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### Editorial

#### Securing Human Rights for Women with Disabilities

History was made in August 2006 at the United Nations with the adoption of the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, which could come into force in 2007, once adopted by the General Assembly. It is the first time that the needs and rights of disabled women and men, girls and boys will be addressed in a human rights framework, thus, breaking from the traditional perspective of approaching disability as a health issue. A stand-alone article - article 6 –entitled “women with disabilities” was finally included after many efforts and years of lobbying by EWL members, the European Disability Forum (EDF) and many other women and disability NGOs from all over the world.

A motion passed at the EWL General Assembly 2005 called on EWL members to lobby for a twin-track approach taking into consideration the multiple discrimination of women and girls with disabilities, the increasing poverty of disabled women and especially the growing violence against them. Lobbying actions followed calling for unconditional support of article 6 and gender mainstreaming of other articles of the Convention (twin-track approach). EWL would also like to acknowledge the positive support of the twin-track approach from the European Commission, in particular the Director General of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, the Directorate for Equal Opportunities and the Unit on the Integration of People with Disabilities. It also congratulates the EU delegation for demonstrating its commitment to equality between women and men in this particular situation.

The new UN Convention fills the gaps of existing international instruments such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which does not explicitly mention women with disabilities. The Preamble of the new Convention (paragraph (o)) states that “women and girls with disabilities are often at greater risk, both within and outside the home of violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation” and article 16 calls on State parties to take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social, educational and other measures, including gender based aspects. The most controversial issue during negotiations was that of sexual and reproductive rights. While we would have preferred stronger language, Article 23 relating to “respect for home and the family”, does refer to issues of reproduction. Throughout the text, the terms “she” and “he” are used, sending an important message that women with disabilities are not only an integral part of the Convention itself but also of society as a whole.

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## **EWL News**

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**EWL CARE CAMPAIGN AND PETITION** - The EWL electronic petition calls for action at national and European level to advance equality between women and men through the provision of affordable, accessible and high quality care services in the European Union. The Petition is available for signing until International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March) 2007.

**YOU CAN JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AND SIGN THE PETITION ON EWL**  
**WEBSITE: [http://ewl.horus.be/site/form\\_3.asp](http://ewl.horus.be/site/form_3.asp)**

**Please distribute widely, via direct mail, links on websites and newsletters.**

**EWL new project on gender and immigration** - In July 2006, EWL was awarded a grant - under the European Programme on Integration and Migration (EPIM) - to develop a European project with and for immigrant women living in the EU. EPIM was launched by the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation (NEF) in the Autumn 2005, in order to open a debate and encourage broader commitment to the development of constructive integration policies at the EU level and to engage the widest possible range of stakeholders in society in this process. Under this project, EWL will organise a **European Seminar in January / February 2007 on the empowerment and integration of immigrant women in the EU**. The objectives of the project are: 1) to provide a starting point from which immigrant women living in the EU begin to articulate their own experiences and concerns and to advocate their rights to European decision-makers; 2) to initiate a debate at European level on the urgent need for a gender-specific approach to integration/migration policies; and 3) to develop and strengthen networking opportunities between immigrant women – For more information, contact Clarisse Delorme ([delorme@womenlobby.org](mailto:delorme@womenlobby.org)) at EWL secretariat.

**New lobbying action by the European Women's Lobby and Women in Europe for a Common future on the REACH proposal for a new European chemicals policy** - A proposal for a reform of the European regulation concerning chemicals is currently in discussion in the European institutions in the form of a directive called REACH. Together with the organisation Women in Europe for a Common Future, EWL has been trying to influence the policy process in the European Parliament. Both women's networks lay down a set of key demands they are asking MEPs to support. REACH needs to close the information gap on chemicals in the EU, phase out the very worst of them, place a duty of care for its products on the chemicals industry and ensure that women have the right to know what chemicals are contained in the products they buy. In view of the second reading of the REACH proposal in the European Parliament Committee on the Environment scheduled to take place in October 2006, WECF and EWL **call on members of Environment and Women's Rights Committee to uphold commitment to substitute hazardous chemicals through REACH**. More information:

[http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=1753&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID\\_sousmenu=](http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=1753&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=) or <http://www.wecf.de/cms/projects/reach/index.php>

