



The University Women of Europe

since 1981 an European network of graduate women associations and federations from European countries

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Founded in 1981 as a regional group of IFUW (GWI), today an independent graduate women association with legal seat in Amsterdam, Netherlands

20 members, federations and graduate women NFAs in: Austria, Great Britain, Finland , France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, Lithuania, Russia.

UWE signed a **memorandum of understanding** with Israel Association of Graduate Women in 2019



Introduction of the UWE Board - all volunteers -

- Anne Nègre, President (FR)**
- Aisha Alshawaf, Vice President (UK)**
- Pina Foti, Vice President (IT)**
- Annelies P. Bults, Treasurer (NL)**
- Roxana E. Petrescu, Secretary General (RO)**



Membership

- is open to academic women who are **members and non members of the Graduate Women International**
- **Membership fee: 1 EUR/capita** based on the national figures of each member
- **Independent members:** women with higher education pay 30 EUR year.



Our Mission



- to promote action consistent with the purpose of GWI** by encouraging cooperation between its members in Europe at various levels and to enable them to collaborate with other European International Organisations, as well as to promote in Europe the programme of GWI
- to participate in the progressive development of European Civil Society**, by working to achieve the programmes of the Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby and other European governmental and non-governmental organisations
- to promote peace and empowerment especially for women and girls through lifelong education**

Participative status at the INGO Conference Council of Europe



Member of European Women's Lobby



Regional Group of GWI since 1981



What we do?

Lobby and advocate: all European institutions

- **Pay gap**
- **Women in decision making positions**
- **Implementation of the Istanbul Convention**
- **Cooperation and support**

Events

- **Annual Conferences**
- **Meet and Greet**
- **Sub regional meetings and friendship tour**



Work at the Council of Europe



UWE has **participative status at the INGO Conference Council of Europe** – the representative body of the INGOs holding this status, its plenary meetings are an occasion for dialogue with the bodies of the Council of Europe and for exchange amongst its members

All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights – a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law

Our Gender Expert, Past Vice President in charge of Equality of the INGO Conference: **Dr. Anne Nègre**

Work at the European Women's Lobby



UWE is **member of the European Women's lobby (EWL)** - the largest umbrella organisation representing more than 2000 women associations in the European Union (EU) working to promote women's rights and gender equality

Our Treasurer **Annelies Pierrot-Bults** was part of the executive Committee

Our Vice president **Aisha Alshawaf** is representing UWE on the Board of Directors

UWE Collective complaint

-Equal pay for equal work -



- In 2018, UWE has filled **collective complaints for violation of the European Social Charter** in the 47 countries members of the Council of Europe.
- Only **15 countries accept collective complaints: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy , Netherlands, Portugal, Norway, Slovenia and Sweden.**
- In 2020, **European Committee of Social rights found violations in 14 countries**, only Sweden was found to be compliant with the Charter.

Challenges 2020

- We launched a special newsletter *reaching out in solidarity*.
- Members weekly contributed during first lockdown March - April with their articles, texts, poems, paintings on our blog.



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The UWE promotes lifelong education for women and girls; international cooperation, friendship, peace and respect for human rights for all. We do that by advocating for the advancement of the status of women and girls and encourage and enable women and girls to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership and decisionmaking in all forms of public and private life. The UWE is a regional group of Graduate Women International (GWI)

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Reaching out - in solidarity

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The pandemic is a cruel time especially for the most vulnerable in our society whoever they are, particularly for bereaved families.

Today, across the globe more than half of humanity is confined, this is unheard of. Our democracies and human rights are affected, and especially the rights of vulnerable women.

We want to be united, attentive and concerned for each other and for our common future.

In particular, we need to have regard to the people who are suffering from daily violence, and especially women and children who are affected by domestic violence.

I would like to urge NFAs to lobby their governments to safeguard access to women suffering from domestic violence.

As well as ensuring support facilities for affected women and children, we also need to be aware of the need to continue to focus on prevention, including facilities for angry and violent men.

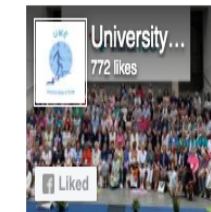
These need to be in place in every country, and therefore we would like all national associations to make a call to immediately ensure the existence of such facilities in each country.

