

## UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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### 1. GADN News

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- GADN Update

As usual, the GAD Network has been having a busy month! We held our members meeting on Wednesday 2 July 2008 which was entitled 'Women's Rights to Gender Mainstreaming?' Both our speakers, Helen Derbyshire and Rosalind Eyben gave fascinating insights into the question of gender mainstreaming and the discussion that followed was very interesting and showed how gender mainstreaming remains relevant today.

Our next GAD Network Members' Meeting is going to be held on 23 October 2008, the theme has yet to be decided.

We at the GAD Network have also been busy working with DfID to organise events on climate change and violence against women as part of our roundtable series

launched at Milbank Tower on international women's day. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss our work in these areas.

The GAD Network Annual Report is also now available on our website, to find out about our activities in 2007-08 please click [here](#).

Other news includes the departure of our Chair, Brita Fernandez-Schmidt who is moving on to a new role at Women for Women International and the welcoming of our new Chair, Zohra Khan from One World Action. We wish Brita the best of luck in her new job.

- **WIDE Update**

As you may know the GAD Network is the UK Platform for WIDE which means we sit on their steering group and represent the UK at their meetings.

We recently attended their Steering Group meeting in Brussels on 12 and 13 June where many topics were discussed including the WIDE work plan for 2008/09 and the upcoming WIDE conference.

As usual, GADN representatives will be attending the WIDE Annual Conference 2008: Feminist Visions for a Just Europe, for more information please see below or go to the WIDE website [www.wide-network.org](http://www.wide-network.org). WIDE conferences are always very exciting and a great opportunity to network with other experts from the field of gender and development.

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **NAWO & The Judith Trust, Seminar on the Issue of Forced Marriage and Disability, 23 July 2008, London, 13 – 15 pm,**

In our society today, both women and men with learning disabilities are being forced into marriage. This fundamental breach of human rights remains a hidden problem. This seminar seeks to raise awareness and to provide a forum for discussion on how to address the issue. The seminar is aimed at practitioners, policy makers and those with an interest in the prevention of forced marriages of people with learning disabilities. For more information, please click [here](#)

- **Central American Women's Network, Gender and Trade in Central America, A-GENDA and CAWN's bulletin**

This A-GENDA edition focuses on Central American women's strategies in response to the Association Agreement currently being negotiated between the European Union and Central America. As negotiations have progressed, Europe's inflexibility about making a far-reaching free trade agreement the basis of its future association with Central America has become patently clear. CAWN's briefing paper on the impact of the Association Agreement explains why women's rights and gender equality would suffer under such an agreement. To download both publications, please click [here](#).

- **Plan International UK: Because I am a Girl Campaign Launch**

In an era that coined the term 'girl power' millions of girls are being condemned to a life of inequality and poverty. It is a situation that cannot be allowed to continue. In May 2007 Plan UK launched a massive worldwide campaign, "Because I am a

Girl", which aims to transform their lives. To visit the website and sign up to the campaign, [click here](#).

- Action Aid: Disappearing daughters: India sex selection crisis worsening – New Report

This ActionAid report reveals a growing crisis in India where the number of girls born and surviving compared to boys has hit an all time low. Findings from sites across five states in north and northwest India reveal that the sex ratio of girls to boys has not only worsened but is accelerating compared to the last national census in 2001. To access the full report, [click here](#).

- National Federation of Women's Institutes (WI): Women Reaching Women project

This project aims to raise awareness of a wide range of gender and development issues among the WI membership and their communities, focusing in the first year on the Millennium Development Goals and climate change. Participating WIs will be supported to coordinate GAD focussed events which may take on many forms: conferences, workshops, panel debates etc. They will be looking for professionals working on gender and development issues who are interested in speaking or setting up a stand to promote current research, campaigns and projects. We are now trying to collate a list of contacts from various sectors that would be willing to be contacted by a WI member to discuss participating in their regional events. If you are interested, please email Emily Boots ([e.boost@nfwf.org.uk](mailto:e.boost@nfwf.org.uk)) with your contact details, specialisation, fee, etc.