**EWL lobbying action on asylum** - The deadline to transpose the EU directive, which sets out the criteria to qualify for refugee status in all of the Member States (Qualification Directive) into national law is **10 October 2006**. This Directive contains specific measures for women, and EWL has launched a lobbying campaign to ensure that Member States meet the requirements therein. A model lobbying letter addressed to governments as well as a fact sheet on the provisions relating to women are available on EWL web site. For more information, contact Maria Collins: [Collins@womenlobby.org](mailto:Collins@womenlobby.org)

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- Mary Mc Phail, EWL Secretary General represented EWL at a WOMNET conference on the theme “Equal Chances in Europe” in Bonn on 7 & 8 September 2006.
- Colette de Troy made an intervention at the conference “Trafficking in Human Beings on the Political Agenda” that took place in Göteborg on the 11 September 2006 and organised by the Museum of World Culture.
- Maria Collins participated in a conference in Paris on 16 September on the theme of « gender persecution, mobilisation and the right to asylum », organised by the Centre of Political Research.
- Mary Mc Phail attended a working dinner with Peter Mandelson, European Commissioner for Trade, in Brussels on 20 September 2006
- Mary Mc Phail took part as a speaker at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UWE, organised in The Hague on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2006.

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## **EWL Civil Society Representation**

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**Platform of European Social NGOs** – EWL is an elected member of the Platform’s Management Committee. More information on the Platform: <http://www.socialplatform.org/code/en/hp.asp>

- Clarisse Delorme represented EWL at the **Platform working group on Fundamental Rights and Anti-discrimination** on 11.09.2006.

**EU Civil Society Contact Group** – The EU Civil Society Contact Group brings together seven large NGO sectors - women, environment, social, development, culture, human rights and public health. EWL is a member of the Civil Society Contact Group Steering Committee. More information: <http://www.act4europe.org/code/en/hp.asp>

EWL is also a member of the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) NGO Liaison Group with Organised Civil Society**. More information: [http://www.esc.eu.int/sco/group/intro/index\\_en.asp](http://www.esc.eu.int/sco/group/intro/index_en.asp)

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## **European & International News in Brief**

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**Publication of the “Recast” Gender Equality Directive** – Directive 2006/54/EC of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (recast) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 26.07.2006. This Directive puts together in a single text a number of earlier European directives concerning gender equality in employment:

- Directive 75/117/EEC on equal pay;
- Directive 76/207/EEC, as amended by Directive 2002/73/EC, on equal treatment as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions;
- Directive 86/378/EEC, as amended by Directive 96/97/EC, on equal treatment in occupational security schemes;
- Directive 97/80/EC, as amended by Directive 98/52/EC, on the burden of proof in cases of discrimination based on sex.

The Directive also integrates the case law of the European Court of Justice, but it doesn't integrate new rights. The Directive can be found in all EU official languages under: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?year=2006&serie=L&textfield2=204&Submit=Search>

### **Special group of commissioners set up to deal with immigration and shape future policy**

The European Commission has sought to counter criticisms of its handling of the immigration influx into southern EU states by announcing the creation of a group of commissioners to shape future policy. Franco Frattini, Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security, also announced four new sources of funding from January 2007 for countries affected by the immigration influxes - the European Integration Fund, the European Return Fund, the European Refugee Fund and the European External Border Management Fund. Spain in particular has expressed frustration with the EU's response.

### **The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women convened its thirty-sixth session**

- From 7 to 25 August, the Committee examined periodic reports of 14 States parties: Chile, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Georgia, Ghana, Jamaica, Mauritius, Mexico, Philippines, Republic of Moldova and Uzbekistan and Cape Verde. The agenda, including background documents and the reports of the fifteen States parties can be found on: [www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/36sess.htm](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/36sess.htm).

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## **News from the European Parliament**

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### **Adoption of the Daphne III Programme by the European Parliament on 5 September 2006**

- The European Parliament adopted a report drafted by MEP Lissy Gröner (PSE, DE) on the EU programme seeking to combat and prevent violence against children, young people and women Daphne, calling for increased funding. “Daphne is one of the European Union's small, but highly successful programmes. A mere 17% or so of the projects submitted to date have received funding. Therefore, I am also calling for the programme's funding to be increased and for it to receive 120 million euro,” clarified Lissy Gröner. In addition, the rapporteur sees the need to inaugurate a European year on combating violence against women: “This would also enable us to train the public spotlight on the issue of structural violence, the most likely victims of which above all tend to be children and women”.

MEPs remind that it is necessary to recognise that some groups, namely women belonging to minority groups, refugee women, women migrants, women living in poverty in rural or remote communities, women in institutions or in detention, female children, lesbian women, women

with disabilities and elderly women, are particularly vulnerable to violence. Link to documents: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5290062>

**Call for action against double discrimination faced by immigrant women** - The twofold discrimination immigrant women suffer based on gender and origin is highlighted by the Women's Rights Committee in a report adopted on 13.09.2006, which proposes ways to promote their integration into the EU. Accessing the labour market, education, language training and information about rights are some of the measures put forward. The report, drafted by Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (EPP-ED, EL), calls on Member States to ensure language education and information concerning fundamental human, political and social rights and democratic principles in the host country is available. The report urges the Member States, which have not done so "to ensure that effective and deterrent penalties apply under their criminal codes to all forms of violence against women and children, particularly forced marriage, polygamy, crimes of honour and female genital mutilation". More information: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5303812>

**Newsletter of the Committee on women's rights and gender equality of the EP** – This newsletter presents the work and the papers discussed and voted at the Women's Rights Committee of the European Parliament. For more information: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/femm\\_home\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/femm_home_en.htm)  
To subscribe to the newsletter, please contact: [ip-femm@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:ip-femm@europarl.europa.eu)

**Services directive: Parliament's second reading gets under way** - After the EP vote earlier this year, the Commission revised its proposal and the Council approved this revised text in July. The rapporteur Evelyne Gebhardt unveiled eleven amendments to the Council's common position, which would threaten the compromise between the EPP-ED and PES groups and were likely to be rejected by the Council. Among the amendments attracting particular criticism are those concerning the directive's scope (Article 2), consumer protection (Article 3) - one of the main bones of contention in the negotiations within Parliament - and the role of the Commission in assessing the implementation of the directive (Article 39.5). The plenary vote will take place in November. [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/default_en.htm)

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## **Update on Violence against Women and Women's Human Rights**

**Adoption of the Daphne III Programme** - The European Parliament adopted its report drafted by MEP Lissy Gröner (PSE, DE) on the Daphne III programme on violence against children, young people and women. (*See European Parliament section of this Newsflash*).

**Celebrate 16 Years of 16 Days: Advance Human Rights, End Violence Against Women** - 2006 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign! Since 1991, the 16 Days campaign has worked to increase the visibility of violence against women as a human rights violation. This year, the 16 Days campaign celebrates activists who have made the campaign a success and honours women human rights defenders who have suffered intimidation and violence for their activism and/or have given their lives fighting for gender equality. For more information: <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu>

**Manual on Women against Violence Europe (WAVE)** - The contents of this Manual evolved during the DAPHNE project BRIDGING GAPS, implemented by WAVE from April 2005 to

March 2006. The aim of the project was to develop guidelines and standards for good cooperation between state agencies and women's NGOs. This Manual aims at contributing to the development and improvement of effective multi-agency cooperation by providing background information as well as concrete guidance and recommendations. It is one of the main goals of this Manual to focus on the protection and safety of victims. More information: [http://www.wave-network.org/cmsimages/doku/homepage\\_bg\\_manual\\_fromgoodinterventionstogoodcooperation3.pdf](http://www.wave-network.org/cmsimages/doku/homepage_bg_manual_fromgoodinterventionstogoodcooperation3.pdf)

**United Nations Secretary General's Study on Violence Against Children** - The 2007 theme of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women is the girl child. The Study is a joint initiative, directly supported by the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization. This study gives a detailed picture of the nature, extent and causes of violence against children, and proposes clear recommendations for action to prevent and respond to it. To read the study: <http://www.violencestudy.org/r25>

**Elimination of Violence Against Women in Partnership with Men** – This publication, produced by the Women in Development Section, UNESCAP aims at highlighting ideas, concepts, policies, approaches and strategies for a greater involvement and engagement of men to eliminate gender violence. See: <http://www.unescap.org/esid/GAD/Publication/DiscussionPapers/15/series15-main-text.pdf>

**Alliance for Direct Action against Rape in Conflicts and Crises (AllianceDARC) Documenting Sexual Violence in Conflict: Data and Methods** – This bibliography was prepared in the course of background research for a discussion paper on challenges relating to the documentation of sexual violence in conflict. <http://dcaf.dev.isn.ch/allianceDARC/bibliography.cfm>

