

CIR REPORT – FEBRUARY 2010

Mexico Conference, 5 – 9 August 2010

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the 30th IFUW Triennial Conference on *Education, Empowerment & Development*. Please note that an “earliest bird” fee for Full Registration (USD670) applies only **until 31 March**. A “later bird” fee (USD870) applies until 30 June and thereafter the fee rises to USD1000. The www.ifuw.org website now also provides a wealth of information about the programme, related events, tours and accommodation.

NZFGW WORKSHOP PROPOSALS FOR MEXICO: Four were approved by the National Executive and submitted:

- *Ahead of the Curve – The Revised New Zealand Curriculum* (from Wellington and Otago).
- *Gender Equity in Sport: Are we there yet?* (from Otago).
- *Mats, Nets and Journeys: Tracing Gender Patterns in Lifelong Learning* (from Otago and Samoa).
- *Women, Lifestyle and Climate Change: Compromise for Planetary Survival* (from Otago and an Independent IFUW member).

IFUW's decision on which workshops will proceed is expected in late March 2010.

PLEASE ADVISE: if you have a reasonably firm intention to go to Mexico.

Also, please could you advise me or Dorothy Page **before 26 February** if you have an interest in contributing to any of the following workshops:

Non-NZFGW Workshops looking for other NFA collaborators:

Australia – Sexualisation of Girls in the Media: You don't have to buy into it...

Argentina – Cultural Dimensions of Aging People (in Spanish).

Britain – Financial Skills Reversing the Myth that Men Earn Women Spend; Numeracy for All; Understanding the Psychological Contract for Women in Employment.

Germany – The Second Life: Women Take Late Chances.

India – Talking about Science and Technology in Girls' Education.

Japan – For Improving Gender Relations among Young People...

Nigeria – Sociocultural and Economic Issues to Empowerment of Benue Women of Nigeria.

USA – Use of the Internet and Social Networking as a Tool for Sustaining NFAs; Women's Leadership and International Understanding; Promoting Life-long Learning through Mutual Exchange.

Call for Candidates for IFUW Young Leader Positions 2010-2013

Vivian Ike, the International Coordinator for Young Members, has issued a call for candidates for the **three** IFUW Young Member Leadership Positions for 2010-2013: International Coordinator for Young Members, Young Members E-mail Network Moderator and Young Members Newsletter Editor. Job descriptions and the application process details: http://www.ifuw.org/docs/tor/2010_YM_tor.doc. This opportunity applies to all members under 40. Those wishing to apply should send their CV, together with a letter explaining how they meet the key criteria relevant to the position in which they are interested to ymapps@ifuw.org by 31 March 2010.

Nominations for IFUW's 2010-13 Leadership Team

Before the due date of 5 February, two nominations were made by NZFGW: Rae Duff (Wellington Branch), currently a member of the Resolutions Committee, for the Status of Women Committee and Martine Cashell-Smith (Otago Branch) for the Membership Committee. We are proud to make these nominations.

Thanks: As foreshadowed in a previous Bulletin, Dorothy Meyer's term of office as Convenor of the IFUW Committee on the Status of Women is drawing to a close in 2010. Major thanks are due to Dorothy for her dedication and excellent service, including leadership, over many years.

IFUW Special Committees: A Call for Nominations for these (including the Project Development and the Hegg Hoffet Fund) will be made later, with an IFUW closing date in late April/early May.

Consultation on IFUW Programme for Action – Phase 3

[From the Status of Women Committee]

In Phase 1 of this consultation, members identified three issues of concern that they believed needed to be addressed, namely **Education, Financial Independence** and **Empowerment of Women**. In Phase 2, under each of these topics, members suggested action that they had taken or could take.

In **Phase 3** members are invited to present examples of best practice action that they have used or plan to use to address aspects of the above. For example:

- 1) In a developed country an English as a first language speaking NFA may have developed a project to assist immigrant women to learn English in order to take advantage of educational or employment opportunities in their new country. Such a project contributes to two of the IFUW Strategic Priorities – adult literacy and advancement of women as well as fitting into two of the above themes.
- 2) The NFA may have developed a Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme that is closely related to an aspect of one of the above themes.

Members, Branches and NFAs are invited to consult with others and present their project/programme in an email to discussions@ifuw.org by **30 April 2010**.

PGWNet Council AGM 2009

This electronic meeting of Pacific graduate women, chaired by former AAGW President, Jenny Strauss, occurred from 8-18 December 2009. Beverley Turner, IFUW's PGWNet membership advisor, three members of National Executive, and Stephanie Hutchinson, and Dorothy Meyer "attended". Meeting minutes will shortly be found on <http://www.nzfgw.org>. The Council endorsed NZFGW as the PGWNet Chair for the 2010-2012 biennium.

Proposal to fund IFUW commemorative grant

In mid-December, the National Executive was delighted to forward to IFUW a proposal from the Otago Branch for establishing the **Otago (New Zealand) IFUW President's Choice Speaker**, an ongoing grant "to recognise that in the first 88 years of the history of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) only two Southern Hemisphere women have had the honour of serving as President and both have been members of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW)'s Otago Branch, one of the southern-most of all the branches associated with IFUW. Those two women are Dame Daphne Purves, who became IFUW President in 1977 and was an Otago Branch member for over 60 years, and Mrs Louise Croot who became IFUW President in 2007 and has been an Otago Branch member for 40 years."

This proposal would provide substantial funding for one of the Speakers at IFUW triennial conferences. It is still under consideration by IFUW.

UNIFEM

[From Joy Dunsheath, NZFGW Rep on UNIFEM NZ Executive.]

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD) EVENTS:

Auckland: 7am, Mon 8 March, Alexandra Park Raceway, Greenlane Rd West, Auckland. Cost \$35 or \$320 for table of 10. Students \$28. Speaker: Beverley Wakem, Chief Ombudsman. For more information or bookings (by 1 March) contact Maureen at mjew@orcon.net.nz or phone 09 5756254.

Hamilton: 7am, Mon 8 March, the Verandah (at Hamilton Lake). Cost \$22. Speaker: to be advised. For more information or bookings contact Jill Hobden at PO Box 9529 or jrhobden@slingshot.co.nz

Hawkes Bay: 8.30am, Sat 6 March at Heavey Hall, Wycliffe Street (part of St Thomas More complex), Napier. Cost \$10. Speaker: Beryl Anderson, UNIFEM NZ and NCW, on CEDAW. For more information or bookings contact Kath de Lautour on 843 9080

Palmerston North: 7.00am, Tues 9 March, the Coachman, Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North. Cost \$25. Speaker: Dr Jackie Blue MP. For more information or bookings contact Susan Crane on 06 328 9646 or Jean CorbinThomas on 06 354 0372.

Mana: Sun 7 March, 8.45am, Monteith's, 105 Mana Esplanade, Paremata. Speakers: Hon. Luamanuvao Winnie Laban and Dr Peter Swain. Cost \$20. For more information or bookings contact Helen Reilly at helen@reilly.co.nz or 04 234 7430.

Wellington: Mon 8 March, 7am, Banquet Hall, Parliament. Cost \$30 or \$270 for table of 10. Speakers: Hon Pansy Wong, Minister of Women's Affairs and Mai Chen, Founding Partner Chen Palmer, Public Law specialists. For more information or bookings contact Katie Bulkley, breakfast@paradise.net.nz or 04 920 3355

Blenheim: Fri 5 March, 7.15am. Venue to be advised. Speaker: Judge Carolyn Henwood. For more information or bookings contact Judith Bythell, jbythell@xtra.co.nz

West Coast: Mon 8 March in Hokitika. Time, venue and speaker to be advised. For more information or bookings contact Catherine van Passen at cvp@clear.net.nz

Christchurch: Mon 8 March, 7am, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Cashel Street. Speaker: Dr Jan Pryor, Chief Commissioner Families Commission. Tickets \$28.00. Contact: Wendy Carryer Ph: 3584607 or Christine Low christine@anglo-pacific.co.nz

Dunedin: Mon 8 March, breakfast, Law Courts Hotel, Lower Stuart Street. For more information contact: Shirley Gillett shirleygillett.nz@gmail.com

Invercargill: 7am, Wed 10 March, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall. Cost \$15. Speaker, Liz Brown Vice President UNIFEM NZ and former Banking Ombudsman. For more information or bookings contact Jenny Campbell on jennycam@xtra.co.nz or Judith Robinson on 2178987 by Fri 5 March.

You may also contact UNIFEM's IWD event coordinator, Liz Brown, at 06 362 6332 or liz.brown@paradise.net.nz for information.

OTHER UNIFEM 2010 DATES:

4 Mar – Children's Day

8 Mar – International Women's Day

11 July – World Population Day

8 Aug – International Day of Indigenous People

19 Sept – Suffrage Day NZ

25 Sept – UNIFEM NZ AGM in Wellington
15 Oct – International Day for Rural Women
24 Oct – United Nations Day
25 Nov – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – White
Ribbon Day
25 Nov-10 Dec – 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence
10 Dec – Human Rights Day