

## **Selection of responses to UNA-UK's February 2014 action:**

### **What gender equality issue is of most concern to you?**

*"Education, education, education. This has shown to be the most effective in raising women's awareness and thus promoting better healthcare, smaller families, job opportunities and a knowledge of their rights as human beings."*

*"I believe that maternal health is an extremely important factor that needs to be dealt with as a mother's health is vital for that of her child's."*

*"I strongly feel that the only way to improve so much of the balance of power & wealth is to address the balance of women making the decisions. Men seem to conveniently overlook women & children when they make decisions."*

*"Promoting men's role in the home and making either role of 'bread winner' or 'home maker' less gender-stereotyped."*

*"The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) should address media representation of women. It is by supporting fair and respectful gender representation that CSW can help change cultural discriminations towards women that exist in most societies."*

*"Please stop Female Genital Mutilation. It is butchery to young girls who suffer this violent, unhygienic, agonizing painful action."*

*"The education of boys concerning changing their mindsets on violence against women."*

*"My biggest requirement for women would be to have equal access to land rights. This should be a universal right."*

*"Provision of contraceptives and education to show the importance of giving women the means to control their fertility. Long term economic development is impossible without birth control."*

*"Human trafficking into either forced labour or the sex industry is a huge area still not really being tackled at the scale it can be. Women and young girls are at the highest risk of being trafficked."*

*"The external structures that choose whether women should work or not or whether women should be educated or not are those that need to be focused on. If within education systems and work environments there is an inherently sexist mindset, nothing will change."*

*"Women Peace and Security: the disgracefully slow implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325."*

*"I find it impossible to select just one as 'the most important'. All are inter-dependent, all are essential. In the same way I cannot select from the 32 Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. All are vital. Deny one and you deny all."*