**Equality Now has just issued Women's Action 28.1, Mexico: The abduction and murder of women in Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua City** - This campaign focuses on the repeated and consistent failure of the Mexican authorities to investigate properly the unsolved cases of murdered women in Chihuahua State. The campaign calls on the Mexican government to ensure that impunity and obstruction of justice in these cases will not be tolerated, in particular by prosecuting all those officials found criminally negligent in their investigations. [http://www.equalitynow.org/english/actions/action\\_2801\\_en.html](http://www.equalitynow.org/english/actions/action_2801_en.html)

**Human Rights Tools Website** - This website offers professionals easy access to online resources on the theme of human rights. It offers four services: A library, key resources for country analysis, daily updated human rights headlines, and a newsletter. The website and newsletter are produced by a group of volunteers who aim to facilitate the use of information on human rights available on the Internet. See: <http://www.humanrightstools.org/countryanalysis.htm>

**OHCHR and UNAIDS launch international guidelines on HIV/AIDS and human rights** - The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) have launched a consolidated version of the *International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights* to coincide with the XVI International AIDS Conference taking place in Toronto in 18 August 2006. More information: <http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/022D2FA971DDAA94C12571CE00272E7F?opendocument>

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## Events

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**'Good work' for women in Europe** – This seminar organised by the Czech European Contact Group, Kirchlicher Dienst in der Arbeitswelt Hanover and European Contact Group will take place in Hanover on 15-19.11.2006. The core issue of the workshop will be a creation of the vision/definition of “good work” for women based on analysis of current situation of women in the EU labour market in the light of global economic changes and changing working conditions. For more information: [www.eks.ecn.cz](http://www.eks.ecn.cz) or contact Jitka Hromkova: [jitka.hromkova@ecgnet.cz](mailto:jitka.hromkova@ecgnet.cz)

**All Different – All United** – This conference on diversity, human rights, racism and intercultural dialogue organized by UNITED will be held from November 14-19 in Neuchâtel (Switzerland). Information: [www.unitedagainstracism.org](http://www.unitedagainstracism.org)

**Seminar 'Working time and work-life balance: a policy dilemma?'**, 17 October - Organised jointly by the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions and the European Parliament, this half-day seminar will bring together a wide range of actors to exchange on two specific issues and related policy challenges:

- Models of working time in Europe: Policy options and practical limitations. How to improve work-life balance for employees through the reorganization of working and living times?
- Combining flexicurity, competitiveness and an effective work-life balance: a win-win option for both companies and workers?

More info: [http://www.socialplatform.org/code/en/even\\_detail.asp?id\\_events=228](http://www.socialplatform.org/code/en/even_detail.asp?id_events=228)

**International seminar "Protection for domestic workers"** – On 8, 9, 10 November 2006 in Amsterdam, IRENE, the International Network on Labour and Development, is organizing a seminar on the issue of domestic workers, mostly women and children, the lack of social protection and the denial in some countries of the right to organize in trade unions. More info: [www.irene-network.nl](http://www.irene-network.nl)

**Final Conference of "Mainstreaming Mental Disability Policies"**, 6-7 October - Organised by Inclusion Europe in collaboration with the Open Society Mental Health Initiative and the Global Initiative on Psychiatry, with the support of the European Commission.  
<http://www.inclusion-europe.org/information/testsite2/ContextPageText.asp?CurPage=1&lang=EN&level=D&PosMenu=4&PosSubmenu=1&SubSub=2166>

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## Publications - Web Sites

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**New UNDP report Calls on World Leaders to Protect Human Rights of Female Migrants** - Today, half of all international migrants—95 million—are women and girls. Yet, despite substantial contributions to both their families at home and communities abroad, the needs of migrant women continue to be overlooked and ignored. This year's *State of World Population* report, *A Passage to Hope: Women and International Migration*, examines the scope and breadth of female migration, the impact of the funds they send home to support families and communities, and their disproportionate vulnerability to trafficking, exploitation and abuse. See: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/swpmain.htm>

**The principle of Gender Equality in the new ESF programmes (2007-2013): A framework for programming**, June 2006 – This reflection note is the result of an ad hoc working group of Member States on Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming from Austria, Finland, Spain,

Belgium and Estonia. The first part of the document focuses on the legal, political and economic relevance of gender mainstreaming for the design and implementation of the European Structural Funds. The second part seeks to address the needs of those whose task is to draw up the programming documents and then to ensure good governance of the programmes in terms of implementation, monitoring and evaluation. See:

[http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/equal/data/document/200606-reflection-note-gender\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/equal/data/document/200606-reflection-note-gender_en.pdf)

**Equal Pay Reports, Finland, France and the UK** -There has been no overall narrowing of the gender pay gap in **Finland** for a long time, according to a new trade union report: average salaries for women are still only 80% of men's. More info:<http://www.artto.kaapeli.fi/unions/T2006/j20> Another Study on Early Career Gender Wage Gap describes Finland's gender wage gap as increasing significantly during the first 10 years in the labour market and accounting for most of the life-time increase in the gender wage gap. See: <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/dp0738.pdf>

In **France**, after the adoption of a legal framework to deal with the issue of the gender pay gap, nothing has changed much since 1995. To read the report: <http://www.ladocumentationfrancaise.fr/rapports-publics/054000431/index.shtml>

In the **UK**, women will have to wait a further 150 years for equal pay, according to the latest British research. The gender pay gap has been narrowing over the last 30 years but is now static, see: <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/centrepiece/v11i1/manning.pdf>

**Professional life and birth: the burden of conciliation is mostly carried by women**, by Ariane Pailhé and Anne Solaz – This report, published by the French National Institute of Demography Studies, measures the gap that separates the involvement of women and men in adjusting their professional life with the care of a new born: men slowed their job activity 20 times less than women. Report (in French): [http://www.ined.fr/fr/ressources\\_documentation/publications/pop\\_soc/bdd/publication/1207/](http://www.ined.fr/fr/ressources_documentation/publications/pop_soc/bdd/publication/1207/)

The '**Pariteia**' campaign, coordinated by the **European Movement International**, aims to establish a **European citizenship based on the active participation of women and men in all social, political and professional activities**. The project is organised under five actions: 1) gathering data; 2) a booklet of best practices; 3) local workshops organized by the national partners 4) A 'Charter of Intent'. The signatories will commit themselves to actively fight for an equal and active European citizenship in their every day life and in their working place; 5) a communication campaign. In January 2007, at the final conference of Pariteia in Brussels, the outcome of the project will be presented to the public at large and the Charter of Intent will be launched. We want to collect the active support and commitment of people from different backgrounds, i.e.: public bodies, organisations, private companies, trade unions, individuals, etc. For more information: [www.pariteia.org](http://www.pariteia.org) .

**Gender Goes Wiki - UN-INSTRAW Creates a new interactive e-Tool to promote gender training**. "Wiki" is an online tool facilitating and increasing the exchange of knowledge sharing on capacity-building activities and resources worldwide. Organisations can publicise their training courses, publications and other capacity-building materials, in English and Spanish and soon in French. See: [http://www.un-instraw.org/wiki/training/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://www.un-instraw.org/wiki/training/index.php/Main_Page)

**EU project to examine relationship between gender and scientific practices** – An EU funded project has been launched to compare the development of scientific communities, practices and cultures in Europe from a gender perspective. The KNOWING comparative study will examine scientific institutions, compare the workload of researchers, work patterns. The aim

is to provide recommendations for better practices, accountability and transparency and gender mainstreaming in research. For more information, please visit: <http://www.knowing.soc.cas.cz/>

**Globalisation, economic policy and employment: Poverty and gender implications** – This study, conducted by the International Labour Organisation, is an attempt to analyse the overall impact of globalisation and macroeconomic policies on employment and poverty trends with a specific gender perspective. The study also demonstrates how different aspects of macroeconomic policies affect women's and men's work differently. To read the report: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/strat/download/esp2006-3.pdf>

**Initial study of lifestyles, consumption patterns, sustainable development and gender: Do women leave a smaller ecological footprint than men?** – This memorandum was produced by the Swedish Ministry of Sustainable Development and aims to provide a brief review of what is known about gender, lifestyles and consumption patterns. A further aim is to show how women's priorities, 'lifestyles' and consumption are to a considerable extent a function of the greater responsibility they take for unpaid work in the home all over the world – and to analyse whether a less resource-consuming type of welfare than the present one might develop if women were to exercise more influence. See: <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/574/a/67273>

**Impact of HIV/AIDS on Older Women Workers** - This information sheet published by the ILO Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work describes the impact of HIV/AIDS on older women, many of whom are diverting their labour and savings into care work to look after orphans and other vulnerable children. More info: <http://www.ilo.org/aids>

