



International Day of the Girl Child

The Australian Embassy, in partnership with UNICEF, hosted a joint press conference in Belgrade to mark International Day of the Girl Child on Friday 11 October 2013.

The conference was held at the Media Centre in Belgrade and aimed to raise awareness about the inequality faced by girls worldwide. The theme for 2013 was *Innovating through Education*.

Australia's Ambassador, Helena Studdert gave the welcoming address and guest speakers included the Deputy Representative of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Lesley Miller, the Commissioner for the Protection of the Equality, Nevena Petrusic and the State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy, Stana Bozovic. Dr Studdert used the event to also draw attention to the UN's campaign "Raise your Hand", which is designed to call on the UN to make girl's education a priority.

Members of civil society groups, women's organisations and the diplomatic corps attended the event.



From right to left: Dr Helena Studdert, Ambassador of Australia, Ms Lesley Miller, Deputy Representative of UNICEF,

Ms Nevena Petrusic, Commissioner for Protection of Equality and Ms Stana Bozovic, State Secretary,

Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy