



Auckland Graduate Women Newsletter

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Deadline for the March Newsletter is 21 February 2006

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ACTIVITY	DATE	PLACE
Executive Meeting	1 February 7.00pm	Old Government House (OGH) (all members are welcome)
Public Issues Committee - share lunch follows	9 February 10.00am	Juliet's Home: 11 Berowald Place Kohimarama
Inaugural Research Award	15 February Applications Close	www.kateedgertrust.org.nz
President's Garden Party	26 February 3.00pm	Juliet's Home
Doctoral Award	28 February Applications Close	www.kateedgertrust.org.nz
Post-Doctoral Award	28 February Applications Close	www.kateedgertrust.org.nz
UNIFEM Breakfast (details below)	7 March 7.00am	Ellerslie Convention Centre
Book Fundraiser - start cleaning your bookshelves. Contact Kate if you need books collected: kc.oconnor@auckland.ac.nz	TBC July	OGH.

AWARDS

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust provides funds for the promotion, advancement and encouragement of women's education within the spheres of research and professional activities, and artistic or creative activities. KEECT annually provides financial assistance to women for re-training and for undergraduate and postgraduate study. These awards are funded through the hire of academic dress. The Trust owns and operates Academic Dress Hire and the Regalia Boutique which supply academic regalia for graduations and other events. The Awards are administered by members of Auckland Graduate Women.

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust (formerly the New Zealand Federation of University Women (Auckland Branch) Charitable Trust offers the following Awards annually for women enrolled or planning to enrol at The University of Auckland, the Albany Campus of Massey University, Auckland University of Technology, Manukau Institute of Technology and Unitec. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents. Discretionary Grants may be made to groups of women in communities who have organised educational programmes for the assistance or betterment of women.

Inaugural Research Award

Value: \$10,000 Closing Date: 15 February 2006

One award of \$10,000 or up to two awards, each of \$5,000, to assist a female postgraduate student (Postgraduate Diploma or Masters) undertake research into urban or environmental sustainability related to the Region of Auckland. Research must be completed by February 2007.

Doctoral Award

Value: \$7,000 a year Closing Date: 28 February

One award for up to three years to assist a woman graduate to carry out research for a Doctoral Degree.

Post-Doctoral Research Awards

Value: \$15,000 each Closing Dates: 28 February and 31 July.

Two awards to assist women who have graduated with a doctoral degree within the last four years to carry out research on a limited term project.

Please refer to www.kateedgertrust.org.nz for application form and more information.

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

Report from AGW Public Issues Committee Meeting of 9 December 2005

This report is taken from the minutes of the Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting at Juliet Yates' home.

Contact with Members of Parliament and Select Committees has been initiated; progress will be discussed at the PIC February meeting.

Important Issues for all AGW members' consideration

1. The Government is to permit human embryo stem cell imports. The public will be asked for its views on guidelines for this research. Submissions close 3 March 2006. In view of Oct 2005 UN Declaration on Bioethics and associated concerns all interested Auckland Graduate Women Members are asked to consider this important issue and send in comments, or attend the next Public Issues Meeting.
2. IFUW hosted a 2 week internet discussion focussed on Global communication links that has opened up continuing dialogues involving local branches and relationships with IFUW. Affiliates from other countries reported concern at the lack of accountability and transparency by IFUW representatives and an absence of consultation processes. Examples cited include items from UNESCO agendas that did not receive prior discussion. There is also concern that new, important issues may not be on the IFUW Action Plan, because the 3 year conference cycle has inbuilt delays. Opportunities to make a professional input may be lost. This subject needs more discussion in 2006.
3. Ongoing discussions involve the value of IFUW affiliation for AGW members. One intrinsic benefit might be friendship links and invitations to attend sessions or meetings when travelling overseas. However, such links are not established at an organisational level. A comparison to be considered is the way Alumni Associations are actively recruiting members and offer sophisticated support networks for members internationally. It was proposed that there should be further discussion in 2006 as to how AGW might establish its own links with like minded IFUW affiliates.
4. Advocacy: As a starting point for members considering subjects mentioned above or of special interest the following UNESCO websites deal with the UNESCO Action areas.