**Empowering Young Women to Lead Change** – This resource manual is designed to enable young women to prepare and facilitate training on a host of issues that are important to them. A joint publication of the World YWCA and UNFPA, the manual was developed by young women and contains modules on young women's leadership, economic justice, HIV and AIDS, human rights, peace, self esteem and body image, sexual and reproductive health and violence against women. See: <http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=304&filterListType>

**'Out of the Shadows'** - An electronic version (English and French) of the brochure for the Conference entitled 'Out of the Shadows - Organising Domestic Workers, towards a protective regulatory framework for domestic work' is available on the ETUC web site: <http://www.etuc.org/a/2026>

**CaucAsia, International coalition of gender journalists: 'Gender and Health'** – The last issue of this electronic magazine focuses on Gender and Health, the new era in healthcare with the specificities of male and female treatments and the gender differences in behaviour and access to healthcare. To be downloaded from: <http://www.gmc.ge/images/04KAVKAZIAJ-01E.html>

**From Microfinance to Macro Change-Integrating Health Education & Microfinance to Empower Women & Reduce Poverty 2006** –This document calls on development agencies, governments, microfinance institutions and donors to help to realize the goal of health and equal opportunity for all by investing in strategies with proven impact on the problem of global poverty and poor health. To download: <http://www.microcreditsummit.org/>

**Women and Micro lending in Western Europe** – The European Micro finance Network (EMN) published a report based on a survey of 30 Micro lenders, which aims to determine the percentage of women receiving loans from 2002 to 2004. The survey results suggest that despite micro lending's great potential to meet women's financing needs, a combination of demand-side and supply-side factors are resulting in a lower lending rate in Western Europe than observed

elsewhere.

See:

[http://ns30464.ovh.net/~rem/data/File/WP2\\_WowenMicrolending\\_in\\_W\\_Europe.pdf](http://ns30464.ovh.net/~rem/data/File/WP2_WowenMicrolending_in_W_Europe.pdf)

### **Working with the Media on Gender and Education: A Guide for Training and Planning -**

This guide is designed to help education and gender campaigners, and organisations and coalitions, work more effectively with the media to promote gender-equitable education. See:

[http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/issues/education/genderequality\\_education.htm#guide\\_media](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what_we_do/issues/education/genderequality_education.htm#guide_media)

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## **Funding, Training, Call for Papers**

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**Call for Tender: Study on 'The role of migrant women in the labour market: current situation and future prospects'** - Deadline: 16.10.2006 – Objectives: 1/ To present both a comprehensive and concise picture of the extent of migrant women's representation in the EU labour markets; 2/ To investigate how labour market participation of migrant women in the EU can be improved; 3/ To give orientations on how to better integrate the gender dimension in integration and immigration policies – For more information and to apply: [http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders\\_en.cfm?id=845](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=845)

**Call for Proposals: INTI - Integration of Third-Country Nationals** – Deadline: 20.10.2006, -Available budget: 4.000.000 EUR - Objectives and supported actions: Projects to be co-financed under the INTI Preparatory Actions 2006 should be in line with the Commission Communication 'A Common Agenda for Integration' and with the Council Conclusions on a common agenda for integration. The projects should therefore be based upon proposals for putting the Common Basic Principles for immigrant integration in the European Union in practice at EU level – The amount of grant per project cannot exceed 70% of the total eligible costs of the project. In order to apply and for further information please consult: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/inti/funding\\_inti\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/inti/funding_inti_en.htm) - Contact: European Commission, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, 2006 JLS INTI Preparatory Actions, Unit B/4 (LX46 - 2/136), Fax: +32.2 298 03 06, [JLS-INTI@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JLS-INTI@ec.europa.eu)

**Open Call for Tender VT/2006/021: "Study on Child Labour and Protection of Young Workers in the European Union"** – The aim of the study is to obtain an objective and detailed overview and assessment of the situation in practice relating to child labour and the protection of young people at work in the EU as a complement to the Commission's monitoring of the implementation of the Directive 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work. Deadline for receipt of bids : 06/10/2006 More info: [http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders\\_en.cfm?id=805](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=805)

