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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear WFWP Leaders, Members, Sponsors and Friends,

As we embark into 2024, I extend warm greetings to you, your families and your communities. It is with immense gratitude that I, on behalf of the Co-founder of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and the dedicated team at WFWP IHQ, express appreciation for the shared journey that has brought us into this new year. Your unwavering dedication has been a guiding force, propelling us forward despite the challenges encountered in 2023.

In the past year, we witnessed tragic conflicts and natural disasters affecting numerous countries. In response, WFWPI urgently appealed to our members and friends, to stand in solidarity and support those who need it most. This year, our organization was also faced with challenges, one of them being the flow of donations that were impacted by global economic hardships. Nevertheless, 2023 was a year that was highlighted by dynamic events and significant leadership changes across many chapters, including my new role as the International President of WFWPI.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2023, let us delve into the key highlights of our collective efforts:

- Funded Nine National Projects: Distributed grants to projects uplifting their communities, for the 4th WFWPI Funding Project (US $21,314) -funded by WFWP Korea.
- Empowered Women Entrepreneurs in Nigeria: Provided loans to empower 24 women, fostering economic growth and improving local families' lives.
- Emergency Earthquake Relief in Turkey and Syria: Extended aid to families affected by earthquakes, providing monetary support, medical supplies and clothing.
- New Hope Institute in Rwanda: Supported by WFWP Japan and Korea, contributed to the construction of a training center to empower young people with useful skills.
- Educational and Training Webinars: Conducted diverse programs across 11 regions, focusing on empowering families, especially women and youth.
- Advocacy for Reunification of North and South Korea: Organized educational initiatives to raise awareness and instill values of forgiveness, peace, harmony and reconciliation among the younger generation.
- Innovative Educational Projects with Young Professionals: Collaborated with Young Professionals nationwide, developing innovative projects, including webinars featuring youth leaders.
- Youth Advocacy Training and Peace Council: Equipped participants with the tools to be able to influence UN entities, culminating in live statements at the UN Social Forum.
- International Awards and Recognitions: Introduced prestigious awards at the international level, including the Global Partner Award, and appointed two President Emeritus for their outstanding contributions.
- Climate Action Projects in Philippines (Permaculture Literacy Program,) Kenya and Burkina Faso: Implemented projects providing solar lamps and planting trees for a greener Burkina Faso.
- Youth Public Speaking - "The Family I Want": Hosted a nationally recognized event, nurturing young professionals for societal impact.

- Bridges for Peace Sisterhood Ceremonies: Conducted over 100 ceremonies in 11 regions, fostering reconciliation and peace.
- 20th Annual European Conference: Brought together experts, policymakers and practitioners, fostering dialogue and developing strategies for positive change.
- Networking and Global Gatherings: Facilitated consistent casual gatherings, Global Committee meetings and Virtual Cafes, to encourage connections with WFWP Leaders from around the world.

While this overview provides insight into our efforts in 2023, it represents only a fraction of the myriad of projects and initiatives undertaken. We acknowledge the incredible work accomplished with limited resources, a testament to the united force that defines WFWP.

As we look forward to 2024, we hope to carry the spirit of hope and encouragement. Let us continue to strive for a better world guided by the principles of peace, compassion and empowerment. This activity report reflects our commitment to positive change and we express gratitude to the WFWP International Headquarters for orchestrating these endeavors.

For a more detailed financial report, please refer to the individual activity reports from WFWP national chapters. Together, let us embark on another year of impactful projects, collaboration and unwavering dedication to the well-being of children, women and families worldwide.

Warm regards,
Moriko Hori
WFWP International President

VISION AND MISSION GLOBAL THEMES

OUR VISION

Women working together to realize one global family rooted in a culture of sustainable peace.

OUR MISSION

Empowering women as peacebuilders and leaders starting from the family to transform the community, nation and world. Through education, advocacy, partnership, reconciliation and humanitarian service, WFWPI aims to create an environment of peace and well-being for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds.

2023 GLOBAL THEMES

Every year, the WFWP IHQ creates global themes for the purpose of uniting the hearts and spirits of WFWP leaders and members around the Co-founders' vision. The global themes help steer events, programs and campaigns on both the international and regional level, in the same direction.

The WFWP Global Themes for 2023:

- Peace and Reconciliation / Heavenly Unified Korea
- Environment and Climate Change Education
- Women and Youth Leadership and Education

WFWP GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AID

The WFWPI HQ decided to consolidate its international and domestic humanitarian aid projects under one umbrella with the brand name "WFWP Global Development and Aid" worldwide. With this new name, WFWPI believes that the organization will grow its brand to a new level and continue to provide the best services and support to people in all parts of the world.

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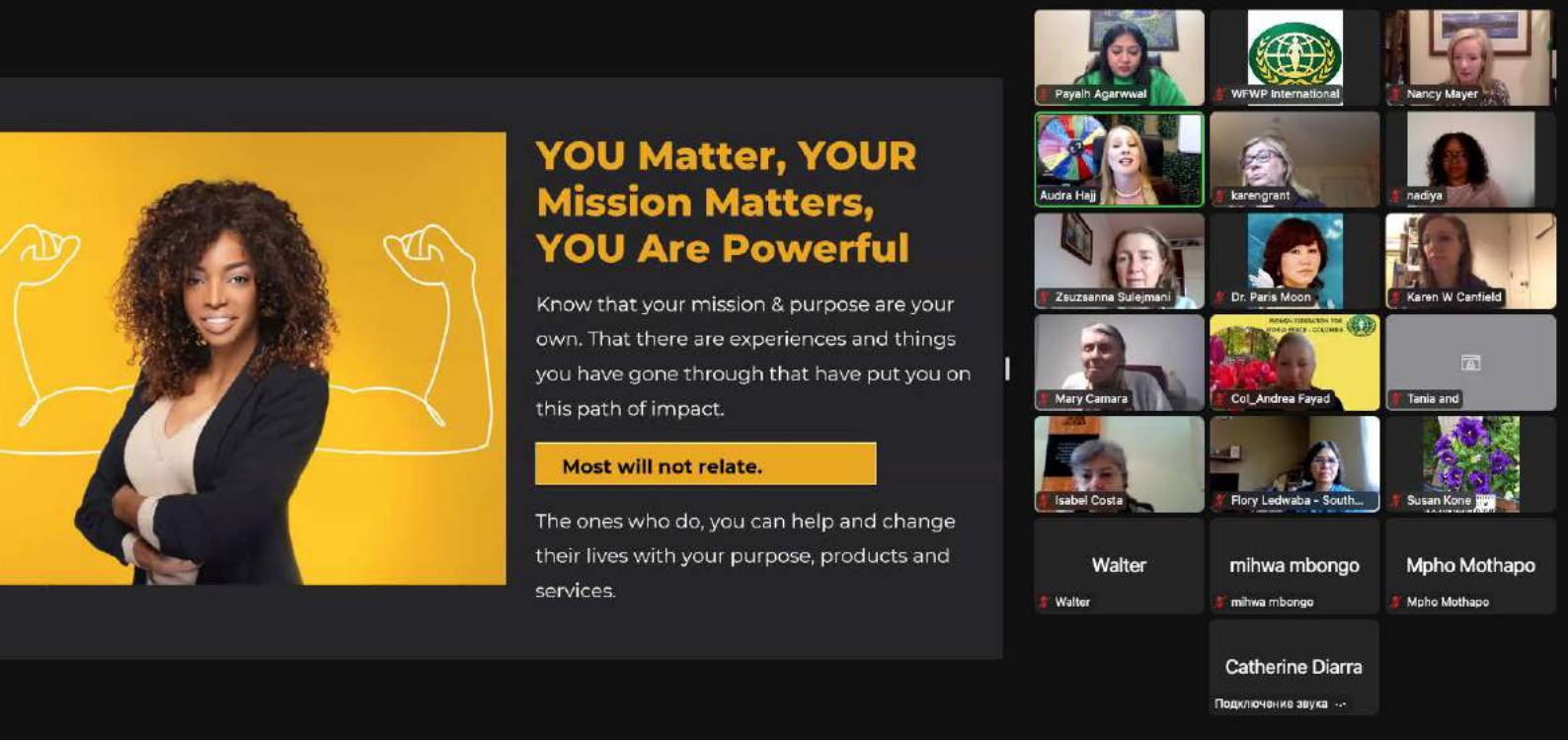


WFWP IHQ

WFWPI Educational Course with Mrs. Audra Hajj: Business Accelerator Workshop

WFWP IHQ, an international NGO, is dedicated to providing accessible education globally. Acknowledging education's universal significance, WFWPI believes it's a catalyst for collective benefit. Since 2020, WFWPI has pioneered an expansive online education series. From finance to digital arts, NFT production, social network marketing, healing therapies, and business, our diverse programs aim to cater to diverse interests. This initiative reflects our commitment to breaking down barriers and ensuring education's transformative power reaches everyone, everywhere.

Empowering Entrepreneurs Globally: WFWP International's Business Accelerator Workshop

In a bid to empower its leaders and members, WFWP International proudly presented the Business Accelerator Workshop, a transformative educational course valued at $3,000, offered at no cost to its members. The initiative was driven by the vision of fostering business acumen and providing a competitive edge to business owners within the WFWP community.

Interactive and Global Learning Experience:
The workshop, spearheaded by Mrs. Audra Haji, a seasoned entrepreneur and dedicated supporter of WFWP, unfolded as a 10-part interactive journey. Delivered

online via Zoom from December 6, 2022, to February 28, 2023, the workshop catered to business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs, fostering connections among like-minded women from around the world.

Mrs. Haji's Expertise:
Mrs. Audra Haji, with a rich history of building, selling, and guiding over 3,100 companies since 2006, brought a wealth of experience as the CEO of Angel Investors Network. Her expertise in positioning companies for financial, operational, and cultural success, as well as raising capital from the right investors, added immense value to the program.

A Supporter of WFWP:
Mrs. Haji's pride in supporting WFWP USA for years and her commitment to empowering female business owners globally underscored the workshop's significance in fostering positive change.

Building a Community:
Facilitated by Mrs. Haji and moderator Mrs. Payalh Agrawal, the workshop provided a safe and comfortable space for participants to openly share concerns and challenges. With more than 30 participants from diverse corners of the world convening every Tuesday, a vibrant community of entrepreneurs emerged.

Comprehensive Curriculum:
The workshop covered a broad spectrum of topics, including professional elevator pitches, unique value propositions (UVPs), explainer video and sales script development, communication strategies, one-on-one strategy sessions with Mrs. Haji, and a lecture on conversion platforms to boost marketing ROI.

Engaging Sessions:
Participants enjoyed not only enriching discussions but also fun business games and activities, adding an element of enjoyment to the learning process. Special spin prizes were awarded to winners, fostering a lively and engaging atmosphere.

Impactful Testimonials:
During the concluding session, participants expressed their appreciation and shared newfound motivation gained from the course. The resonating message from Mrs. Haji, "I MATTER! My mission MATTERS! I am POWERFUL!" encapsulated the transformative spirit of the workshop.

Certificate of Completion:
Recognizing the dedication of participants, all those who attended 80% of the sessions received a certificate of completion issued by WFWPI, validating their commitment to the program.

Impact Data Charts:

Chart 1: Business Growth Impact

Business Growth	Percentage
Significant Growth	60%
Moderate Growth	30%
Minimal Growth	8%
No Growth	2%

This chart visualizes the impact of the workshop on participants' business growth, showcasing the percentage of businesses that experienced significant, moderate, minimal, or no growth.

