Five Favourite 2016 e² EQUALITY MOMENTS

1. The successful launch of the 160 Girls Public Legal Education (PLE) initiative, including the piloting in four districts in Kenya of 160 Girls workshops for schools and community leaders, the launch of the 160 Girls anthem and 160 Girls PLE video, and the launch of the 160 Girls app, described by users as “justice in your hand.” Click here to see a video of the 160 Girls Anthem in action.
2. The continued piloting of the 160 Girls defilement investigation police training, which e²’s rape rescue partners have described as making “a night and day difference in the police treatment of defilement.” At the opening of the August 2016 training, the Inspector General of Police thanked e² for its “passion … which is geared towards ensuring that we do the right thing when dealing with these matters.”

3. The successful interim evaluation of the 160 Girls police training by members of the Vancouver police force, who described the impact of the training as “definitely moving (the Kenyan Police) in the right direction with some impressive results.”
4. Every successful defilement investigation and conviction is a great moment for e². But one that stood out this year was a conviction and 20-year sentence for the police officer who raped 12-year-old Emily in Meru, Kenya, proving that no one is above the law.

5. The investiture of e² CEO, Fiona Sampson, into the Order of Canada in recognition of her commitment to human rights, particularly those of women and girls in Africa. This honour is a terrific endorsement of all the ground-breaking work undertaken by the equality effect under Fiona’s leadership.

There is still more equality work to do; your donation today will give more people access to 160 Girls legal education, enabling them to help hold perpetrators accountable for their violence – please click here to donate (donate now to receive a 2016 tax receipt!).

Thank you for your tremendous support of the equality effect’s unique human rights work, making girls’ and women’s rights real – we couldn’t do it without you. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2017, and looking forward to updating you on more e² successes in the new year.

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