### 3. DFID/EU/UN

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- ILO Launch of the Global Campaign Gender Equality at the Heart of Decent Work  
Source: ILO (5 June 2008)
- UN: Empower Peacekeepers to Stop Rape  
Source: Reuters AlertNet (11 June 2008)  
Original Source: Human Rights Watch
- CONCORD, No Time to Waste: European governments behind schedule on aid quantity and quality
- European Women's Lobby - Resource Kit on Institutional Mechanisms for the Promotion of Equality between Women and Men (May 2008)
- UN Division for the Advancement of Women - Gender Perspectives on Climate Change, Emerging Issue - Panel at CSW Fifty-Second Session

### 4. Development News

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- Turkey: Court Shows Bias, Dissolves Lambda Istanbul  
Source: Human Rights Watch (2 June 2008)
- India: Public Hearing Grants Justice to Rural Women  
Source: Inter Press Service News Agency (2 June 2008)
- Russian authorities ruled responsible for Chechen women's disappearance  
Source: Amnesty International (3 June 2008)

- Burundi: Grappling with widespread sexual abuse  
Source: ReliefWeb (4 June 2008)
- Malaysia: Women's and Human Rights Activist Toni Kasim dies  
(4 June 2008)
- Colombia: Defending Women's Defenders  
Source: Inter Press Service News Agency (9 June 2008)
- Women-Media: Stuck at the Starting Gate  
Source: Inter Press Service News Agency (9 June 2008)
- Iran: Nine Women's Rights Activists Arrested  
Source: WLP (12 June 2008)
- Pakistan: Girls still being used to settle disputes  
Source: Reuters AlertNet (15 June 2008)
- New Confidence in Liberian Police Has More Women and Children Reporting Crime  
Source: ReliefWeb (15 June 2008)
- El Salvador: Lawmakers Against Therapeutic Abortion  
Source: Inter Press Service News Agency (16 June 2008)
- African women face 3 globalization challenges say Mozambique PM  
Source: (19 June 2008)
- Global Summit of Women awards influential figures (19 June 2008 )
- Senegal: Beaten in Silence  
Source: IRIN (20 June 2008)
- West Africa: West Africans fight female genital mutilation in France  
Source: IRIN (23 June 2008)
- Zimbabwe: Women Bear Brunt of Violence  
Source: IPS (28 June 2008)
- USA: Bush Administration Withholds UNFPA Funds for 7th Straight Year  
Source: Inter Press Service News Agency (28 June 2008)
- Yemen: Government body moves to stem female genital mutilation  
Source: IRIN (1 July 2008)

## 5. Publications

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- OECD-DAC, Aid in Support of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- Girls Count: A Global Investment and Action Agenda
- CSVN - Where is the money to address gender-based violence?
- CAWTAR - Women entrepreneurs in the MENA region: characteristics, contributions and challenges
- Refugee Law Project - Giving out their daughters for their survival refugee self-reliance, vulnerability, and the paradox of early marriage
- ILO - Women, gender and informal economy: an assessment of ILO research and suggested ways forward
- WomenInk - Resource collection of free materials on HIV/AIDS and women
- FAO - Women and the Right to Food: International Law and State Practice
- International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) - Women targeted or affected by armed conflict: What role for military peacekeepers?
- International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC): Triple Jeopardy: Female Adolescence, Sexual Violence, and HIV/AIDS

- Amnesty International - Picking up the pieces: Women's experience of urban violence in Brazil
- Committee for Asian Women - Women migrant workers under the Chinese social apartheid
- The Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies - Intercultural Dialogue on Violence against Women
- FAO: Gender and Equity Issues in Liquid Biofuels Production - Minimizing the Risks to Maximize the Opportunities
- WEDO: Gender, Climate Change and Human Security
- Bernadette P. Resurreccion and Rebecca Elmhirst: Gender and Natural Resource Management Livelihoods, Mobility and Interventions

