



BPW Wellington

*"empowering women for the future"*

## BPW January 2016 Newsletter

Our Mission: To be the leading organisation representing the interests of working women and advancing the status of all women



You are invited!

BPW on the Go!

This year Equal Pay Day will be marked with a luncheon to be held on 18 February at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel. We have arranged a panel of very interesting

**We have our Facebook and Twitter up and running, and ready to keep you informed with lots of topical issues that impact women in work. Keep in**

keynote speakers. You will not be disappointed!  
Click the button below to find out more and book your place.

**touch and stay informed!! Add us to your favourites and join the conversation on Women's issues in the workplace**

[Book Luncheon Now!](#)

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## HeForShe Campaign

In 2015 some of the BPW members attended the launch of the UN He For She initiative in Wellington. This global movement of men and women coming together in solidarity to support equality between the genders.

21 Men spoke about the experiences they had in their organisations, and within their lives and shared some very emotional stories in support of women.

The key takeaway of the day was the acknowledgement that equality is not just a an issue for women but inequality has an impact on both genders.

Check out the official [He For She Website](#) to find out what is happening around the world in support of womens equality issues.

[Read more here](#) about the participants and the men who agreed to be agents of change in He For She campaign launch in NZ



## International Women's day



The NZ National Committee for UN Women and the Zonta Club cordially invite you to celebrate International Womens day. [Read here](#) for more information.

### ***Breaking News!***

The public sector have been reportedly paying men 39% more than women. Read [this article](#) about the hidden pay gap within Government ranks.



**Key Dates:**

Draft programme / agenda available: 12 October 2015	Early Bird Registration opening: 1 August 2015
Final programme and speakers biographies: 12 January 2016	Early Bird Registration Closes: 20 December 2015
Registration for trade exhibition stands open: 1 February 2016	Registration for BPNW NZ Awards Dinner (right of BPNW): 1 March 2016

## ASIA Pacific Regional Conference - April 9 and 10

Early Bird Registrations have been extended to 31 January. The topic, ***EMPOWERING WOMEN!*** Women from around the world will gather with NZ women to share leadership and action stories locally and internationally. For full details click [this link](#)

## Spotlight on your BPW President



Helen was invited to a BPW Upper Hutt dinner meeting back in August 2012. She was so taken with the club, and the way, the members made her feel really welcome and allowed her to grow in a supportive environment. She had never before been in a room with so many like minded women so she joined and since then, hasn't looked back.

Helen has held a number of positions within the BPW organisation both at a local, national and now and International level. Nationally she is in her second year as Vice President -Issues for BPW NZ.

Internationally Helen has recently been appointed a member of the standing committee.

Helen recently reinvigorated the BPW Wellington chapter in response to feedback she got from an International Women's Day presentation about BPW's work. BPW Wellington is quickly making its mark as an organization focused on Women's issues in the workplace and welcomes new members.

## BPW - What are we about?

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We ask That we meet together as women, not allowing beliefs, religion, nationality, ethnicity or language to come between us.

That these meetings enable us to move forward and advance the status of women throughout the world.

That the value of women be recognized in our families, our communities, our workplaces, our country and the world.

That we use our good ideas, our knowledge, our experience to

promote the worth of women.

That we combine our strengths to move forward in peace, in serenity and in love.

That women of all generations will do their part to achieve harmony and equality among all human beings

BPW International aims to unite business and professional women in all parts of the world to:

1. Work for women's: • economic independence • equal opportunity and representation in economic, civil and political life

2. Encourage and support women and girls to: • develop their professional and leadership potential • undertake lifelong education and training • use their abilities for the benefit of others, locally, nationally and internationally

3. Advocate: • for the elimination of all discrimination against women • for human rights and the use of gender-sensitive perspectives

4. Undertake: • world-wide networking and

co-operation between  
business and  
professional women •  
non-profit projects that  
help women gain  
economic  
independence • to  
present the views of  
business and  
professional women to  
international  
organisations and  
agencies, and to  
business,  
governments and civil  
society.



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