Chart 2: Participant Engagement Levels

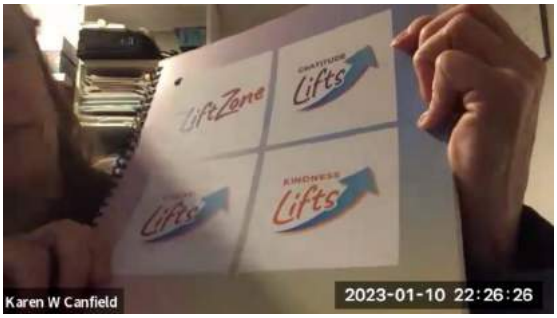
Engagement Levels	Percentage
Actively Engaged	85%
Moderately Engaged	12%
Low Engagement	3%

This chart illustrates the levels of participant engagement, emphasizing the high degree of involvement during the workshop through categories such as actively engaged, moderately engaged, and low engagement.

"Thank you for holding this space where I could really reflect on my next steps in business together with these wonderful women and my new mentors."

"Audra, I would say you are an ocean of knowledge, and what I got is a drop from the ocean. Thank you, WFWP, for being the bridge to make this happen."

"The course has been an amazing journey. You have encouraged and shown that we are capable of something greater than what we are."



"What we have learned here is not taught in business education. The majority of the teachers are not business-oriented. They follow a syllabus that is outdated and does not conform with the pace of technological advancement."

"Very motivational. My biggest takeaway was the correct use of my time. Time is a valuable commodity."

"The importance of this 10-week education on business is so valuable. It is absolutely necessary to share with other WFWP members. I look forward to sharing and inspiring others with this message."

WFWPI Webinar on Women Entrepreneurship

In a concerted effort to spotlight and celebrate the indomitable spirit of women in business, WFWPI organized a transformative webinar on February 25. This event transcended geographical boundaries, bringing together accomplished women entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds, representing India, the UK, Malaysia, and the U.S. The aim was not merely to share success stories but to delve into the profound decision-making processes these women employed in navigating significant life challenges.

Distinguished Moderator:
Guiding the discussions was the esteemed Mrs. Florida Ledwaba, Regional Secretary General of WFWP Africa. Mrs. Ledwaba's commitment to literacy education, character development, HIV/AIDS prevention, and environmental sustainability made her the perfect orchestrator for an event dedicated to empowering women. With a warm greeting, she set the tone for an interactive session and introduced each panelist, allowing the audience to connect with the diverse and inspiring narratives about to unfold.

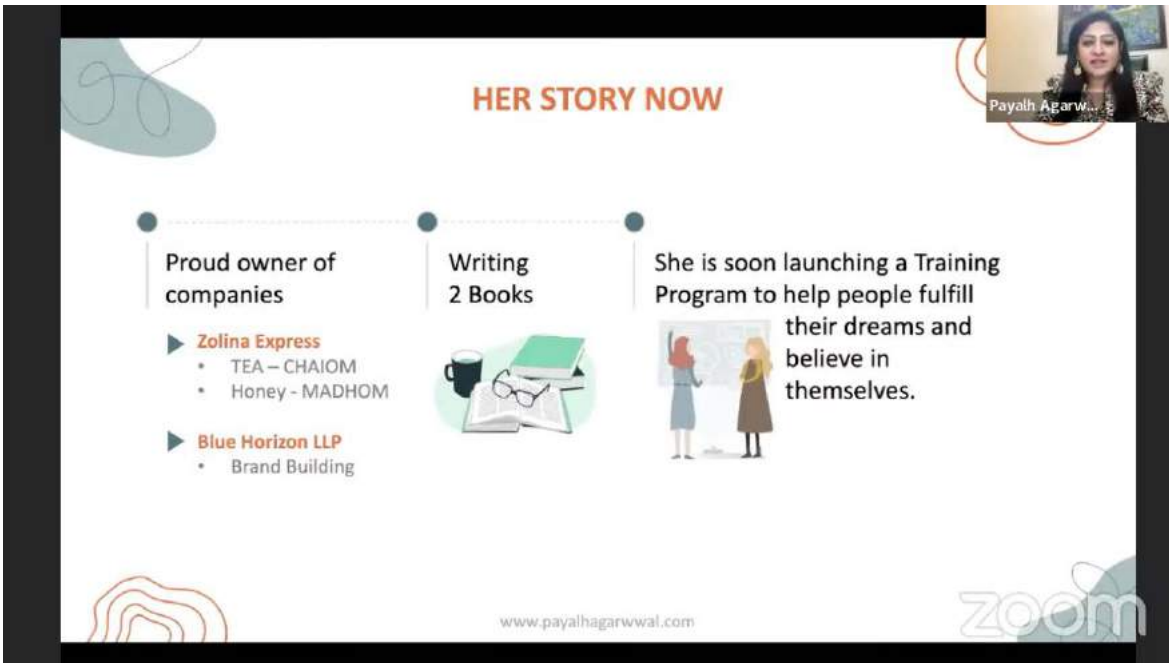
Insights from Women Entrepreneurs:
Mrs. Payalh Agarwwal:
The inaugural speaker, Mrs. Agarwwal, emerged as an entrepreneur and passionate innovator. Her journey, marked by a commitment to experimentation and creativity, resonated with those seeking unconventional paths to success. A

mother, she leveraged her life experiences to become an alumna of esteemed institutions, emphasizing the importance of setting clear goals as the bedrock for personal and professional triumphs.

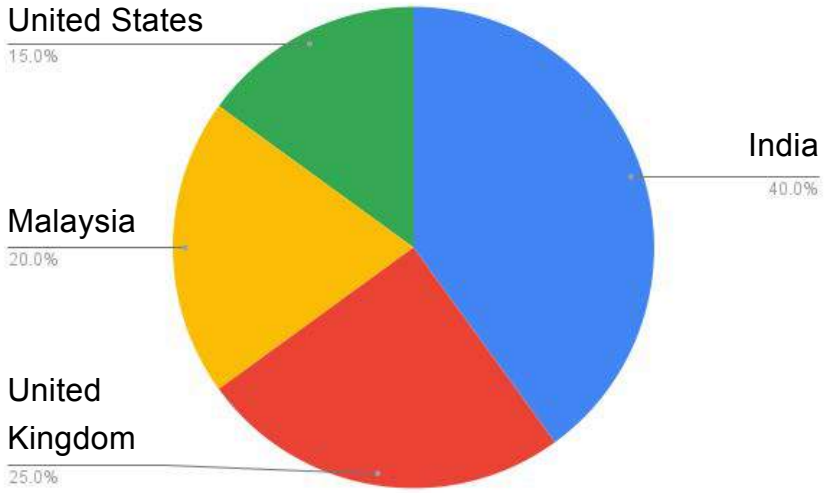
Mrs. Ling Ling Parnin:
From Taiwan to the UK, Mrs. Parnin's entrepreneurial journey reflects not only business acumen but also a deep commitment to philanthropy. Co-founder of Regalstar Catering Limited, she not only won awards but also actively supported education and small businesses. Her recent project empowering former sex workers in Uganda showcased the transformative power of entrepreneurship in breaking cycles. Mrs. Parnin's philosophy encourages cultivating an attitude of readiness for opportunities with an open mind.

Dr. Linda Nishikawa:
Dr. Nishikawa, with a diverse background spanning nonprofit, state, and federal government roles in the U.S., provided insights into the changing landscape for women in entrepreneurship. As the Sub- Regional Director in WFWP USA's Western region, she emphasized the importance of time and quality of life in entrepreneurial success. Her perspective shed light on the evolving role of women, particularly in balancing family and entrepreneurial endeavors.

Mrs. Tan Poh Ling:
The final speaker, Mrs. Ling, brought more than two decades of financial expertise to the discussion. A Certified Chartered Accountant and founder of AI Integrated Reporting Information System (AIIRIS), she emphasized the significance of teamwork and spirit in her entrepreneurial journey. Managing Partner at Total International Associates since 2007, Mrs. Ling's insights highlighted the need for collective effort and innovation in business sustainability.



Webinar Participation by Participation data by Country

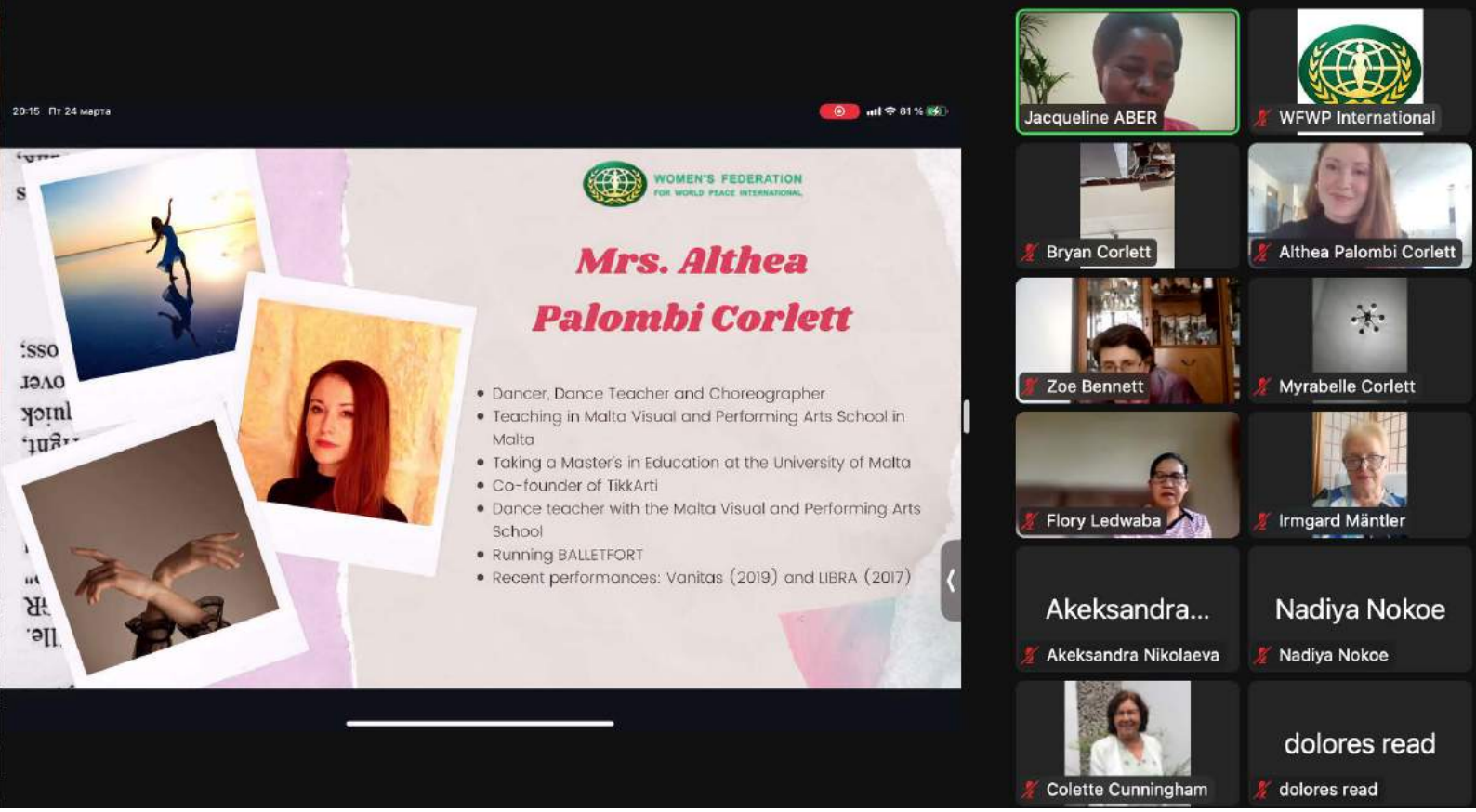


This visual representation emphasizes the percentage of participants from each country, providing a clear and concise overview of the geographic diversity of engagement during the webinar. The varied representation underscores the global appeal and impact of the webinar on women entrepreneurship.

