

“Tell Us About It”
Research Presentations Day: April 26th 2008

The Scottish Federation of University Women (SFUW) held a Research Presentations Day on Saturday 26 April at the University of Glasgow when women post-graduate students in the West of Scotland presented their research to a panel of 2 Professors and an audience comprised of members and friends of SFUW. The aim of the event, chaired by Dr Fiona Sutherland (SFUW, Education) was to enhance the skills and confidence of women post-graduate students. Students were asked to give clear, interesting and succinct presentations of 15 minutes duration to a “friendly” audience coming from a variety of backgrounds.

8 PhD students presented their research on topics ranging from “Intercultural Bilingual Education (IBE): Towards a contextual understanding of how indigenous peoples in the Peruvian Andes value their native language” to “Cognitive and Perceptual Visual Impairment in Children”. The panel of Prof. Catherine Steel (Classics) and Prof. Andrea Nolan (Vice Principal) from Glasgow University told the students that the standard of presentation had been exceptionally high with the presenters engaging the audience with, and without the use of technology. Written feedback from the Professors and from members of SFUW was also given to each girl.

It was an extremely interesting and enjoyable day for all involved. Next year the event will be held in Dundee for research students in the East of Scotland.

The photo shows: Prof. Catherine Steel and Prof. Andrea Nolan (back row, left), Dr Fiona Sutherland, and 5 of the Research Students.