

**4th Thursday in
April of every
year:
International
Girls in ICT Day**

GIRLS IN ICT DAY 2014

**Expanding horizons,
changing attitudes**

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A Bright Future in ICTs Opportunities for a new generation of women

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Equality

- As UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

“Equality for women and girls is not only a basic human right it is a social and economic imperative. Where women are educated and empowered, economies are more productive and strong. Where women are fully represented, societies are more peaceful and stable.”

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Decline

- Young women were earning 37 per cent of computer science degrees; today, that number has fallen to below 20per cent. But while teenage girls now use computers and the Internet at rates similar to boys, they are five times less likely to consider a Technology related career.

Forecast

- The European Union calculates that in ten years' time there will be 700000 more ICT jobs than there are professionals to fill them;
- Globally that shortfall is estimated to be closer to two million.

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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