



To: National Presidents, CIRs, Secretaries and Treasurers
From: IFUW Headquarters
Subject: 2010 IFUW Conference Training and Grants

2010 Conference Training Programme

The IFUW Board of Officers is pleased to invite each national federation and association (NFA) to designate up to four members to participate in a training programme, Towards A Sustainable Multigenerational Approach, to be held in conjunction with the 30th IFUW Conference in Mexico City. The training will look at ways IFUW can build on the strengths of different generations to create more effective, sustainable organizations. The programme will open with a full day workshop on 3 August, continue in parallel sessions throughout the Conference, and close with a half-day session on 10 August. Three external expert trainers will assist with the programme, as will several IFUW members with capacity-building experience.

Participants will be expected to organize and report on a follow-up activity in their NFA by 1 June 2011. This might be workshops, online discussions, a series of articles in national newsletters, or other activities to share what they have learned with their NFAs. NFAs proposing participants will be asked to complete a short evaluation survey to assess membership trends, involvement levels, leadership structures and organizational problems. They will also be asked in 2011 to complete a short evaluation survey to see what impact the activity has had on their organizations.

More details about the training programme and registration forms may be downloaded from the following links:

- Training Programme Information:
http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/docs/2010_training.pdf
- Training Registration Form:
http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/docs/2010_training_registration_form.pdf

The Young Leaders' Programme in Mexico City will include this training as one of its components. Members under 40 who sign up for the Young Leaders' Programme will automatically be enrolled for the training programme. More details about this will be circulated soon by Vivian Ike, the Young Leaders' Coordinator.

All participants must pay the conference enrolment fee and are responsible for their airfare, accommodation and other expenses.

Grants

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) is making available fifteen travel grants of 1000 USD each. These will assist members from countries with a gross national income under 10,000 USD to take part in the training. NFAs in eligible countries may apply for a grant for one of their members on the training registration form. No more than one grant will be given per NFA. Special consideration will be given to members under 40 and to those who have not previously received an IFUW training grant. The deadline for those wishing to apply for a grant is 15 April 2010.

The only other funding available for the Conference will be the grants for Council Members representing NFAs at the 90th IFUW Council on 4 August and the 91st IFUW Council on 10 August. Council Members will receive reimbursement of 30 per cent of their travel costs, based on the least expensive airfare available. Although there are two Councils, only one payment of 30 per cent will be made. Council Members will receive this reimbursement and be allowed to vote only if their NFA has fully paid all dues owed to IFUW up to and including those payable on 1 January 2010, or if special arrangements have been made. Credentials and Council Member Travel Grant forms will be sent to NFAs in May.