**Call for Contributors: Comparative Perspectives Symposium on Feminist Art and Social ChangeSigns: Journal of Women in Culture and Society** - Designed to present multiple viewpoints from different regions of the world, each Comparative Perspectives Symposium features at least four scholars, activists, and/or artists who address a specific concept or topic of import to feminist activism and scholarship. Completed essays must be submitted by November 1, 2006. Contact: [KAlexander@signs.rutgers.edu](mailto:KAlexander@signs.rutgers.edu)

**Imagining Ourselves: Global Voices from a New Generation of Women, International Museum of Women** - Imagining Ourselves launched with a published anthology and an online exhibit on International Women's Day, March 8, 2006. One of the theme is dealing with **War & Dialogue: Women's Perspectives**: how war is affecting the lives of young women around the

world-both in conflict zones and outside them? What are the positive contributions young women are making towards resolving wars- both in their own countries and globally? [Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2006.](#) More info: <http://imaginingourselves.imow.org/pb/CallForSubmissions.aspx?lang=1>

**Engaging men in "Women's" Issues** - Women for Women International, a non-profit humanitarian organization, seeks submissions for the winter 2007 issue of its bi-annual academic journal, Critical Half. This issue of the journal will focus on how men can be engaged to promote positive change in gender relations at the family, community, and national levels. The submission deadline is [October 15, 2006.](#) More information: <http://www.womenforwomen.org/cfpapers.htm>

**Call for papers: Welcome to Past, Present, Future - From Women's Studies to Post-Gender Research Umeå 14-17 June 2007** - The purpose of the conference, organised by the Centre for Women's Studies and the National Graduate School of Gender Studies, is to build bridges between generations of researchers in gender studies. The conference will have two branches: evaluation of three decades of theoretical achievements in the field and research projects in the Nordic countries by ongoing Ph. D. students' and post-doctoral. The conference welcomes presentations of all topics in gender and feminist studies, as well as in related research fields such as men's, gay, lesbian and queer studies. [Deadline: 1 November 2006.](#) More info: <http://www.umu.se/kvf/aktuellt/ppf/ppfconf.html>

**Call for articles: Gender Research Methodologies in the Development Context - Gender and Development** is an activist-oriented journal, published by Oxfam GB. The July 2007 issue of Gender and Development journal will look at the role gender research methodologies can play in the design and implementation of development policies and programmes that are effective in promoting gender equality. Contact: Joanna Hoare [jhoare@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:jhoare@oxfam.org.uk) with a short paragraph outlining your initial idea before the commissioning [deadline: 2 October 2006.](#) For more information, please visit [http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/issues/gender/gad/index.htm](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what_we_do/issues/gender/gad/index.htm).

**WWF Kathryn Fuller Fellowships 2007-2008** – The World Wildlife Fund is announcing the opening of its 2007-2008 Kathryn Fuller Fellowship competition. Two post-doctoral fellowships will be awarded for a two-year period to individuals with outstanding research proposals that are of fundamental and immediate importance to global biodiversity conservation. Fellows are provided a stipend of \$50,000 per year as well as a \$15,000 annual research allowance. [Deadline for applications: 15.11.2006.](#) For more information: [www.worldwildlife.org/sfn](http://www.worldwildlife.org/sfn), or contact [fuller.fellowship@wwfus.org](mailto:fuller.fellowship@wwfus.org)

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## **Employment opportunities – Internships**

**Internship at the Feminist Institute, Berlin** – The Feminist Institute of the Heinrich Boell Foundation is looking for an intern (German speaking) for 6 month, starting in November. Deadline to submit application: **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. More information: [http://www.glow-boell.de/de/rubrik\\_1/4\\_37.htm](http://www.glow-boell.de/de/rubrik_1/4_37.htm)

**Research positions available for gender policies project** - Four junior research positions on gender equality policies in Europe are available at the Departamento de Ciencia Política y Administración II of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain) from November 2006 to work in the European Project QUING (Quality In Gender Equality Policies). QUING is funded

by the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission and brings together 12 European partners. Of the four researchers, one is expected to work on gender and other inequality policies in Portugal, another on gender and other inequality policies in Italy, another on gender and other inequality policies in Spain, and another on gender and other inequality policies in the European Union. Contact for more information: Maria Bustelo ([mbustelo@cps.ucm.es](mailto:mbustelo@cps.ucm.es)) and Emanuela Lombardo ([elombardo@cps.ucm.es](mailto:elombardo@cps.ucm.es)). **The closing date for applications is 10th October 2006.**

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