Participant Satisfaction Levels

Satisfaction Levels	Percentage
Highly Satisfied	85%
Satisfied	12%
Neutral	2%
Dissatisfied	1%

This chart illustrates the levels of participant engagement during the webinar, emphasizing the interactive and hands-on nature of the event. It categorizes participants into actively engaged, moderately engaged, and low engagement, showcasing the overall involvement of the audience.



WFWPI Virtual Cafe: The Mysterious World of a Dancer

The "WFWPI Virtual Cafe" is an online bimonthly implementation hosted by WFWPI HQ for WFWP leaders, members, and guests to gather in a hospitable space to explore issues and questions that matter, encourage everyone's contributions, connect diverse perspectives, listen together for insights and share collective discoveries.

Exploring Art, Body, and Happiness in the WFWPI Virtual Café

The world of dancers has always been a mystery. The WFWPI and Mrs. Althea Palombi Collette prepared a special session for the WFWPI Virtual Café, opening a whole new door into the world of art, body, and happiness, sharing her story and practical tips for daily enhancement. In an enchanting session curated by WFWPI and Mrs. Althea Palombi Collette, the WFWPI Virtual Café opened its doors to a captivating journey into the world of dance. The special event, held on March 24 via Zoom, provided a unique space where approximately 20 individuals from diverse countries gathered to delve into the art, body, and happiness that dance brings.

Mrs. Althea Palombi Collette: A Dancer's Odyssey
Dancer, dance teacher, and choreographer
Currently teaching at Malta Visual and Performing Arts School
Co-founder of TikkArti and running BALLETFORT, inspiring adult beginner ballet classes
Trained at the Olivia Dow School of Russian Ballet in Malta and in Maryland, USA, under Hope Garden Ballet
Graduated with a degree in Media & Theater from the University of Malta

Impactful Insights and Data:

Global Connection: The Zoom session brought together dance enthusiasts from around ***20*** different countries, fostering a global sense of community.

Dance Education: Mrs. Palombi shared insights into her dance studio and highlighted her passion for dance education, emphasizing the importance of playfulness in students' work.

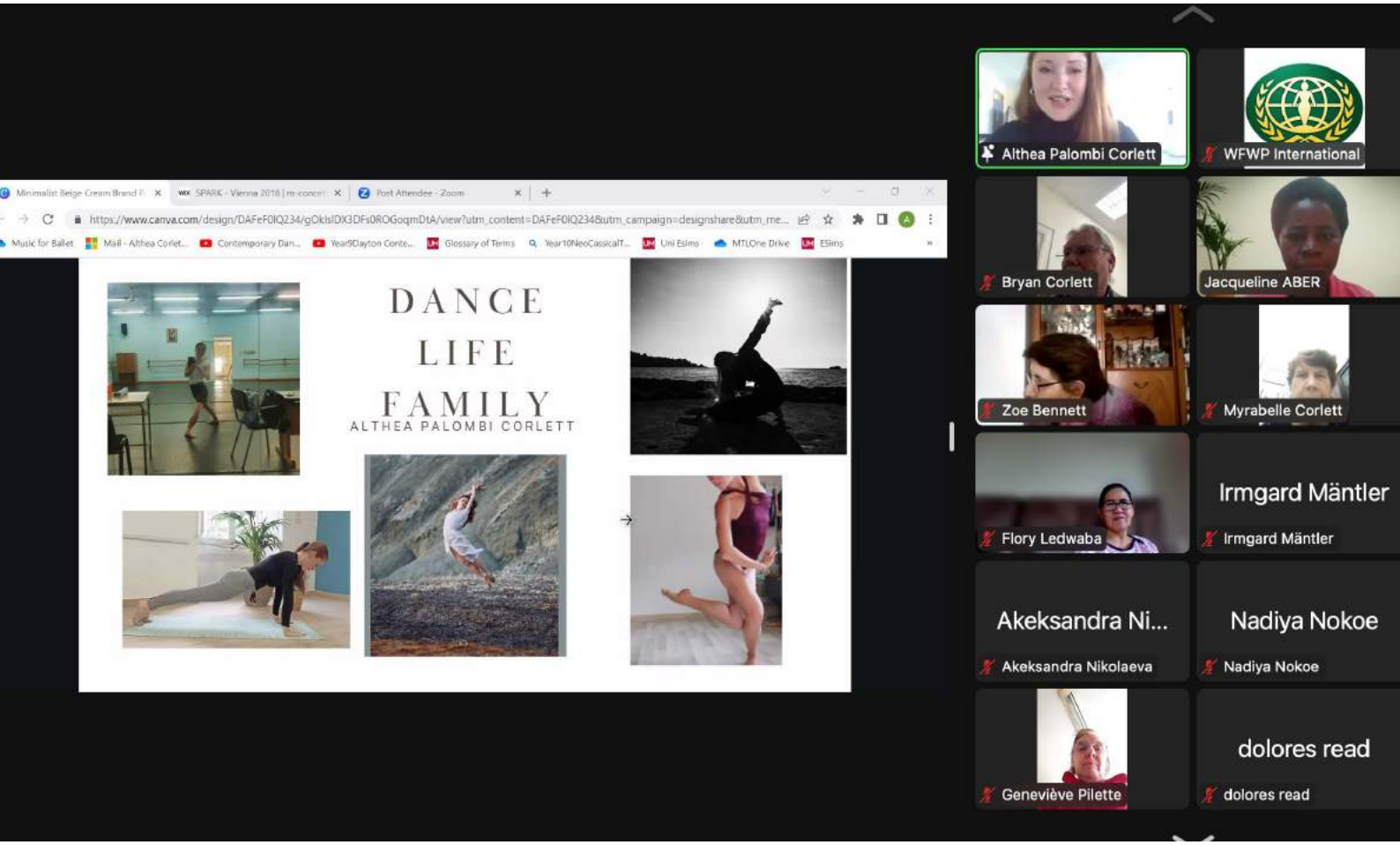
Personal Journey: Participants gained a glimpse into Mrs. Palombi's journey as a dancer, starting from the Olivia Dow School of Russian Ballet to her performances in different parts of the world.

Family Support: Mrs. Palombi opened up about the crucial role her family played in supporting her uncertain path as a dancer, offering a touching narrative of familial encouragement.

Balancing Act: As a mother with children, Mrs. Palombi shared her experiences balancing family and work, inspiring others to navigate the delicate dance of parenthood and passion.

Spirit of Challenge: Mrs. Palombi's relentless work ethic, including fundraising, auditions, and training for new dances, served as a beacon of inspiration for participants. A data chart could visually represent the various aspects of her multifaceted efforts.

The session with Mrs. Althea Palombi Collette not only unveiled the intricate world of dance but also showcased the dedication and resilience required in pursuing one's passion. Through impactful storytelling and a data chart illustrating Mrs. Palombi's diverse contributions, the Annual Report captures the essence of this enriching experience, encouraging others to embrace new challenges and opportunities in their lives.



AFRICA

Cote d'Ivoire | UNESCO Training Workshop on Gender and Empowerment, Equity, Inclusion and Equality

On September 19-22, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, the WFWP National President participated in a training on gender and empowerment organized by UNESCO's Chair in Water, Women, and Decision-making Power. The objective of the training was to strengthen women's leadership skills. During the training, participants gained practical knowledge of leadership skills such as decision-making, effective communication, conflict management, problem-solving, and strategic planning and were awarded UNESCO-accredited certificates.

Mr. Euphrasie Yao Kouassi, UNESCO Chair Holder and Honorary Member of WFWP Cote d'Ivoire, gave the WFWP President the opportunity to present the organization's vision at the General Assembly.

Cote d'Ivoire | WFWP Côte d'Ivoire General Ordinary Assembly

WFWP Côte d'Ivoire held its General Assembly on July 22 under the theme "Overall Goals Guarantee Individual Goals" to present its activities and financial report for 2020-2023 at the Ibis de Marcory Hotel. A total of ***40*** women leaders and members were present and elders such as Mrs. Elias Marie Lorette and Mrs. Doumbia Gloria shared their views on women's role and the co-founders' vision. The participants promised further to dedicate themselves to the overall goals of the WFWP.

Kenya | International Women's Day 2023

On March 25, WFWP Kenya hosted an event to educate women as peacemakers and equal partners in solving world peace and problems. The event theme was "Women as a Turning Point in History," and guests were taught about WFWP's vision and mission to bring peace to the world through women taking their rightful place next to men, partnering, and complementing each other. The guests appreciated the work of WFWP since its inception and the interest of many organizations in partnering and collaborating to influence society for a happy, harmonious, and peaceful world.

The event began with a meditation session by the Sisters of the Brahma Kumaris, followed by speeches. All speakers gave messages consistent with the co-founder's message that the solution to the world's problems is possible only through the logic of love.

ASIA PACIFIC 1

Bangladesh | Empower Project

On May 10, 2023, WFWP Bangladesh signed an agreement with UN Women Bangladesh for an 18-month project titled "EMPOWER - Promoting Socio-Economic and Economic Empowerment and Leadership for Women and Young Women in Forced Dis-Placement and Host Community." "EMPOWER," under the technical support of UN Women Bangladesh, aspires to rehabilitate and train ***560*** forced displaced women and girls and ***240*** host community women and girls from the different regions of Cox's Bazar. June 1, 2023, was the first day for EMPOWER. Led by words from the Holy Quran, the recruitment process for Project Manager, Accounts Officer, Project Officer, 4 Field Officers, 4 Host Supervisor and Office Assistant began the journey of living by loving to help those in need. WFWP and the EMPOWER team are eagerly anticipating the huge positive result that this initiative will bring to the lives of these families and all those involved.

Under this project's action plan, 60% of program activities will take place in selected camps for displaced women and youth girls and 40% will be in selected host communities for underprivileged women and young girls. Among others, one of the projected locations is Camp 6.

ASIA PACIFIC 2

Australia | GWPN Assembly "Resilient Leadership"

What a fantastic way to spend Saturday!

Such an inspiration to walk into the conference room to the beautiful mindful music of the Hand-pan and steel tongue drum played by Sandy Dickinson. We were fortunate to have Sandy perform her magic during the registration, lunch, and afternoon tea networking sessions.

The day provided an opportunity to come together and engage in meaningful conversations filled with love and compassion. It was truly inspiring to witness the diverse perspectives on leadership and recognise the immense power of women's leadership in various sectors. Seeing so many like-minded women who wholeheartedly dedicate themselves to serving others was incredibly empowering. This networking event served as a reminder of the importance of WFWP's work, and how we can collectively contribute to creating a better society through our femininity and compassionate hearts.

The Assembly proved to be an enlightening experience to encounter numerous lessons that resonate deeply with participants. One of the key takeaways was

the importance of selfless leadership, wherein leaders prioritize the well-being and growth of others above personal gain. Additionally, not to hesitate when asking for help, as it is a sign of strength and fosters collaborative problem-solving.

Emphasising the significance of connecting with like-minded and positive individuals, the Assembly highlighted the importance of cultivating a supportive network that encourages personal and collective growth.

Understanding one's true self emerged as another crucial lesson, highlighting the significance of self-awareness and authenticity. Moreover, recognising the power of self-care, enables us to sustainably contribute to the well-being of others.

Expressing gratitude was also emphasised, as it fosters positivity and strengthens relationships. Finally, an important reminder was to refrain from trying to 'fix' others (don't fix mix, as I am not broken) because everyone is unique and whole in their own way.

A big thank you to Dr. Shwetha Shankar, Odri Fernandes, Patricia Vaz from the GWPN Planning Committee, Preetah Bolaky, Jacinta Darbishire, Debbie Bruce from the WFWP VIC Advisory Committee, and our team of volunteer stars.