Few interesting articles here:

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Recent Posts

Invitation to Meet'n'Greet/Joint meeting with CFUW Canada GWI (club)

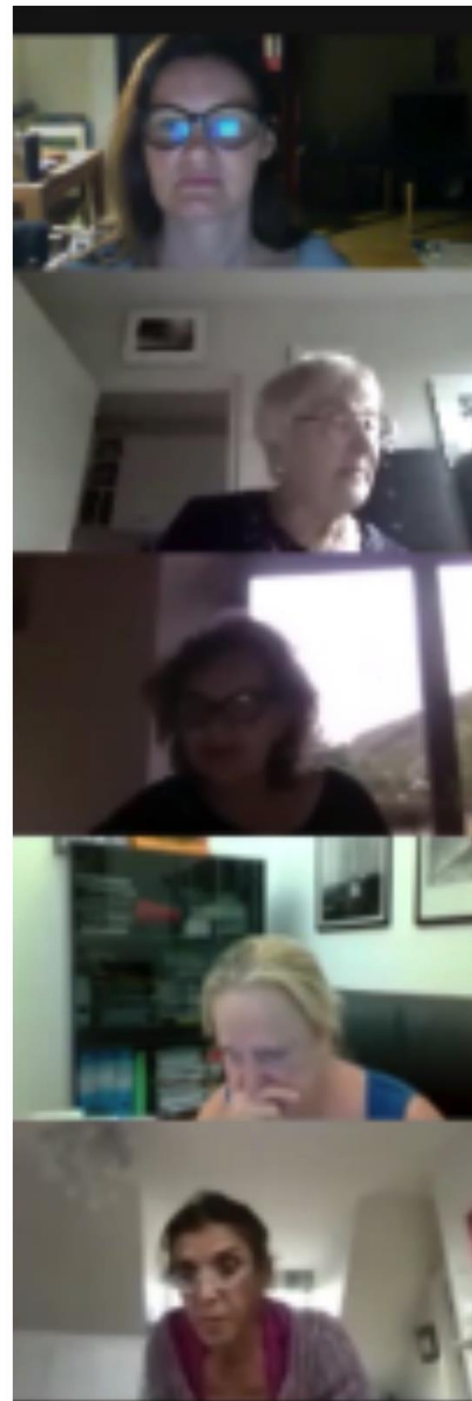
Season's Greetings from UWE

Rise up against violence!

Annual Report of the Italian Federation of

Challenges 2020

- Few informal meetings have been organized on zoom with our CERs and Presidents.
- Our Board meetings intensified on zoom.



Challenges 2020

First Virtual Annual General Meeting

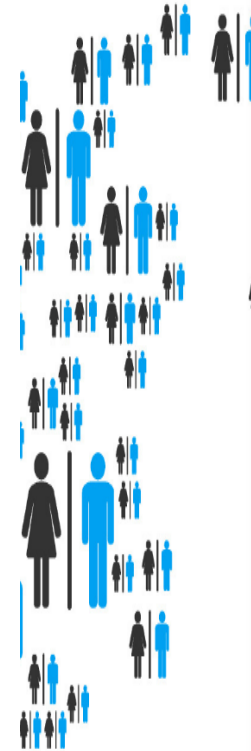
UWE Board waited as much as possible before unanimously cancelled Meet & Greet, Dublin and the Conference and General Assembly, Paris.

Our members agreed to organize a **short Annual General Meeting on zoom** with the statutory work, to post pone elections and have a *white year*.



New Actions 2021

- ❑ **UWE** has been invited to join **Women in STEM Global Survey** conducted by, **Global Contact** - *a reference study of gender balance in technological innovation.*
- ❑ This study is based on results from **the online survey Gender Scan**, that has been conducted in partnership with 60 associations or representative professional federations throughout the world.



CALL FOR ACTION

Gender balance in tech: key Post-Covid success factor



Katalin Kariko, Laurence Devillers, Esperanza

Have you heard of them: Katalin Kariko, Laurence Devillers, Esperanza Martinez Romero, Ritu Karidhal, or Catherine Ngila? No?

And yet these women from 5 continents have initiated some of today's key innovations. Katalin Kariko has invented the ARN technology now used in COVID-19 vaccines. Laurence Devillers is a pioneer of Ethical IA, a major issue to protect civil rights, freedom and democracy in our digital age. Esperanza Martinez Romero had developed bacteria that improve agriculture productivity while preserving the environment. Thanks to Ritu Karidhal India is the 4th country in the world to have reached Mars. And Catherine Ngila leverages the power of nanotechnologies to detect and remediate pollution in water, and enable a sustainable management of water resources.