Topics such as Communication and Information; Education; Natural Sciences, Culture; Social and Human Sciences various resolutions of UNESCO can be found at:

<http://unesco.doc.unesco.org/ulis/index.html>

The Human Security Forum (against violence): <http://www.unesco.org/securipax>

Human rights, democracy women and gender, discrimination: http://www.unesco.org/human_rights

The Foresight Programme: <http://www.unesco.org/shs/prospective>

If you have particular recommendations or comments for further consideration about these or other issues please email Juliet for inclusion in the PIC agenda.

General Business

1. Members were thanked for their enthusiasm and support for the Public Issues Committee during the year.
2. It may be necessary to meet at a different date and time, to enable more members to attend. Suggested alternatives include the third Wednesday at 7.pm at OGH. Please email Juliet with your preferences: yatesinc@xtra.co.nz.

Date of next meeting: 10.00 am on 9 February. Venue: 11 Berowald Place, Kohimarama.

An agenda will be emailed prior to this meeting.

AGW Public Issues Committee

The aim of the Public Issues Committee is to speak on behalf of the Auckland Graduate Women as an effective advocate and voice for women on public issues. We see the role of the Public Issues Committee being:

- To consider and, where appropriate, take a stand on important public issues as they arise.
- To consider and respond to remits referred by NZFGW, the National Council of Women or other organisations, and to advise our delegates on issues and voting so that our voice is heard. This is an opportunity to use our collective education and together present an educated voice back to the community.
- To receive feedback and information from our delegates who attend these important forums. Information is shared through our meetings and newsletters.

- To encourage members to participate in advocacy, workshops and taskforces where their skills and professional interests can assist in advancing debates and finding solutions to public issues.

We meet informally every month and welcome participation by members and other persons with expertise or similar interests who are willing to contribute. Members assist with, or take responsibility for, the preparation of submissions when these are needed. This is an opportunity to think, talk, consider and contribute to the immediate voice of women. If you are unable to attend the meetings we still want to recognise your voice. We are happy to share your opinions and expertise through emails and our newsletter.

Contact: Juliet Yates yatesinc@xtra.co.nz, or email publicissues@aucklandgradwomen.org.nz

Also for your calendar... ..

FUNDRAISERS SUPPORTED BY AGW

UNIFEM Breakfast - Tuesday 7 March 2006 at 7.00am – 8.30am

In celebration of **International Women's Day**.....

The Auckland Regional Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women extends an open invitation to attend the annual UNIFEM breakfast.

Time: 7.00am to 8.30am

Venue: Ellerslie Convention Centre, Ellerslie Racecourse

Tickets: \$30 per adult (\$280 for table of 10); \$25 per college student. Contact Joyce Ivory joyce@esunn.com. AGW support this Breakfast by booking a table or tables.

Keynote speaker: Hon. Lianne Dalziel, Minister of Women's Affairs

UNIFEM is the United National Development Fund for Women. UNIFEM focuses on strengthening women's economic capacity as entrepreneurs and producers, supporting women in decision making processes and promoting women's human rights to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. The UNIFEM Breakfast on International Women's Day is the only large scale fundraiser. All proceeds will support UNIFEM NZ's Pacific Project: Gender Equality in Decision-making and Leadership. Please consider if you can participate this March.

Two Fundraisers in support of Bridgebuilders & Pacific Women's Watch

To raise money to produce a resource this year on post-natal depression for parents.

Film Evening - Wednesday 22 February 2006 at 6.30pm

Enjoy nibbles and drinks at 6.00pm and then see "River Queen", a New Zealand film set in the 1800's at the Rialto Broadway Cinema. Tickets \$25.00 from Joyce Ivory: joyce@esunn.com

Family Portrait Photos - 11 March 2006 at 8.00am

\$10 includes the sitting fee and a free photograph. Extra photographs can be ordered with payment. The location is at St David's Church starting 8.00am

For any information about these two fundraisers please contact:

Jane Prichard 528 3727

Geertina Bosch 810 9884

Rose Tauetule 580 2615

AGW MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET.....

We are interested in finding out about the contributions that have been made to New Zealand life by our members and award recipients. If you, or anyone you know, was awarded a FUW or FGW scholarship from the Auckland Branch Please get in touch.

Contact Alison Booth: alison.booth@xtra.co.nz

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The following is an excerpt from the IFUW website at: www.ifuw.org/index.htm. This is a very accessible website that is easy to navigate and provides a wealth of interesting reading and links.

The Circle of Influence

The role of IFUW, its national affiliates and members

The influence of the International Federation of University Women depends on active participation of members at all levels.