Shwetha, Patricia, and Odri from the GWPN Planning Committee

Three outstanding women received the prestigious Global Women Peace Ambassador award for their exemplary peace building and values focused leadership within their fields of expertise. Global Women Peace Ambassadors are leaders from all sectors of society and walks of life dedicated to building a worldwide community of peace through applying the peace-building principles essential to WFWP, 'living for the sake of others.' The award honours the leadership, achievements, and service of individuals for the benefit of others who stand on the common ground of universal moral principles, promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building peaceful communities.

Awardees:

Venerable Bhikkhuni Bodhicitta - Spiritual Director of Nisala Arana (International Centre for Inner Peace and Happiness)

Prof Catherine Crock AM – Founder and CEO, Hush Foundation

Tua Manase-Ale – Samoan leader

Global Partners stand on the common ground of shared values and are committed to the path of promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building peace.

Four organisations received the Global Partner Award in honour of the organisation's achievements and efforts alongside WFWP towards realising the United Nations Global Development Goals, especially Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals.

Awardees:

Hush Foundation - founded in 2000 by Professor Catherine Crock AM, after she sought to enrich healthcare environments for both patients and staff through music and the arts.

Days For Girls (Wandin East Chapter) - Lorena Hayes and her team work tirelessly sewing to create the kits and fill the demand. Since 2015 the Wandin East team has completed and distributed more than 2000 DFG Kits. WFWP Victoria then distributes the kits to the Pacific Islands through our regional chapters.

Doug's Mini Movers - Doug Greenall and his team have been supporting WFWP Victoria's Global Development & Aid projects since 2015 by delivering pro-bono our boxes of sewing machines, fabric, and books to shipping companies operating between Australia and the Island Nations of the Pacific.

Creative Vision Coaching - With a pledge to, "bring yourself on this journey to a love-filled self-discovery and we will celebrate you all along the way, we promise", Creative Vision Coaching Co-Founders, Shwetha Shankar and Odri Fernandes have partnered pro-bono with WFWP in the development of the GWPN and the 'Leading into the Future' mentor program.

A GWPN signing declaration was undertaken by committed women ready to take the lead in realising a world of peace by bringing together a Global Peace Network of leaders, organisations, and governments committed to solving pressing social issues and securing an environment of equitable human development.

In signing, we declared to take the lead in pioneering the path of active women peace leaders, exercising the values of maternal love, compassion, service, and sharing (which until now have been excluded from most leadership and development strategies), and encourage peace through education, cooperation, and solidarity.

GWPN Leading into the Future Mentor Program for Emerging Leaders:

- ***Participants: 14 emerging women leaders joined the 6-month GWPN mentor program.***
- ***Program Duration: Active engagement over 6 months with mentors.***
- ***Completion Rate: 80% successfully completed, showcasing commitment.***
- ***Additional Learning: 30% completed GWPN Leadership Workshops.***

Established Women Leaders as Mentors:

- ***Mentors: 14 women leaders joined as mentors.***
- ***Commitment: 100% actively engaged in the 6-month mentoring program.***
- ***GWPN Leadership Workshop Presenters:***
- ***Registrations: 12 women leaders registered.***
- ***Workshop Delivery: Impressive 93% actively ran engaging workshops.***

In summary, GWPN programs attract diverse women leaders, fostering connections and professional development within the global network.

"Hearing speakers talk about what leadership means to them and how they have reached their goals and learned their lessons was not only inspiring but also gave me clarity in the process I want to follow in becoming the leader I want to be."

"The event was wonderful; the environment was a very encouraging judgement free zone.
Able to connect and build each other, loved it! Looking forward to becoming a member too."

"It was fun, educational, well organized, with a high spirit. Passion and empowerment"

"I feel empowered by meeting all those inspirational women coming from different backgrounds who had to come over so many barriers to be able to reach where they are. Amazing stories!"
"An inspiring event of women sharing their stories and paths to build synergy. Incredible event with focus on women's leadership and empowerment."

"The 2023 GWPN Assembly centred around the theme of Resilient leadership and fostering a culture of compassion, it was a truly empowering gathering of women from various fields. Tricia Malowney OAM, a strong advocate for women with disabilities, shared her experiences and emphasised the importance of respect. Professor Magdalina Simonis, as the President of the Australian Federation of Medical Women, led discussions on kindness in leadership and offered guidance to young healthcare professionals in achieving their goals. Mary Jensen, a specialist in human behaviour, imparted her wisdom about transforming leadership styles from aggression to a more heart-centred approach.

"The speeches delivered by these remarkable women left a lasting impact on the attendees, who were moved to both laughter and tears. Together, we celebrated femininity and supported one another, affirming our roles as women leaders in various sectors."

Australia | Unlock Your Potential; Work, Life Balance and Sports

WFWP Queensland conducted their second official event at Mantra on Queen Hotel, Brisbane. Each esteemed speaker discussed topics relating to women's empowerment, leadership and life skills, resilience and how the values of sportsmanship enabled them to build holistic and healthy practices in their lives. This event also sought to educate and inform participants how sporting practices can assist them in developing clarity in the mind, body and soul, in order to achieve their life potential.

During the event, one of the Indigenous Australian speakers, Yvonne Orley, also shared her unique story about her tribe and the importance of the Voice referendum to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The Voice was a proposed federal advisory body created by the parliament. Australians voted on the Voice on October 14th, 2023. Dr Yejeong Kim De Geer concluded the heart-warming and empowering event by sharing the visions by Dr Hak Ja Moon and how WFWP was first created. All attendees were feeling moved and

grateful, acknowledging that hope and love exist within all of us, as ambassadors for world peace and cultural diversity.

A massive thank you to Nadia Anand, secretary of WFWP Queensland, who put her heart into organising this event. We are profoundly appreciative of all her efforts and hard work. The event was also generously supported by the Foot and Ankle Experts Health Clinic. $1500 of its funding contributed to the location rent and catering services.

As a result of this event, three participants pledged to become WFWP Queensland members. Dr Catherine Norton signed up as a diamond WFWP member, donating ***$600*** a week later after the event finished. All attendees showed interest in attending the next WFWP forum. It was inspiring to have at least ***85%*** of the guests in their early 20's and 30's. There were many men in attendance to support their partners. Committee members will soon be organising another forum in a few months' time.

Malaysia | “Give Me A Chance” Education Empowerment Initiative

On October 22, 30 underprivileged families in Selangor received food rations and educational assistance under the “Give Me A Chance Education Empowerment Initiative” led by WFWP Malaysia. The event was supported by the Universal Peace Federation of Malaysia and Ajar-ajar Malaysia. Six outstanding students from these families received refurbished laptops to support their higher education, and one student received cash assistance. The students also listened to a career talk by motivational lecturer Mr. Arulnathan Assirvatham at an event held at Telok Panglima Garang Tamil School, after which they received a grocery packet.

Thirty people participated, including the Principal of Teluk Panglima Garang Tamil School Mr. K. Rajaseran, Indian Community Leader Mr. Anpalagan, Vice President of UPF Malaysia Mr. Joachim Ng, and Vice President of WFWP Malaysia Dr. Umah Rani Kuppusamy. The Guest of Honour, Hon. Papparaidu Veraman, Selangor EXCO member for Human Resource and Poverty Eradication, praised the organizers for empowering the students through this project. WFWP Malaysia President Mrs. Lina Cheng explained that the laptop donation drive began with the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and has provided 200 underprivileged students with refurbished laptops and aid money. Dr. Udesh Chaskar, UPF Youth Ambassador for Peace, said: “I hope the recipients will be successful in their studies as well as give back to society through community

service and social work." Ms. S. Loganapriya and Ms. S. Janani, both past recipients of the educational assistance program, contributed to the event as moderators and experience-sharing.

- ***In 2021-2022, the "Give Me a Chance" Education Empowerment Initiative enabled 12 out of 16 (75%) recipients of our cash aid/ refurbished laptops to continue pursuing their tertiary education.***

- ***23 students (76.7%) who participated in the Give Me A Chance Education Empowerment programme reported feeling more confident in coping with their studies***

- ***90% of volunteers who joined our service projects felt the activities were very meaningful and wanted to continue giving back to society through voluntary work.***

"My father and my twin sister were born with physical disabilities and needed continuous treatment. My mother's salary was only enough to cover their treatments and the daily needs of all three siblings."

"The laptop assistance comes in very timely because I have just started my diploma studies at the Institute for Education and Teaching and need a laptop badly to cope with assignments." "Thank you, WFWP, for giving me the opportunity to pursue a teaching career!"

"I feel very blessed. Thank you for giving me a chance to further my studies. The program motivates me a lot and guides me to solve my problems in life with a positive mindset. I learned that change starts from me, not from anyone else. We need to be positive, look forward, be creative and think out of the box. The Give Me a Chance is a great program because it helps many students who love studying but lack the money to buy a laptop."

Malaysia | Bringing Cultures Together – Friendship & Food "A Celebration of International Women's Days 2023

On March 19, WFWP Malaysia celebrated International Women's Day with a warm and exciting event to promote cross-cultural understanding and embrace the uniqueness of different cultures, food and traditional clothing. The theme was "Bringing Cultures Together - Friendship and Food." The event attracted about 70 participants, elegantly dressed in traditional costumes such as cheongsam, kebaya, sari, yukata, and hanbok.

In her welcoming remarks, WFWP Malaysia President Mrs. Lina Cheng said International Women's Day is a time to celebrate women's social, political, economic, and cultural achievements. "When we embrace equity, we embrace diversity and inclusion. Each of us can actively support and embrace equity within our sphere of influence... this will forge harmony and unity and help drive success for all," she explained.

#EmbraceEquity is the official theme for International Women's Day this year, which spotlights the need to go beyond equal opportunities and understand the differences in individual circumstances.

The program began with a fun ice-breaking session led by lively moderator Jenisse. The guests also enjoyed an energetic modern dance performance by the young and dynamic high school group “Teletubbies. To celebrate friendship and unity in diversity, a choir led by Ms. Chang Seok Ping sang the song “Friendship” in two languages. The main highlight of the event was a cooking demo by Mrs. Shin Pil Hyo, who shared the recipe for cooking the popular and savory Korean dish Jap-chae, stirred fried glass noodles. Followed was the next chef, Mrs. Kosaka Yumiko, who demonstrated the making of the all-time favorite Japanese maki sushi. The event concluded with a potluck of various food and cakes from different cultures.

All the participants were grateful and happy to recognize living in a multicultural community that embraces peace and harmony.

EUROPE

Europe | HerStory Webinar Series

HerStory is a new monthly online initiative for the European region launched in January. It aims to showcase and celebrate the achievements, challenges, and contributions of notable women leaders throughout Europe. So far this year, HerStory has hosted eight events attended by between 40 and 70 participants.

France | Women and Men: Culture of Equality and Mutual Respect

To mark International Women's Day, WFWP France organized an event in collaboration with the International Association for Economic and Social Development - Africa / France. There were several speakers, including Mrs. Soraya Ayouch, a psychologist at the Youth Judicial Protection. She said that by celebrating Women's Day, we also celebrate life. The theme of equality and respect invites us to talk about life, women, marriage, and peace. In working with children in difficult situations, she found that they often provoked their parents and society to act out of love and affection. Her conclusion was that despite the obstacles and difficulties the world is experiencing today, women can bring a message of peace and hope by uniting.

Mrs. Marie Christine Odent, WFWP Vice President and Marriage and Family Counselor, discussed how the digital world enables or hinders equality and respect between men and women.

Mrs. Rime Abdennadher, UNESCO consultant and therapist, spoke mainly about marital-gender relations.

