Members Update, issue 6

Welcome! Do you have any suggestions of what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org

Members are invited to join the WIDE+ caucus meeting on zoom this Thursday 2 April at 4 PM to update each other on our work and reflect on common issues. There is room to bring in additional agenda items. If interested, kindly write to Gea Meijers, Gea.Meijers23@gmail.com.

Postponement of UN Beijing+25 review

The two Generation Equality International meetings to increase the commitments of states and other stakeholders in realising gender equality —the kick off one in Mexico planned for May and the final one in Paris planned for July—both are being postponed due to COVID-19. UN Women reiterated its commitment to holding both these meetings and so did government of Mexico and France. It might be organised towards the end of the year—depending on the situation.

WIDE+ and members have been part of a broad based coalition of women's rights civil society to promote a feminist economic framework for this upcoming process. We took part in an online meeting with the UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka in March, in which she welcomed such framework promoted by civil society.

New K.U.L.U. publication: Financing gender inequality: why public-private partnerships leave women worse off, and contribution to report

The Equality Trust and WIDE+ member K.U.L.U. in Denmark published this policy brief. It outlines why strong public services are essential for achieving gender equality,
how the rise of public-private partnerships risks undermining this, and it offers global policy recommendations. You can download the policy brief here.

2019 KULU contributed to the chapter on “Women’s Rights” in Citizens for Financial Justice’s report, “Spotlight on financial justice: Understanding global inequalities to overcome financial injustice”. The “Women’s Rights” chapter focuses on how financialization of women’s rights promotes gender inequality and addresses how it has a clear impact on gender and race inequality, which manifests itself in the fact that women – especially indigenous and Afro-descendent women – have lower incomes and fewer assets than men in any region of the world. Click here to download.

Frauen*streikkomittee Berlin: “the more we are, the better we are protected”

Ni Una Menos Mexico City - Yesenia Zamudio “Ni Una Menos” is not an individual fight, it is for each and every woman, who is alive”.

Association of Female Domestic Workers of Seville, Jacqueline Amaya Rengifo: “we are against a patriarchal system, against a capitalist system that makes this society unable to see the importance of what care is and only see the importance of capitalist profit”

How you can contribute to the new series "Our Common Cause" of in-depth interviews explores experiences of resisting and promoting feminist ideals

As we explained in our newsletter, "Our Common Cause" is the result of the work carried out by social movement scholar Jennifer Ramme and her team of students, in which the actions of feminists is documented through interviews. 6 Interviews are available: movementsarchive.wordpress.com. More will follow.

You can help raise visibility for this work by writing about it, for example on twitter or another medium. #OurCommonCause, #feministssolidarities, @feministwide. And Polish
Diversity on Common Ground: Ten Perspectives on Contemporary Feminism, new publication by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, click here.

The new publication “Purple Pact: A feminist approach to the economy”, the result of the European Women Lobby’s feminist economics working group. It promotes a universal social care system and environmental issues as an integral part of feminist economic analysis.

International Rescue Committee position paper for UN Beijing+25 review process on not leaving behind the women and girls in humanitarian emergencies and protracted crisis.

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