

The IrFUW website is being updated at present and we hope to have it 'live' in the next few weeks. Leighanne Montgomery (CER) is technical advisor with Heather Elliott (CLM) and Annette Durkan (IrFUW Secretary) is reviewing the text on the current website. The updated website will be easily accessed by mobile phone and tablet as well as laptop. There are plans to include a 'Donate Button' for the planned IrFUW Scholarship/Bursary voluntary contributions. While the website is in the process of being updated the temporary password for access is: **Eileanora090321**

I am sorry to report that the IrFUW membership numbers have fallen again last year with probable implications for our voting numbers at UWE and GWI Meetings.

I also wish to remind members that the affiliation fees have been increase by €9 per member from 2022. The affiliation fees have been €26 for some time and this includes 25CHF (Swiss Francs) for GWI and €1 for UWE per member with a very small balance per member going to IrFUW to cover running costs and expenses.

Finally, at a national level I'm pleased to report that the ***Gender Pay Gap Information Bill*** passed the fourth stage in the Dáil at the end of March 2021. The IrFUW were party to a 'Collective Complaint' on Gender Pay Gap made by UWE to the European Committee on Social Rights (ECSR) and all female TDs and Senators were canvassed for their support. This legislation should see more equal pay and fairer employment conditions for women in the future.

With best wishes for a happy and productive 2022.

Regards,

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