Mrs. Ye-Bonne Maldonado, a research engineer in aerodynamics, shared a different perspective on gender equality in the digital world. According to her, even though too few women work in IT (15% of her team is female), this technology can make people's lives easier and provide cleaner energy.

LATIN AMERICA

Latin America | Sisterhood Ceremony “Bridge of Peace”

On April 15, women from southern Latin America, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay gathered at the Uruguayan National Garden, the capital city’s castle, to celebrate the sisterhood ceremony “Bridge of Peace.” The event was attended by 85 women leaders and professionals from different regions.

The WFWP President of Uruguay Mrs. Marisa Machado gave the welcoming remarks. Mrs. Gloria Dantas, Subregional Director of WFWP Latin America, explained the significance and history of the “Bridge of Peace.”

Mrs. Audry Olivera, Secretary of WFWP Uruguay, expressed her regrets before the women of Paraguay about the tragic Battle of Acosta Nu, in which Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil fought the Republic of Paraguay. In this battle, children aged seven and eight were used as soldiers. They grabbed the legs of the Brazilian soldiers and begged them not to be killed, but they were soon beheaded.

Mrs. Elena da Silva, Vice President of WFWP Uruguay, explained the development of the sisterhood ceremony. Approximately 20 new sisterhoods were created between Uruguayan women and guests from Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay. The

new “sisters” gathered under the balloon bridge, exchanged gifts, and expressed gratitude for the new sisterhoods that resolved historical conflicts, especially between Uruguay and Paraguay and Easter Island and the Peruvian women living in Uruguay.

Argentinean WFWP President Mrs. Rosetta Conti and Chilean WFWP President Mrs. Sachiko Grange gave congratulatory speeches. Mrs. Roswitha Giuliano, the International Vice President of Latin America, closed the event with warm words to the audience.

Women from various countries entertained the guests with songs and dances. Mrs. Ofelia Fernandez from Argentina sang “Two Tangos,” a traditional melody of the region. Mrs. Rozimeire Ika de Arruda danced a beautiful Easter Island dance. Japanese sisters living in Uruguay and Chile sang two lovely songs in Japanese. At the end of the performance, the Uruguayan dance group “Grupo de Danza del Este,” represented by Professors Pedro Amarillo Lacruz and Pirone Beloso, performed a fascinating folk dance.

Overall, it was a very motivating experience. The women who attended the event were inspired to keep in touch with each other and promised to meet again on Easter Island soon.

Brazil | Empowerment Training for Women Leaders

WFWP Brazil organized the "Empowerment Training for Women Leaders," held three times a year, with the purpose of planning strategic projects to be implemented in the five districts of the subregion.

In 2022-2023, through the Women's Leadership Seminar, WFWP was able to advance its regional activities in the subregion by opening the vision of project implementation for about 90% of the leaders, expanding activities in each city, and sharing experiences of the implemented activities.

Haiti | Literacy School for Adults

WFWP Haiti has operated two tuition-free adult literacy schools in Port-au-Prince and Miragoan since 2008. More than 90% of the students are women, who first had to support their families who could not attend school due to economic reasons and their parents' belief that "women do not need to go to school." After a 6-month course, most students can easily read, write, and calculate.

Participants expressed joy and gratitude, such as "I couldn't read and use my smartphone, but now I can use it well" and "I can post on social networking sites."

70% of students pass the beginner course and move on to the advanced class. For the advanced class, 50% of the students pass and receive a certificate of completion; those who do not pass retake the 6-month course.

Dominican Republic | Global Women's Peace Network 2023

On September 23, the 12th Global Women's Peace Network, organized by WFWP Dominican Republic and attended by 106 participants, was held at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Santo Domingo and focused on the important role of women in the family and society.

Key speakers addressed political issues, emphasized the importance of God in peace efforts, and highlighted efforts to support marginalized youth. Participants pledged to put these insights into practice in their own communities to foster peace and equality. Outstanding women leaders were honored as Global Women Peace Ambassadors at the event, which renewed commitment to inspire positive change and promote a culture of peace in their respective fields.

"This event fascinated me, and may God continue to bless us so we can continue giving and receiving all this essential content. Let's multiply all this knowledge."

"The conferences were very good, addressing our current reality and the attacks that families are facing today. They made me understand that as a woman, I can give and give to those who need it. To give that grain of sand, that drop of water missing in the sea, so that peace reigns within each of us."

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan | WFWP Afghan Cultural Center

The WFWP Afghan Cultural Center works with young Afghan women refugees in New Delhi, India, to develop their economic potential and skills to be able to support themselves and their families. The center is a beautiful building with meeting rooms and a library for women's enlightenment. It offers four different courses: computer skills, English classes, sewing and design classes, and character education classes. Through these programs, WFWP hopes to expand the possibilities for women to obtain jobs and increase their financial support.
The girls attend their classes and character education classes. The director of the center Mrs. Yamanoi has trained the team well, and under their guidance, they take care of all the administrative tasks and run the program. In addition to classes, there are frequent social events such as holidays, birthdays, and opening and closing ceremonies.

They have created a beautiful group of collaborative women with a place to gather and share based on universal principles. The staff begins each day by reading the journal of the co-founder, which is very inspiring for the women.

This year WFWP Afghan Cultural Center had 53 total participants and 38 graduated from their specific classes.

"This class gives us a bright future and more opportunity in the future. Through this program we can make a better choice for our future." by Behshta Arya

"Through the design class the girls can express themselves and be able to stand on their own two feet in the future through doing something they enjoy. We can stand tall and proud and receive our rights as women in the society." by Mouzghan Ariya

"This was a golden opportunity. Before the course of tailoring, I didn't know much but now I can make a dress. In the design course I have leaned to design my own dress and we are so grateful to Mrs. Yamanoi and all the staff for their support and encouragement." by Nashwa Jalali

NORTH AMERICA

USA | Unveiling the Essence of Womanhood with "Wholehearted"

WFWP USA opened up a new chapter in which men and women can work together in partnership as they were originally created. To do that, however, we must take time to unveil the story of womanhood, which has been hidden for so long. And that is why WFWP created "Wholehearted," a 7-week educational series. Designed exclusively for WFWP USA members, "Wholehearted" aims to help us embark on a journey of unveiling the essence of womanhood. This year, WFWP launched the new series virtually with over 170 registrants from October to November.

"Wholehearted is better than my therapy sessions."

"I realized my energy, power and identity as a women is larger than i thought before, and my impact can be so much greater."

"Every facilitator prepared the presentation so well and I could sense their deep heart behind it all. I believe that the sincerity moved everyone who attended, it certainly moved me deeply and it proved to me how much spiritual power one can express. It is very encouraging and it motivates me to try harder and be a better example to others."

USA | Leadership Training for the Heart

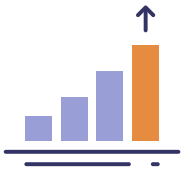
WFWP USA entire leadership team has been diving into the Peace Philosophy of the co-founder. As WFWP endeavors to make her vision the heartbeat of the organization, each member finds new life and inspiration in their work. Two 3-week sessions were held online, including studying of the vision of co-founder. Between 50-80 people attended live each day.

USA | Celebrating Women Peacemakers

On March 25, WFWP Kenya hosted This year, WFWP USA had the privilege of recognizing 18 women peacemakers through the presentation of the HerStory Award. This accolade serves as a homage to women who embody the essence of peace leadership, guided by the logic of love. WFWP not only celebrates their accomplishments but also acknowledges the extraordinary journeys that have shaped them, illustrating their resilience, courage, and compassion in the face of adversity. Through sharing the valuable lessons drawn from their experiences, each awardee becomes a source of inspiration, motivating others to follow suit. As part of WFWP mission to spread the uplifting stories of the impactful contributions made by women in leadership roles and welcoming them into the Global Women's Peace Network.

WFWP USA hosted 1 in-person HerStory Award and 6 virtual HerStory Awards hosted monthly with 100+ views each.

WFWPI Educational Course with Mrs. Audra Hajj: Business Accelerator Workshop



60% Significant Growth

85% Actively Engaged

WFWPI Webinar on Women Entrepreneurship

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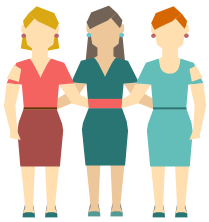
WFWPI Virtual Cafe: The Mysterious World of a Dancer

The Zoom session brought together dance enthusiasts from around

20 different countries, fostering a global sense of community.

Cote d'Ivoire | WFWP Côte d'Ivoire General Ordinary Assembly



40 women leaders and members were present

Bangladesh | Empower Project

560 forced displaced women and girls

240 host community women and girls from the different regions of Cox's Bazar.

Australia | GWPN Assembly "Resilient Leadership"

14 emerging women leaders joined the 6-month GWPN mentor program.

Australia | Unlock Your Potential; Work, Life Balance and Sports

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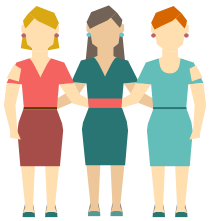

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YOUTH EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT

WFWP IHQ

WFWP IHQ | WFWPI Webinar for Young Professionals "Role of Youth in Family and Society" Part 1

WFWP IHQ Educational Webinar: Transformative Insights from Global Professionals.

WFWP IHQ organized an impactful educational webinar on May 13, uniting young professionals from Israel, Zambia, Malta, and Ghana. The event, broadcasted on Zoom and interpreted in multiple languages, attracted 50 participants eager to gain insights into the success stories and decision-making processes of the diverse panelists. Ms. Laya Alqassas, a young professional from Jordan residing in Korea, adeptly moderated the session, setting the stage for a profound exchange of experiences.

Ms. Laya Alqassas was a webinar moderator. She is a young professional from Jordan currently living in Korea. She started the webinar by greeting the audience and introducing each panelist.

Speakers:

Mrs. Victoire Ben Zvi (Jerusalem, Israel):
Mrs. Ben Zvi, hailing from Prague, Czech Republic, embarked on her journey by graduating from Lycée Francais de Prague in 2016. Following a stint in hospitality, she pursued a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management in Prague, graduating in 2021. As President of the International Association of Youth and Students for

Peace in the Czech Republic, she organized Character Education and service projects. Relocating to Israel in 2021, she now manages You Need Coffee, an initiative fostering harmony in a divided nation.

Ms. Verocia Kaimba Chiluba (Zambia):
A high school graduate from Geneva, Switzerland, Ms. Chiluba wrote her GCSE and A-Levels in England. Armed with a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's in International Relations from Central China Normal University, she brings a trilingual perspective (English, French, Chinese). Ms. Chiluba's diverse experiences include professional football for the Zambian women's U23 national team, translating for an Import and Export Company, and her current role as a young female Diplomat. She views her journey as an opportunity to be a role model for young women globally.

Mrs. Davinia Marie (Malta):
With over two decades of experience in psychology, spirituality, and personal development, Mrs. Marie's journey began with meditation in her youth. Her exploration extended to energy healing practices like theta healing, shamanism, and reiki. Holding a BSc Honours in Psychology and training in Gestalt psychotherapy, she served as a helpline supervisor in Malta, equipping volunteers with essential tools. Currently an Internet Safety Officer, Mrs. Marie focuses on creating a safer online space, particularly for children. She is now venturing into life coaching to guide individuals in overcoming personal challenges.

Mrs. Gebre-Michel (Ghana):
Hailing from Ethiopia and based in Ghana, Mrs. Gebre-Michel is a registered Social Worker and founder of the SHEE-Humanitarian Foundation. Her journey, rooted in a humanitarian, development, gender, peace, and security background, began with early exposure to OXFAM in Addis Ababa. With a BA in Social Work with Psychology and an MA in Gender, Peace, and Security, she has dedicated decades to assisting vulnerable individuals, particularly refugees, serving with UNHCR in various capacities. Her inspiring message emphasizes the role of peace at the individual, familial, and community levels.

