italy	Singapore
Bulgaria	Japan	Slovenia
Cameroon	Kenya	South Africa
Cambodia	Korea	Spain
Canada	Lebanon	Sweden
Croatia	Mexico	Switzerland
Cyprus	Moldova	Thailand
Egypt	Nepal	Togo
El Salvador	Netherlands	Tonga
Fiji	New Zealand	Turkey
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IFUW is the leading girls' and women's global organisation run by and for women, advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels.

Our vision

A world in which all girls and women have equal opportunities and equal access to quality education up to the highest levels within a peaceful and secure environment, a world which respects their human rights, one where poverty is reduced and discrimination eliminated, where girls and women have equality of opportunity in status, leadership, employment, income, education and careers and all women are empowered through education to reach and use their full potential in private and public life.

Our mission

To create a strong global women's network to promote and advocate for the right to quality education for girls and women at all levels, especially higher and further education, so that they can use that education to attain a decent standard of living, personal dignity and autonomy, participation in civil society, and all other human rights.

How members do this

Locally, members carry out projects addressing local problems, support international projects and network, both to further the mission of the organisation and to socialise.

Nationally, members can attend conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures and International Days; lobby their governments – possibly in conjunction with other women's organisations; and can apply for and support scholarships.

Regionally, national affiliates meet together to discuss shared interests at conferences and promote women's issues with regional bodies.

Internationally, triennial conferences provide opportunities to meet members from other countries. They set IFUW's policies and adopt resolutions to guide IFUW's actions. Participants share opinions and experiences in workshops, seminars, training, business sessions and informal discussions. Members can also enjoy a full social programme that reflects the culture of the host country.

International Advocacy

IFUW, as a global voice for women graduates, works to promote education for girls and women at all levels.

IFUW has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This allows us to attend meetings, make statements and consult with the Secretariat on issues such as human rights, education and the status of women.

IFUW has teams in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna. Meeting reports are available through the IFUW Update and website.

Working Together Internationally

IFUW **fellowships** support tomorrow's leaders, assisting women graduates to undertake advanced research, study and training.

Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme provides support, on a competitive basis, for projects carried out by its national affiliates from developing countries, with donations from IFUW members and supporters around the world.

Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates assists graduate women displaced as a result of war, political upheaval natural disaster or other serious emergencies with retraining.

IFUW members also support women and girls in other ways. For example, through **Pencils for Pakistan** IFUW members provided school supplies for girls who were affected by the 2010/2011 floods. In late 2011, IFUW affiliates lobbied their governments to ensure that **Afghan women** participated fully in the Bonn-2 Conference on Afghanistan.