Members at the local level begin the process by identifying issues and problems confronting communities the world over. These issues are taken up by IFUW's national affiliates and presented at the international level in the form of resolutions. Resolutions adopted at IFUW's Triennial Conferences, along with issues identified in the triennial Study and Action Programme, form IFUW policy and serve as the basis for IFUW advocacy work at the United Nations (UN) and other international inter-governmental organizations.

In the next phase, IFUW's teams of UN representatives work actively to ensure that these priority issues are taken into consideration in international debate. Because of IFUW's special consultative status, these representatives have an official presence at the meetings and conferences where new international conventions and agreements are drafted and adopted. There they are able to highlight members' concerns through oral and written statements, special presentations and intense discussions with individual government delegates.

In these efforts, IFUW works in close partnership with other international non-governmental organizations with similar aims, giving greater strength to our voice.

To complete the circle of influence, decisions taken by governments at UN meetings and conferences must be implemented at the national and local levels. Members and national affiliates have a key role in monitoring the follow-up actions of their respective national governments to see whether they ratify and apply the standards set out in these important international agreements.

IFUW and its national and local members can also advance these important international goals by taking action to implement the Beijing Platform for Action and our own IFUW [Study and Action Programme](#) projects, programmes, and seminars at the local and regional levels.

Working together we can ensure an effective and complete circle of influence.

<http://www.ifuw.org/resolutions/resolutions-influence.htm>

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CIRCULAR TO BRANCHES

DECEMBER 2005

FROM NZFGW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

P O Box 3057, Wellington, New Zealand www.nzfgw.org.nz
National Secretary: Wendy Zemanek wendyz@ihug.co.nz

To Branch Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers

Report of the Special Meeting of the Conference 1 October 2005 to 7 December 2005 and Postal Ballot of 7 December 2005.

The motion proposed was:

That the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Fellowship Trust be wound up as soon as possible and the Fellowship Fund of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (Incorporated) and the Jessie Maddison Fund be transferred to the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Charitable Trust

(Rae Duff/ Heather Rae; CARRIED)

The process of holding a Special Meeting of the Conference by letter, phone and internet with discussion via the National Secretary provoked some discussion, but there was essentially no discussion on the motion. The 7 December postal ballot resulted in a vote of **52 for the motion** (11 Branches), **5 against** (1 Branch); 1 Branch (3 votes) abstained and 1 Branch (3 votes) did not reply (the total number of conference votes is 63). The scrutineer for the ballot was NZFGW Council member Annette O'Sullivan, President of Hutt Valley Branch.

The National Executive appreciates this clear message from the membership and the willingness of branches to move quickly using modern communication when appropriate.

The NZFGW National Executive (as Trust Board of the NZFGW Charitable Trust, Trust Board of the NZFGW Fellowship Trust, and as executive officers of the Mildred Keir Trust) is pleased that there will be only one charity to register with the Charities Commission. The winding up of the Mildred Keir Trust and the NZFGW Fellowship Trust can now be started, with their funds being settled on the NZFGW Charitable Trust.

The New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Charitable Trust

The NZFGW Charitable Trust was incorporated on 25 October 2005. Its incorporation number is 1717013 and the Incorporation Certificate and the Trust Deed can be viewed and downloaded online at www.societies.govt.nz by *Searching the Register* and conducting a *Register Search* (using the name or number).

The trust was approved by IRD for a charitable exemption on 7 November 2005. The trust is now tax-exempt, donations are free of gift duty and personal donations are tax-deductible.

The NZFGW Fellowship Trust and the Mildred Keir Trust bank accounts remain separate until the trusts are wound up; after that there will be changes to the bank accounts list.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING COMPLETE LIST OF BANK ACCOUNT NAMES

Would branches please ensure that donation cheques made out by the branch or by a charitable trust are made out to one of these? Banks are sometimes fussy about this.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ANY ASSOCIATED CHARITABLE TRUST HAS THIS INFORMATION

Fellowship Fund of New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Inc for donations to the NZFGW Fellowship Fund (send to NZFGW FTB, PO Box 1713, Palmerston North);
The NZFGW Charitable Trust for donations to the *Harriette Jenkins Fund*, the *Susan Byrne Fund* or a general donation to the trust (**one cheque**, please itemise);
NZFGW Mildred Keir Trust for donations to the *Mildred Keir Training Award Fund*;
New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Inc for donations to IFUW special funds or general donations to NZFGW (**one cheque**, please itemise).