Concerns and Solutions:
Mrs. Marie expressed concerns about the impact of increased internet connectivity on young people, highlighting issues like cyberbullying, non-consensual sharing of intimate images, and gaming addictions. She emphasized the collective responsibility to address these challenges for the well-being of today's youth.

Question and Answer Session:
Led by Mrs. Kefilwe Lebepe, leader of the WFWPI Young Professionals Team, the Q&A session provided deeper insights into the speakers' personal experiences and perspectives.

Learning and Engagement:
Diverse backgrounds and experiences showcased the power of resilience and shared learning.
The webinar's global reach, with 50 participants and interpretation in multiple languages, exemplified the importance of cross-cultural understanding.

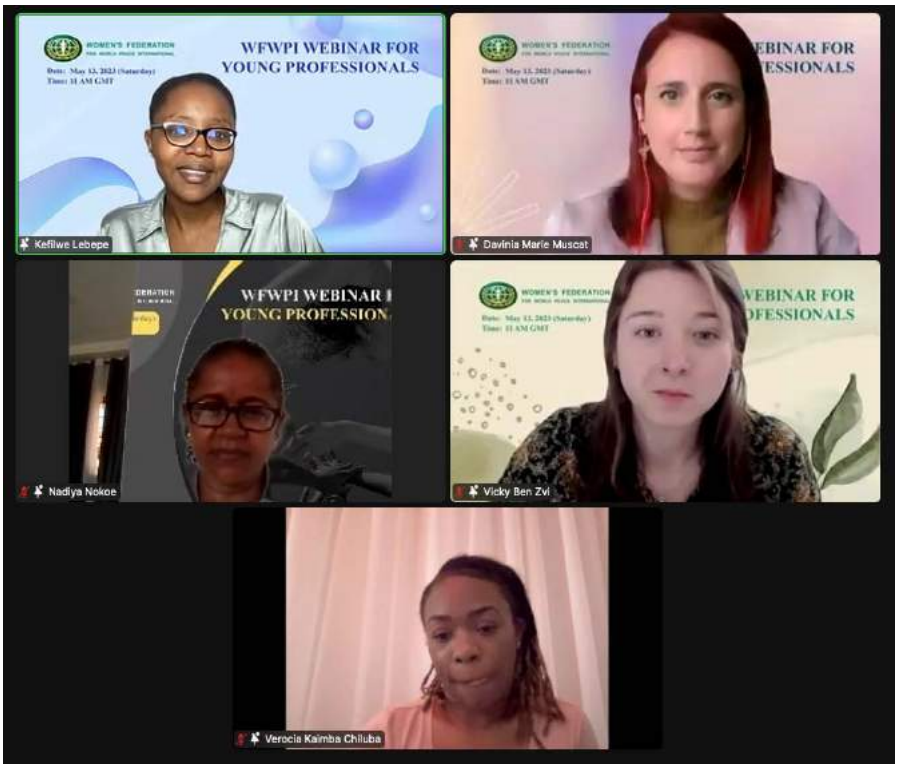
The webinar concluded with an invitation to join the WFWPI Young Professionals Team, fostering cultural diplomacy and mutual understanding. The team conducts bi-monthly meetings, contributing to the organization's commitment to global harmony.

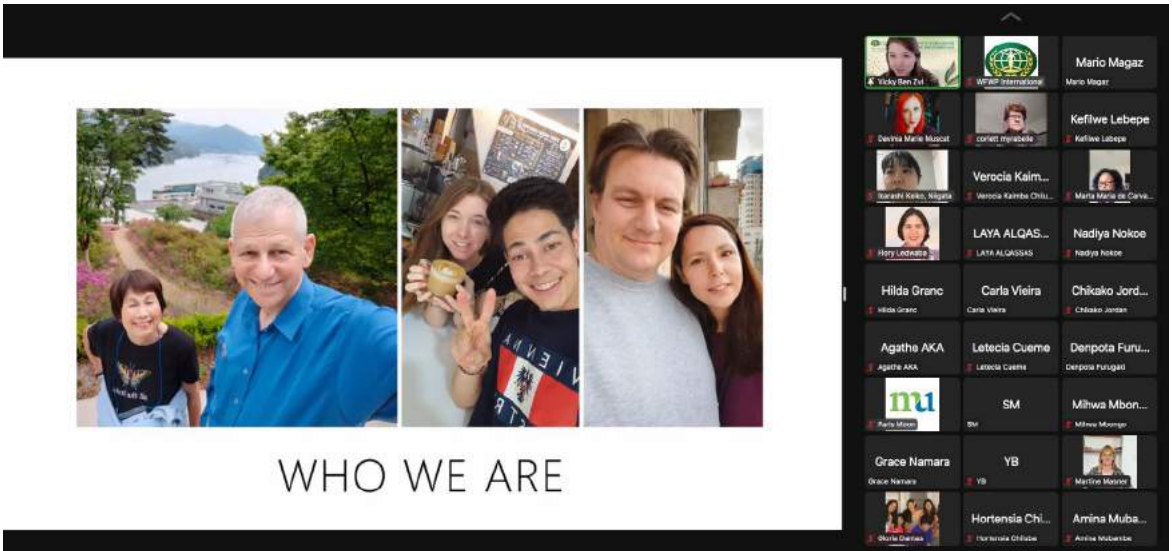
Conclusion:
This webinar, a valuable segment of WFWP IHQ's initiatives, will be included in the organization's Annual Report. The shared experiences and insights from these global professionals serve as a testament to the power of diversity, resilience, and shared learning in building a better future.

“Thank you, WFWPI for an inspiring and informative webinar. So encouraging to see and hear young professionals using social media to educate other young people on what is practically needed to make a better world. All four on the panel gave us some good food for thought.”

“Thank you to all young professionals on today’s panel for their practical approach to life’s challenges, which really appeal to both young and old. Thank you for your contribution to healthier societies. What an awesome lineup of presenters.”

“It was a session with fabulous speakers, excellent interventions, and very knowledgeable matters in their respective areas of expertise.”





WFWP IHQ | WFWPI Webinar for Young Professionals "Role of Youth in Family and Society" Part 2

On September 23, the WFWP IHQ held an educational webinar for young professionals. The webinar was broadcast on Zoom with a total of 80 participants. Ms. Tanya Nehodtseva, a young professional from Eurasia, opened the webinar with welcoming words and introduced four panelists.

Panelist Highlights:
Ms. Joy Ikumoinein
Ms. Ikumoinein, an Author and Business Leader, boasts a decade of experience across the Third sector, Government, and Private sector. Founder of TONBEY.com and Executive Director of The LivingJoys Foundation, she champions girls' training and education. With an MBA from the London School of Economics, Ms. Ikumoinein passionately advocates for girls' protection, body positivity, and youth leadership. Dedicated to youth policy advising for the Nigerian Government, she stresses the importance of investing in youth development for a more responsible and productive society.

Dr. Yezu Woo:
Dr. Yezu Woo, an acclaimed violinist, has performed globally at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Smetana Hall, and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg. She was awarded "Outstanding International Musician of the Year" in Korea and serves as the Honorary Ambassador for Chuncheon, as well as the Artistic Director of its Music

Festival. Dr. Woo earned her doctorate degree from Stony Brook University and was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany, where she conducted research at the Isang-Yun-Haus. Born in Freiburg, Germany, she now resides in New York City.

Ms. Lydia Tesema:
Lydia Tesema, an Ethiopian Conversationalist and founder of the creative media platform 'Below The Surface,' is a dedicated Creative Youth Program Facilitator, Cultural Consultant, and Community Leader. Passionate about forging a unique career as a global Thought Leader and Changemaker, Lydia balances her time between community initiatives and her roles as a Presenter, Host, MC, and Panel Moderator. As the Co-host of the 'Voices of Australia podcast,' she collaborates with Anthea Hancock, CEO of the Scanlon Foundation Research Institute, exploring diverse perspectives on creating a socially cohesive society in Australia.

Key Insights and Recommendations:

Youth Development and Education:
Ms. Joy Ikumoinein stressed the pivotal role of youth in societal building and economic growth. Investing in their development by providing opportunities for skill and knowledge acquisition is crucial for fostering responsible and productive citizens. This aligns with global trends emphasizing the importance of youth education and empowerment.

Influence of Music:
Dr. Yezu Woo highlighted the power of music in shaping a positive society. Her experiences demonstrated the impact of music on cultural exchange and understanding. This aligns with research showing the positive effects of music on cognitive development and social cohesion.

Creating Safe Spaces for Youth:
Ms. Lydia Tesema emphasized the necessity of creating safe spaces for youth to express themselves freely and creatively. Supporting them in embracing their culture contributes to a more inclusive and understanding society. This resonates with the growing focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in various global initiatives.

Question and Answer Session:
The active engagement during the Q&A session reflected the enthusiasm of young professionals to contribute to building a healthy, active society, and a peaceful

world. The session allowed the panelists to share their expertise, providing valuable insights and encouraging more youth participation in societal development.

80% of participants actively engaged in the Q&A session.

Learning and Impactful Outcomes:

Youth Empowerment:
90% of participants acknowledged a heightened understanding of the pivotal role of youth in societal development.
80% expressed a commitment to invest in personal and professional development to contribute positively to society.
Music's Social Impact:
85% of participants gained a deeper appreciation for the role of music in shaping a cohesive society.
70% expressed an interest in exploring music as a tool for social change and community building.
Cultural Embrace and Expression:
75% of participants recognized the importance of creating safe spaces for youth expression and cultural embrace.
60% expressed a commitment to supporting initiatives that promote cultural diversity and inclusion.

Conclusion:

The WFWP IHQ educational webinar successfully brought together diverse perspectives on youth development, the influence of music, and the importance of creating supportive environments. The recommendations from the panelists align with global efforts to empower youth, promote cultural understanding, and build inclusive societies. The active participation of 80 young professionals indicates a strong interest in contributing to positive societal change.

“Thank you for your inspiring talk! To the Young Professionals Committee, thank you for organizing a great event.”

“It is very important to know young people! Thank you very much, great speakers of high quality.”

AFRICA

Burkina Faso | Donation activity in Favor to the Needy Children

WFWP Burkina Faso held a donation drive for underprivileged children on March 11 in the enclosure of Hotel Maternal in Ouagadougou. Hotel Maternal is a national institution that hosts children in distress, abandoned children, orphans, and children without families.

WFWP collected funds and supplies to provide donations to help care for these children and bring them a little joy and happiness. The women ambassadors of peace, who contributed so much to the cause, joined the effort that afternoon. Donated items included diapers, soap, bags of rice, oil, milk, sugar, clothing, and shoes.

Mrs. Ouedraogo Edith, Acting Director of Maternal Hotel, expressed her deep appreciation to WFWP for its commitment to these children. About 20 children attended the handover ceremony, representing the entire group.

Mrs. Kabore Aimée, WFWP National President, began by introducing the co-founders of WFWP and the vision and purpose of the organization, emphasizing the important role of mothers. She said, “Today, we live in the age of women, and women must understand their role very well.”

Cote d'Ivoire | Distribution of School Kits to Fatherless Children

WFWP Yamoussoukro, in partnership with the FFPM National Bureau, distributed school kits to fatherless children in Ngejulo on August 4 to remove barriers to education, promote mental health, encourage student retention, and invest in the future potential of these children and society at large.

Ghana | Scholarship Scheme for Underprivileged Students in Accra

This activity started with the support of WFWP Japan. Mrs. Yasuka Nomura, the representative of WFWP Japan, found foster parents in Japan and introduced them to children in Ghana to support their education. This scholarship program began several years ago with a few children and now supports sixty children. Several of them have been supported through higher education.

