



ANNUAL CONFERENCE & The Audrey Jones Memorial AWARD(S) for Research by Women 2021

AUDREY JONES 1929 - 2014

Audrey was an inspiring woman with boundless energy. She was one of the founder members of the Wales Assembly of Women in 1984 and a past Chair and Secretary until 2014. On retiring from her Deputy Headteacher post at St Cyres Comprehensive School in Penarth, Audrey worked tirelessly for the cause of women's rights, safety and equality in pay and opportunities. She campaigned both nationally and internationally, being responsible for the representation of Wales on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. (See WAW website for tributes)

Wales Assembly of Women organise an annual conference *normally* in the Spring of each year. Though the pandemic situation postponed the 2020 conference to Autumn and a Zoom event! Typically the topics for the conference address key themes of equality and inclusion, identifying discrimination, tackling disadvantage, etc. Previous conference titles have included:

2011: Do Women in Wales Matter? Does Government care?

2013: Visible Women: Empowering girls and women in Wales.

2015: Women's Rights matter: Past, Present and Future

2016: The Women of Wales Care about Europe

2017: BREXIT really is a Women's Issue

2018: The Great Leap Forward: Embracing the Istanbul Convention in Wales to end violence against women and girls !

2019: Women's rights are human rights: Enhancing Women's rights in Wales.

2020 Women Breaking Barriers.

It was always the wish of Audrey Jones to involve more young women in WAW- sixth formers, undergraduates and postgraduates and she was always keen to hear about the latest research evidence. To this end WAW wished to honour the memory of Audrey by setting up a specific annual opportunity for this at the Annual WAW conference. The underpinning concept is to help young women, and mature women students of course, to disseminate their research findings and to have a platform for sharing important ideas which may shape and inform lobbying and campaigning decisions. Audrey was aware that far too many research findings remain in dissertations and theses where only a privileged few had access to them!

Thus WAW, courtesy of financial arrangements and the generosity of Audrey's son Robert Jones introduced for the first time in 2016, **The AUDREY JONES MEMORIAL AWARDS**. Following the success of the first four competition cycles, the Award will continue for 2021

The following pages outline details of the eligibility criteria for 2021 Awards; that is, who is eligible to apply, the milestones for submissions and announcements of results and the conference date. The final 3 pages comprise the application form [with expanding sections].

Please share and circulate to women post graduates who may be undertaking dissertations at Masters level, Doctoral level and to any involved in post doctoral research on women and girls.

FAQs/ Information

WHAT AWARD INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR APPLICANTS?

Money has been earmarked and safely placed for the creation of a set of annual Awards for academic scholarship which seeks to generate important empirical material about girls' and women's experiences. Research evidence does help shape policy direction and provide a focus for campaigning and lobbying. Ideally we the Wales Assembly of Women are interested to hear about research which has valuable recommendations which may eventually inform and underpin future policy and actions.

There are up to **THREE** annual AUDREY JONES MEMORIAL AWARDS of £150 for research into the broad areas of any of the following :

1. Education and Training	7. Violence against women & girls
2. Work & Employment	8. Women & Political matters
3. Policy, Entitlements, Citizenship	9. Human Rights
4. Health	10. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women [CEDAW]
5. The older woman	11. Women & diversity
6. Representation and/or leadership	12. Media and the arts

NOTE: If you are unsure whether your particular research focus “fits “ these broad areas, we advise you to visit the WAW website or Face book page and look at the aims and objectives of our organisation. Alternatively, you may email salisburyj@cardiff.ac.uk with the title of your dissertation/project/thesis and an abstract. A response from WAW Award sub committee will clarify this and whether to proceed with a formal application.

ALL applicants will be allocated a funded place at the annual conference which (unless it is a Zoom event) includes lunch and refreshments. WAW is particularly keen to involve more young women in their various activities and networks. To this end, all applicants will be given honorary membership to WAW for one year.

WHO CAN APPLY? WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the Audrey Jones Award, an individual must have a strong link to Wales. For e.g. be studying in Wales, or having written a dissertation on a Wales related topic

a] Current women university students, (part time or full time) who are undertaking a research dissertation or project at MASTERS level which is broadly relevant to the concerns and goals of Wales Assembly of Women.

b] Current women DOCTORAL students who are undertaking funded or unfunded research which is pertinent to the lives of girls and women in Wales.

c] Recently graduated women [within 2 years] of completing a Masters' or Doctoral degree.

Applicants' ages ranges will typically be from 22 years and upwards reflecting a usual postgraduate trajectory. University students who have come to study from overseas are eligible. Self identifying Women are also welcome to apply. The focus of ALL research must be on a women and /or girls .related issue or matter.

WHAT IS REQUIRED IN AN APPLICATION?

Applicants for the AJ Award must submit all of the following material:

1. An abstract of their research dissertation 300-500 words using supplied subheadings.
2. A completed application form which includes a short 1- 2 page CV.
3. A short recommendation letter from one academic supervisor or referee.
4. Those selected for an Award must sign a declaration of agreement to attend the annual 2021 WAW Conference and participate as a presenter of a 20 minute talk .
5. WAW may wish to record “virtual conferences” and will request that all AWARDEES give permission to share their 20 minute talks on the WAW website.

Please note that the organisers will NOT chase up your academic reference. It is important that you ensure their letter of recommendation is included in both copies of your application[Hard copy and Emailed digital copy]

**** Conference date is provisionally 14th November 2021 at a Cardiff venue.**

[Previous conferences usually occur at Cardiff University, School of Social Sciences or, Insole Court , Landaff, Cardiff .CF10 3WT. All TBC.]

WHAT ARE THE TIMESCALES?

1. Completed applications must arrive no later than 12 noon on **Monday 27th September 2021**.
2. The panel of WAW adjudicators which includes senior academics, will identify successful Awardees within approximately 2 weeks and notify by email, all applicants of outcomes by **18th October 2021**.
3. Those individuals selected for an Award will be contacted by conference organisers with details of the timing of their presentational talks .
4. Award recipients will receive cheques and presentation bookplates at the research session of the annual conference on **Saturday 14th November 2021** (A photograph for the WAW website may be possible if participants give consent to this.)
5. *Reasonable* Travel expenses can be reimbursed on presentation of receipts and a completed claim form sent to the WAW Treasurer.



The 2021 Audrey Jones Memorial AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

Section A: Important Contact data

Name	
Date of Birth/ Nationality	
Address	
Telephone Numbers: land line & mobile	
Email Address	
Name and title of an Academic supporter /referee	
Address, Tel no: & Email of above Academic:	
Institute of HE/ University where you are studying / or attended recently.	
Qualifications sought/ or recently acquired <i>please circle</i>	MSc, MA, MBA, M Phil, PhD, Ed.D, other -please specify

Section D: Further supporting information:

You may attach a short 1-2 page summary CV to support your application. Or alternatively, use the expandable box below to state some facts about your qualifications, experience and aspirations.

Please send an ELECTRONIC COPY and a **HARD PAPER COPY** of your application documentation **Including a reference** by **27th September 2021** at the latest to:
salisburyj@cardiff.ac.uk and **Wales Assembly of Women, Annual Award, 13 Romilly Park Rd; Barry CF62 6RP**