



## E-zine National Council of Women of New Zealand



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### **CEDAW**

At the NCWNZ CEDAW Seminar held in Wellington on 24 November 2012 an indication was given by several organisations that they would like to lead one or more of targeted groups identified by the Monitoring Committee for CEDAW in New York, 2012.

These lead organisations will have the responsibility to monitor and report on the actions by the Government to redress the key areas of concern and recommendations made for New Zealand women. We are currently waiting on confirmation from these organisations (due date for confirmation is 4 March). A meeting of the lead organisations will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30 pm to be held at the NCWNZ Board Room, Level 4, 26 Brandon St, Wellington.

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### **Volunteers sought**

The Wellington Samaritans are seeking volunteers for their next training courses beginning 16 March and 19 March 2013. They are looking for people who are good listeners, non-judgmental and empathetic, to help operate their 24-hour helpline. If you would like to learn new skills and have a couple of hours spare a week, daytime and evening, phone (04) 472-3676 or email : [wellington@samaritans.org.nz](mailto:wellington@samaritans.org.nz). You can also visit [www.samaritans.org.nz](http://www.samaritans.org.nz) for an application pack.

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### **The Circular**

With the March Circular about to be posted out this week, copy for the April Circular is now called for and will be accepted until Wednesday 20 March.

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### **NCWNZ Website**

**Below are some intros into interesting stories recently posted. Go to [www.ncwnz.org.nz](http://www.ncwnz.org.nz) to read these stories in full –**

#### ***Girl Rising***

*Girl Rising* is a groundbreaking film, directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins, which tells the stories of 9 extraordinary girls from 9 countries, written by 9 celebrated writers and narrated by 9 renowned actresses. *Girl Rising* showcases the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. Explore the film in detail at [girlrising.com](http://girlrising.com).

#### ***Why giving men anonymity in rape cases is a bad idea***

A senior lawyer has called for anonymity until conviction for men accused of sex crimes. This would make it even harder for victims to get justice

#### ***The courage of the vigilante feminists is contagious***

In Ireland and Egypt – and beyond – women are coming together to combat sexual violence

***Do Female CEOs Mean Family-Friendly Workplaces?***

We don't know, because companies don't necessarily make their family leave benefits (or lack thereof) public. Why more data on family-friendly policies would be good for everyone.

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