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- Call for Applications: APC WNSP and AWID: Feminist Tech Exchange (10-12 November 2008, Cape Town, South Africa)  
Deadline: 13 July 2008
- Campaign: Females in Front
- Call for Nominations: 2008 United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights  
Deadline for Nominations: 15 July 2008
- Call for Nominations: 2008 Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger: "Civil Society Leadership for the Empowerment of Women"  
Deadline: 1 August 2008
- Call for Papers: Regulation and Resistance in Education - 2009 Gender and Education Association 7th International Conference  
Closing date for abstracts: 30 September 2008
- The International Rescue Committee is calling a global campaign to end violence against women

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- ODI Event: Strategies and tools for gender and agriculture: the Agricultural Development Initiative at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
London, 21 July 2008, 13:30-15:30
- Open Society Institute: Public Health Program: "Strategies for Change: Breaking Barriers to HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care for Women"  
Mexico City, Mexico, 2 August 2008
- The War Question for Feminism: Gender aspects on militaries, armed conflict and peacekeeping and anti-war activism  
Örebro University, Sweden, 22-23 September 2008
- International Women's Partnership for Peace and Justice (IWP): Socially Engaged Buddhist Peacebuilding Course for Women Activists in South and Southeast Asia  
Chiang Mai, Thailand, 4 – 24 October 2008
- WIDE Annual Conference: 'Feminist Visions for a Just Europe'  
The Hague, The Netherlands, 9–11 or 23–25 October 2008

- Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group: The 2nd New Arab Woman Forum  
Beirut, Lebanon, 23-24 October 2008
- Conectas: VIII International Human Rights Colloquium  
Sao Paulo, Brazil, 8-15 November 2008

## 8. Job Openings

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- Programme Assistant, Gender, UNDP (New York, USA)  
Closing date: 9 July 2008
- Regional Programme Director – South Asia, UNIFEM (New Delhi, India)  
Closing Date: 10 July 2008
- Information and Publications Officer, INTERIGHTS (London, UK)  
Closing date: 11 July 2008
- Office Administrator, AWID (Cape Town, South Africa)  
Closing date: 11 July 2008
- Resource Mobilization Specialist – Governments, UNIFEM (New York, USA)  
Closing date: 12 July 2008
- Programme Assistant, One World Action (London, UK)  
Closing Date: 14 July 2008
- Research Associate - Building Feminist Movements and Organizations, AWID (Cape Town, South Africa or Mexico City, Mexico)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Program Assistant, AWID (Mexico City, Mexico)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Country Programme Manager, UNIFEM (Yaounde, Cameroon)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization, The International Development Research Centre, Carleton University - University of Ottawa (Ottawa, Canada)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Information Officer, Women of Uganda Network (Kampala, Uganda)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Programme Officer (WHRAP-China Project), The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Programme Officer (Research, ICPD+15), The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)  
Closing date: 15 July 2008
- Practice Leader, Gender, UNDP (Bratislava, Slovak Republic)  
Closing date: 16 July 2008
- Technical Specialist, Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS), ICS 11 (L-4), UNFPA (Antananarivo, Madagascar)  
Closing date: 18 July 2008
- Research Manager, Gender Links (Johannesburg, South Africa)  
Closing date: 18 July 2008
- Training Manager, Gender Links (Johannesburg, South Africa)  
Closing date: 18 July 2008
- Gender and Media Diversity Centre Manager, Gender Links (Johannesburg, South Africa)

- Closing date: July 18, 2008
- Program Associate for MENA / The Global Fund for Women (San Francisco, USA)  
Closing date: 21 July 2008
  - Programme Officer, The European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (Brussels, Belgium)  
Closing date: 21 July 2008
  - Policy Officer, Bretton Woods Project (London, UK)  
Closing date: 30 July 2008
  - Development Internship Opportunities, Aga Khan Development Network (Central Asia)  
Closing date: July 31, 2008.
  - Researcher on the Middle East and North Africa, Human Rights Watch (Cairo, Egypt or Beirut, Lebanon)  
Closing date: 1 September 2008
  - Briquette Feasibility Study Consultant: Sudan, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children (Location: Any, with Field Work in Sudan)
  - Senior Evaluation Specialist – Population and Social Transitions Team, ICRW (Washington, USA)
  - Vice President, Health & Development, ICRW (Washington, USA)