



Presentation of "International Radio Project on Health Issues" representative of WNGE's work for partnership

Our organization **WNGE** (Worldwide Network for Gender Empowerment) based at Fielding Graduate University is particularly obliged to

- ❖ **MDG no 3: "promote gender equality and promote women" and**
- ❖ **MDG no. 8: "Develop a global partnership for development".**

The project presented aims at establishing international cooperation and exchange between Germany and India in the field of nursing with view to these goals.

Most nurses worldwide are female. Providing care within the family is a female task the world over. Therefore an exchange of information on topical areas of concern to both countries also tackles the goal of this year's conference "prevent fear ... through targeting the MDG goals".

Through our member Dr. Andrea Zielke-Nadkarni WNGE is also connected with the **Applied University of Muenster, Germany**, and its Department of Nursing. On the occasion of last year's UN 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference WNGE was able to make contact with the **International Association of Women in Radio and Television**. This provided us with the chance to connect women/nurses from Germany and India through radio programs. The women we are contacting through the medium radio are nursing students at the **Indira Gandhi National Open University** for whom WNGE in cooperation with the Applied University of Muenster, Germany produced radio programs on the following topics:

- "Child poverty in Germany"
- "HIV/AIDS in Germany - prevention and health promotion"
- "Living in an old peoples' home - is there an alternative?"

The principle idea is that through connecting, partnerships will develop and by a mutual exchange of how each country tackles topical problems (in this case in health issues) improvements will be initiated for the health situation in both countries. We believe that geographical isolation contributes to increasing mistrust between nations and their inhabitants and may eventually feed into the kind of world situation we are encountering at present. Projects such as the one presented here are helpful in developing the intellectual, social, and political capital necessary to counteract these forces and to contribute to common understanding across cultures.

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WNGE: Who we are and what we want to achieve

Welcome colleagues and friends:

Starting a journey!

The Worldwide Network for Gender Empowerment (WNGE) is (currently) a small community of networks comprised of scholars, activists and individual groups from around the world. We are committed to research and action in support of knowledge and change as well as working on the development, maintenance, and research of projects to further enhance the future empowerment of individuals and individual groups in the global community, particularly women children and gender issues. WNGE hopes to raise visibility of issues that have previously been invisible. Fielding Graduate University and WNGE took a first step by co-presenting a collaborative workshop with other NGOs at the recent UN conference.

Building a bridge!

Our intent is to create a bridge, a series of interconnected worldwide virtual, networks which facilitate the generation of new knowledge with *practical use*, and which reflect on experiences to produce *theory and practice*. Such a networked virtual community will include a variety of scholars and activists, but will specifically target the inclusion of those outside of the mainstream.

Starting projects!

- ❖ “Mental health outreach in Sri Lanka”: Anie Kalayjian
- ❖ “House, educate, feed, development of: 12-18 year old girls located in the 16th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (specifically in Surinam)”: Carolyn Tyler Guidry
- ❖ “Institutionalized corruption, perpetualization of poverty, and human rights implications in Guinea, West Africa: Gloria Willingham in cooperation with Afram Global Organization Inc.
- ❖ “Providing a virtual resource center to nursing educators and researchers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”: Elham Al-Ateeq, Gloria Willingham.
- ❖ “Disadvantaged and underserved women” with various subprojects contributing to it: Andrea Zielke Nadkarni, Patricia Harvard-Hinchberger, Anie Kalayjian, Michele Harway and Elham Al-Ateeq.

Talking and walking together! WNGE has started a journey to make real our vision of a worldwide virtual network, and we welcome you to walk and talk with us -- tell us about your work, your expertise, your interests, the kind of help that you need to move forward, the kind of help you can offer, or perhaps you are just interested in receiving news of the work that WNGE is doing? We would be pleased to hear from you in whatever capacity you think is appropriate and we hope that your next step in this journey forward is to <http://www.fielding.edu/wnge/index.htm>

Thank you.