Mrs. Emelia Adofo, Vice President of WFWP Ghana, is the Scholarship Program Coordinator. Her job is to visit children under the WFWP scholarship program on a regular basis. She provided the students with uniforms and stationery, monitored their academic performance, and encouraged them to achieve their dreams.

From October 22 to 30, a team of seven Japanese volunteers led by Mrs. Nomura visited Ghana and had the opportunity to meet most of the scholarship recipient children in person. They also donated stationery to the children of Amamoley and

Odumasey schools in the Greater Accra Region.

Mrs. Nomura encouraged WFWP Ghana representatives to recruit new scholars to replace children who have graduated from middle and high school.

In 2023, 10 new children were added to the scholarship scheme, bringing the number of children to 60 in total.

Scholarship students in Amamoley Basic School

Scholarship students in Opah Basic School

Scholarship students in Odumasey Basic School

Ghana | Character Education for Students

To commemorate a UN Day of Zero Tolerance for female genital mutilation (FGM), WFWP Ghana held two classes in February on character education, particularly on the dangers of sexually transmitted infections and HIV-AIDS. ***140*** students participated in the two schools in Accra.

Character education is one of the most essential projects in Ghana, as many young people in schools are exposed to many dangers due to the development of various social media. At the end of the presentation, students pledged to lead a pure life before marriage.

At the third school, WFWP taught hygiene. With the assistance of Japanese volunteers visiting Ghana, the WFWP team conducted a workshop to teach the ***115*** students of the Opah Basic School the importance of regular hand washing. At the end of the workshop, two students demonstrated what they had learned. At the end of the workshop, face towels were distributed to all participants.

Kenya | International Day of the African Child - Character Education

Every year on June 16, the International Day of the African Child commemorates the memory of the students massacred in Soweto in 1976 for advocating for injustice and inequality under the apartheid regime.WFWP Kenya has organized a program to commemorate this day, which was first initiated by the Organization of African Unity (now AU) in 1991.

The program was held at the Lampros Educational Center in Kayole, with 320 children participating, along with teachers and key staff. The purpose of the school visits is outreach and teaching children character education. The talks were well received by the audience, who asked for more opportunities to learn more.

After the event, the children prepared songs, poems, and dances to commemorate the day and received gifts of sweets and drinks from WFWP. Mr. Marube, the school principal, thanked the organization for the lecture and the gifts.

Follow-up programs to teach family values to faculty and staff were discussed, as well as plans to introduce character education and open a martial arts club in the school.

Kenyan school institutions were very supportive of WFWP's character education program, with character behaviors observed in 70% of the children who received the program.

South Africa | Leadership and Character Education

From September 29 to October 7 in Soweto, WFWP South Africa hosted Leadership and Character Education, which equipped young people with the knowledge and values they need to build a strong moral foundation and foster healthy relationships by understanding the impact of their actions and words on themselves, their families, their communities, and beyond. 46 youth participated in the program, providing a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, unlock potential, and make a positive difference in the community.

Activities included interactive group discussions and lectures focusing on various personality traits such as growth mindset, genuineness, cooperation, empathy, responsibility, and concern for the environment; team building activities and group exercises that allowed participants to practice and apply what they learned.

"The Youth Leadership program with a strong emphasis on character education has been a life-changing experience for me. I can't thank the organizers enough for this incredible opportunity."

Uganda | Young Women Speech Contest

On November 27, WFWP Uganda held a Young Women's Speech Contest at Peace High School in Wakiso District, attended by students, school administration staff, and market vendors.

Two speech contests were held, in which approximately ***40*** girls submitted essays, ***12*** of whom were selected. In the speech contest, three girls representing each house won the grand prize. The winners were awarded cash prizes, and school officials presented each house with a goat roast celebration.

Former government attorney Hon. Fred Ruhindi, who served as a judge for the contest, appreciated the efforts of the event's sponsors and promised to assist whenever requested. He encouraged the students to follow the mission of the WFWP and mobilize their friends and family to participate.

Eswatini | Foster Parents

WFWP Eswatini is working with two former senators (MPs) to identify disadvantaged families in their constituencies. The women are being educated on creating schemes and managing small businesses like poultry farming. A foster parent project is located in one of these constituencies where children attending school are well cared for and receive character education.

ASIA PACIFIC 1

Cambodia | Youth Education in Kratie: Anh Chanh and Kan Tuot

On January 20, 2023, the Women's Federation for World Peace Cambodia (WFWP Cambodia) organized a three-day youth leadership and character education program for secondary school students from Anh Chanh and Kan Tuot. The program comprised of lectures and group discussions on the value of life, goal setting, and the importance of family.

On the first day of the program, WFWP Cambodia visited 250 secondary school students in Anh Chanh, and on the second and third day, they visited a total of 777 students in Kan Tuot. During the lectures, the students were encouraged to reflect on their own goals and how they can practically manage their lives to achieve them. The lecturers also incorporated Buddhist teachings that the students were familiar with.

WFWP organized a two-day program where they shared lectures with teachers from two high schools and 11th and 12th graders. The students discussed four to five topics related to their lives, school experiences, and life in society with ownership. WFWP expressed gratitude to the teachers for their cooperation. Upon completion of the program, the Royal School of Administration suggested extending it to middle and high schools in Kratie, which WFWP Cambodia is planning in cooperation with WFWP Japan.

Educated 1027 students in secondary schools in Anh Chanh and Kan Tuot.

Cambodia | Foster Children Program in Kratie

WFWP Cambodia hosts a foster child program in Kratie to provide equal learning opportunities for children from poorer communities.

Out of 49 foster children from elementary school to college in Kratie province, last year, several students could not advance to the next grade or left school in the middle of the year, but this year, the advancement rate is ***100%***.

The children's satisfaction rate is ***100%***. The reason for this is more than financial support. Although the amount of support is small, through the essay writing and creative writing activities conducted during each visit, children can learn and experience things they cannot know in regular schools.

Nepal | Scholarship Distribution and Food Feeding Program

On March 12, 2023, WFWP Nepal hosted a “Scholarship Distribution and Feeding Program” at Ekta Academy in Daphakel Lalitpur in celebration of Women’s Month, and through their generosity, 69 students were fed and 17 students received financial scholarships. Most of these students belonged to poor families who did not earn enough to support their children’s school fees.

The main goals of the program are to motivate students to pursue education, provide financial assistance, promote healthy eating habits, and improve school performance. Mr. Krishna Dhakal, principal of Ekta Academy, thanked the sponsors for its support. With many parents visiting and requesting financial support for their children, he stated that the program is beneficial and hopes for continued support in the future.

Thailand | Foster Parents Project

WFWP Thailand held scholarship award ceremonies for its foster care project on August 24 and November 10 at the Mae Hong Son Primary Education Service Area Office in Mae Sariang District 2, Mae Hong Son Province. The project provides bicycles to students and supports ***20*** scholarships in Maha Sarakham province.

ASIA PACIFIC 2

Australia | Donation of Laptops for New Hope Academy in Solomon Islands

With the heart to support the developing P-12 New Hope Academy in the Solomon Islands, WFWP Australia reached out to organisations and businesses within Australia to donate staff laptops. Most businesses and schools upgrade their staff laptops every two years. If these laptops can be serviced and donated to not-for-profit charities, such as WFWP Australia, they can be shipped to institutions in the Pacific Islands that are in desperate need of this technology.

In 2023, New Hope Academy begins secondary school classes with its first intake of Year 7 students. With WFWP Australia's donation of sewing machines this year, the Academy opened the Technology Department. The secondary campus also aims to establish IT as a Technology subject and are seeking good quality, second-hand laptops and computers for this purpose.

A big thank you to the Star Rez team, who cleaned up and recalibrated the laptops for their first donation to New Hope Academy. A big thank you to Elgy Koay, principal accountant for Star Rez, who enabled our partnership.

Solomon Islands | Capacity Building in the Solomon Islands; New Hope Academy Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Anne had the blessing to attend and speak briefly with students during the New Hope Academy (NHA) 2023 Awards and Graduation assembly held on October 26. All the schools, colleges, and universities throughout the SI ended their academic year early due to preparations for the Pacific Games, hosted by the Solomon Islands.

A VIP from the Department of Education was in attendance, as were parents of students in both the primary and secondary school departments. The SI Peace Embassy assembly hall was brightly decorated and full of excited students and proud parents.

All graduating Year 6 students received Primary School completion certificates. Within the Pacific Islands, some students are unable to continue with their education. Some NHA graduates move into Year 7 at NHA, while remaining graduates move to other secondary schools.

The highlights of the assembly were the academic awards and class dance and singing performances. Parents crowded the stage to take videos of the Tong Il Moo Do martial arts performance with the instructor and students. Students who attend this after school co-curricular activity also received their new belt colours.

3 women received the Pasifika Scholarship Fund. 100% completed their year of university education.

WFWP Australia provided 3 university scholarships for the year of 2023 through the Pasifika Scholarship Fund. 100% completed their year of education.

EURASIA

Russia | Programs on Moral Education

WFWP Russia regularly holds programs on moral and family values in schools in various Russian cities. This year, WFWP visited schools in Moscow, Ryazan, and Kalmykia, educating approximately 700 students. The main topics of the lectures were “Love and Sexuality,” “Consequences of Using Obscene Language,” “My Choice is a Healthy Lifestyle,” “Computer Addiction,” and “The Difference Between True Love and Falling in Love.”

WFWP also offered online courses for parents and teachers and master classes for teachers.

Most students write in their post-lecture feedback that they find these programs very meaningful and would like to put the advice from the programs into practice.

Approximately 85% of the elementary school students who listened to WFWP’s moral education lectures expressed a desire to become more moral and responsible and a determination to develop healthy habits, use only good words, and prepare to build a happy family.

"I was moved by the fact that even if we look beautiful externally, we may not look beautiful internally. And if we use bad words, we deprive ourselves of the respect from other people. I want to explain that to people, and I want to stop using such words myself."

"This lecture made many of us think deeply. I could realize that our behavior can hurt other people. I want to show a good example with my behavior. I want to become a writer and to show people how beautiful our language is without bad words."

"I think this lecture was very interesting and useful for me and for all students of our school. I also want to give such a lecture to students."

"I thought that it is OK to have relationships before marriage but better not. This lecture will surely stay in my memory. It made us think deeply and change our opinion on many things."

"Before the lecture, I thought that it was not good to have sexual relationships before marriage. But after the lecture, I became 100% sure about it. I will remember the life lessons given in the lecture and that there is a way out, even in a very difficult situation. Thanks to the lecturer and the example of her wonderful family, I became confident that true, pure love really exists."

"I have understood that free, irresponsible relationships are very bad and dangerous. This lecture really helps schoolchildren, especially those children whose parents are not able to tell them such things. This topic raises very important issues"."

"I was especially moved by the information that True love really exists and that suicide is not a way out of problems."

"I really liked the story about True love. I was moved by the fact that it really exists."

"I agree that sexual relationships before marriage are not acceptable. It is much better to wait for your True second half. I was most moved by the fact that you have proven with your own example that True love in marriage really exists." "I was moved by the fact that you and your husband were really waiting for True love for a long time."

"Thank you very much for talking to us like this. Before this lecture, I didn't hear such information. I want to wait for such only special person in my life."

EUROPE

UK | Young Women's Speech Contest

The finals of the Young Women's Speech Contest were held on October 21, beginning with a one-minute silence to remember the innocent victims who lost their lives and are caught up in conflicts and wars around the world. The event was attended by ***45*** people in person and ***150*** people online.

WFWP proceeded with the contest, showcasing the incredible talent and passion of seven finalists across the UK. The atmosphere was electric with anticipation as these young women delivered thought-provoking speeches on the theme of youth participation and leadership in peacebuilding and reconciliation.

