



**IFUW Update - 23 November 2011**

## **IFUW Launches New Members' Corner, Forums and Directory**



Two of the questions we are asked most often is how can members learn about what is happening in IFUW and how can they connect with members from other countries. The new IFUW Members' Corner page [www.ifuw.org/resources/members-corner/](http://www.ifuw.org/resources/members-corner/) provides one-step access to the latest IFUW announcements, the current IFUW blog, recent copies of the IFUW Update, and profiles of some of the amazing women who are part of IFUW's international network. Most exciting, the page is also the gateway to the new **IFUW Forums and Members' Directory**, an interactive members-only space where members can meet and exchange views and information.

One of the forums, **Transitioning to Work**, is a place where new graduates can seek advice and talk about the problems they face starting new careers and where not-so-recent graduates can provide tips and share their experience. Two young IFUW members, one from Switzerland and one from Pakistan, have already started a discussion there on **Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**. In the Research/Professional Contacts forum members can talk about their current work/research, meet members with similar interests, and find others to work on joint projects. Among the other forums is one on **Travel Contacts** for those planning to visit another country, one for sharing **Funding/Job/Conference Opportunities**, another for members thinking about attending the 2013 IFUW Conference - Istanbul, and even one for **Sharing Ideas on Improving & Growing IFUW**. Members can also start topics of their own in the **Open Discussion Forum**.

The Members Directory provides a listing of members who have signed up for the forums, as well as IFUW's international leaders. The Directory is viewable only by registered members so your information will be protected. A private messaging system allows you to send private messages without having to post your email on the site.

We encourage you to visit the Members' Corner [www.ifuw.org/resources/members-corner/](http://www.ifuw.org/resources/members-corner/) and to sign up for the Members' Forum.

## Give a Gift that Helps Change Lives

It is the time of the year when many people are looking for gifts in honour of one holiday or another. This year you have the possibility of giving an IFUW Gift Certificate for either the [Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme \(BRPID\)](#) or [IFUW Fellowships](#). IFUW projects and fellowships help empower women around the world. An IFUW gift certificate is a meaningful present that supports IFUW's work and helps a woman advance her dreams.



**IFUW Gift  
Certificates**  
A gift that helps  
change lives

Purchasing an IFUW gift certificate via the IFUW website is a way of making a donation to one of these programmes as a gift in the name of another person.

You choose the amount you wish to give and whether you wish it to go to BRPID projects or to Fellowships. Once you have purchased your gift, IFUW will prepare a personalized gift certificate. You can choose to receive this gift certificate by email to print out and deliver yourself to the recipient, or IFUW can email the gift certificate directly to the recipient on your behalf, with an optional personal message.

Your recipient will be able to visit the IFUW website and choose how the certificate will be used. If it is a BRPID gift certificate, she or he can decide which of the excellent current BRPID projects to support. If it is a Fellowships gift certificate, she or he can decide whether to support the regular IFUW Fellowships Programme or the special Conchita Poncini Jimenez International Human Rights Fellowship. Whatever they choose, you will know that the gift you have given is helping to change lives!

IFUW Gift certificates are wonderful gifts for any occasion, and are also an excellent way to introduce your family and friends to IFUW. We hope many of you will click on the gift box above or visit <http://www.ifuw.org/what/gift-certificate/> and also encourage others to give IFUW gift certificates this year!