The event was graced by three distinguished guest judges Dr. Christina Scharff, professor at Kings College University, Ms. Gaëlle Berruel, Founder of A Rockstar Mindset and Ms. Ena Softic, psychologist, and a former speech contest participant, and a remarkable guest speaker Ms. Remzije Duli founder of KAYAV & B.E.N who shared her inspiring journey as a refugee from the conflict in Kosovo. Her story of resilience and empowerment resonated deeply, encouraging other young people to embrace their peace-building roles.

The judges faced a challenging task in selecting the winners, as each contestant

delivered emotive and meaningful speeches. Ultimately, Ms. Sonia Mapo Caweewat claimed the first prize, with Ms. Inayah Aziz securing the second and Ms. Holly Bains receiving the third. Their speeches were remarkable, weaving personal stories of childhood difficulties and experiences with reconciliation and negotiation.

What truly stood out was the shared understanding among all the seven contestants that peace begins from within ourselves and ripples out to our families, neighbors, and society. Their diverse perspectives only served to highlight the universal truth that peace can be achieved through understanding, empathy, and collective action.

This event was a shining example of the hope and potential that resides within the younger generation. Their speeches ignited a flame of optimism, reminding us that despite the conflicts and troubles in the world, young people hold the power to shape a brighter future. With their voices amplified and their commitment to peacebuilding unwavering, we can dare to envision a world where harmony and reconciliation prevail.

Italy | From the Journey of Hope to Slavery: The Shattered Dream of Young Women

On March 21, in commemoration of the UN International Day of Slavery and Victims of Atlantic Trade Slavery, WFWP Italy organized a talk session to discuss the dignity of women and all human beings and to raise people's awareness about the issue of slavery, which still exists today. Approximately ***100*** participants attended the event in person and online.

WFWP Italy President Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri opened her speech reporting of the visit of the WFWP co-founder to the island of Goree in 2018 after the African Summit in Dakar, and her deep prayer for the victims of slavery that from that port left for America, but many times they never arrived there. The meeting continued with compliments from Dr. Carlo Corazza, head of the European Parliament's office in Italy, who, in addition to thanking the WFWP, invited everyone to work together at the Brussels office. A special message was given by the Equal Opportunities Advisor from the Municipality of Rome, representing the City Mayor, offered collaboration to stop the trafficking.

The working table was enriched by the precious contribution of the speakers: a judge, a senator, a parliamentarian, a nun who works with girls who want to get out of trafficking, the director of a film on the subject who presented the trailer in the room, and the video message of the special representative of Europe for the Sahel, Hon Del Re.

WFWP considers the dignity of the human being as a cornerstone for a world of peace. For this reason, WFWP has always been committed to prevention and training through courses for boys and girls on the theme "Discovering the Real Myself," and in particular on the theme of women's dignity, helping young girls and boys to discover their value, their dignity often questioned by the media.

KOREA

Korea | Sunhak Scholarship

The 2023 Sunhak Scholarship Certificate Award Ceremony was held on March 25, with more than 20 students attending online. The program was divided into two parts: the first was an introduction to the Foundation, followed by greetings from Chairwoman Dr. Yeon Ah Moon and encouraging words from WFWP Korea President Mrs. Young Sun Choi; the second was a self-introduction and Q&A session.

A total of KRW 35 million in scholarships were awarded to 34 students from high school to college, including medical students, as subsidies for living expenses to overcome difficult circumstances for basic welfare scholars and as encouragement for a brighter future for academic excellence scholars.
The organizers congratulated the recipients, encouraging them to pursue their dreams for a bright future, and expressed their gratitude to a number of organizations and companies for their support.

Sunhak Scholarship Foundation started in 1993 with the active cooperation of the members of the WFWP and has been conducting scholarship programs for 30 years.

34 students with high grades but are classed as socially disadvantaged received the Sunhak Scholarship.

"There were times when I wanted to give up in the process of realizing my dreams, but the scholarship I received made me realize that I should strive to succeed later and give scholarships to people like me. I will study harder and challenge myself, so thank you again."

LATIN AMERICA

Cuba | Arroyo de Amor (Stream of Love)

WFWP Cuba organized a humanitarian activity for Cuban children who, as children, cannot maintain a healthy life and enjoy even a single toy by themselves. On September 21, WFWP made donations of essential medicines and toys. Some children were orphans who had been abandoned or separated; others played in a destroyed and inappropriate environment, while others played with Legos for the first time.

This event was held in partnership with the Cuban Humanitarian project “Dar es Dar (Giving is Giving).”

WFWP collected children’s toys and medicine at monthly garage sales in Miami, USA, and through this initiative, gave approximately 200 pounds of toys and medicine to Cuba.

Around 70 children under age 10 received donations through “Arroy de Amor.”

MIDDLE EAST

Jordan | Study Classes for Children in Need

WFWP Jordan has been focusing on helping underprivileged students for the past 7 years by opening study classes. Currently, the number of students is increasing, with 40-50 students in each class. WFWP centers are entirely free of charge and provide full support to needy students.

One of the main reasons for the increase in students is the quality of the teachers. All teachers are certified teachers and kind-hearted volunteers who love to help students.

WFWP continues with the project as every child has a right to a good education.

In Jordan, 2/3 of the students cannot keep up with their studies, and their families cannot afford to have them study in learning institutions because they do not have the money.

In the past year, more than 100 disadvantaged children of school age benefitted from tutoring at the WFWP center, raising their school performance and self-esteem.

MIDDLE EAST

USA | A New Wave of WFWP Leaders

The leadership of WFWP co-founder has inspired dozens of young women leaders, which has ushered in a new generation of women who are eager to contribute to and carry on the legacy of WFWP. From taking on roles in our home office, to spearheading new young women's small groups, WFWP is excited to see the innovation developing in the field.

"I decided to get involved because I was inspired by the new vision for WFWP and saw the possibility for more of my generation to get involved in a meaningful way."

WFWP IHQ | WFWPI Webinar for Young Professionals "Role of Youth in Family and Society" Part 2

80% of participants actively engaged in the Q&A session.

Youth Empowerment:

90% of participants acknowledged a heightened understanding of the pivotal role of youth in societal development.

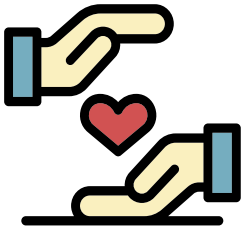
80% expressed a commitment to invest in personal and professional development to contribute positively to society.

Music's Social Impact:

85% of participants gained a deeper appreciation for the role of music in shaping a cohesive society.

70% expressed an interest in exploring music as a tool for social change and community building.

Cultural Embrace and Expression:



75% of participants recognized the importance of creating safe spaces for youth expression and cultural embrace.

60% expressed a commitment to supporting initiatives that promote cultural diversity and inclusion.

Ghana | Scholarship Scheme for Underprivileged Students in Accra

10 new children were added to the scholarship scheme.

Ghana | Character Education for Students

140 students participated in the two schools in Accra.

Kenya | International Day of the African Child - Character Education

70% of the children who received the program.

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20 scholarships in Maha Sarakham province.

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CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

AFRICA

Burkina Faso | Environmental Awareness: Call to Action

As part of the GFGI project, WFWP Burkina Faso visited an association that cares for orphans and women in difficult situations. Its president, Ms. Nana Pauline, is a woman dedicated to fighting for peace and caring for vulnerable children and women.

On May 27, WFWP members visited the association to talk about WFWP's four significant points of intervention: the Mother's Heart Network for Peace, Girls' Education, Family, and Environment.

In addition, WFWP handed over ***20*** saplings, including ***5*** banana trees, ***5*** mango trees, ***5*** orange trees, and ***5*** guava trees. The association members expressed their gratitude and promised to take care of the trees and contribute to a green Burkina; the WFWP promised to return in six months to see the progress.

However, the lack of water and rainfall at certain times of the year is of greatest concern.

Burkina Faso | Environmental Awareness: Call to Action in Dapelgo

On June 27, WFWP Burkina Faso carried out the project at Dapelgo with the support of Giving for Good. WFWP conducted a tree-planting activity around the Mayor's office. Mr. Kadio Joseph Claver, representing the Mayor of Dapergo, and Mr. Guira Salif, the town's Executive Director, also participated in the event.

WFWP members also participated in the tree-planting project: 10 mango trees, 10 banana trees, 10 orange trees, 10 guava trees, and 10 tangerine trees. They promised to take good care of the plants and increase their number whenever possible to participate in the campaign to make Burkina Faso a greener country and bring many fruits to future generations.

The mayor and the people of Dapergo were delighted and thanked Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and WFWP for choosing their town for such a promising initiative. They look forward to further cooperation with WFWP.

Kenya | Green Solar Energy for the African Villages (Sustainability and Environment Impact)

On November 4, WFWP Kenya visited the village of Amboseli to host the Green Solar Energy Project, where 75 participants attended the morning session and training on family values, family health, and ways to care for the environment.

The project also partnered with Dr. Edna Lenk, First Lady of Cajado County, to mentor and counsel young mothers who married at a very young age. They also attended a lecture on how to start a small business to help their families. They expressed a desire to learn more to empower themselves and their families.

The main program in the afternoon included the donation of solar lamps, hand-washing soap, and ironing sheets.

100% of those who received the donation of solar lamps and education about the environment brought hope to the community whose location is deep inside a park.

Since WFWP started the green solar energy project for African villages in 2020, it has benefited over 500 families in rural Kenya. This is like 70% of the intended target of the projected villages.

Green Solar Energy, which has benefited many families, has improved the lives of families after darkness as children can now do their homework peacefully, and the fact that they do not need to use kerosene, which affects their health, the families' health has now improved in a big way. Many women responsible for milking their cows and goats early in the morning can now milk them safely as the solar lamps give them enough light in their environment.

Mali | Let's Help Our Communities

WFWP Mali conducted GFGI project activities in five villages in Bamako between May and August, with more than 1,000 people participating.

WFWP representatives installed solar panels at a health center in the village of Kobala Coura. The village mayor and his advisor, youth representatives, and health center staff attended the event. All were grateful and happy to see the climate changes happening in their local community and to receive character education for youth.

Uganda | Cleaning Exercise in Local Market

About 70 students from Peace High School participated in a poetry presentation on climate change, expressing how the lack of water resources can lead to famine, family strife in the community, and even death.

The students then cleaned up the market, removing approximately ***3*** tons of trash. In addition, WFWP worked with the directors of Peace High School to give a sensitization lecture to the market vendors about the dangers of working in a polluted environment. ***70*** market vendors, mostly women, expressed their appreciation for the new knowledge they had gained and worked together to clean up the market to create a clean environment.

ASIA PACIFIC 1

Asia Pacific 1 | Climate Education Summit: Building a Greener Future Together

WFWP Asia Pacific 1 made a significant impact with its recent pivotal webinar, “Building a Greener Tomorrow Together,” held on November 2. This event didn’t just address environmental awareness; it acted as a catalyst, spurring a global movement toward a more sustainable and harmonious world.

The webinar’s core focused on the pressing need for collective action to address environmental challenges. It began with a powerful call to action, setting the stage for an enlightening journey toward shaping a better future.

Mrs. Moriko Hori, President of WFWP International, set the tone with her opening remarks, emphasizing the importance of the mission at hand.

The highlight was the panel discussions, featuring influential leaders and environmental advocates. Dr. Monthip Sriratana brought her expertise in Thailand’s environmental landscape, stressing the significance of collaboration and partnership in tackling environmental issues.

Ms. Mehreen Mahmud, renowned as a Bangladeshi pop singer and environmental activist, stirred the audience with her impassioned dedication to nurturing the planet. Her message highlighted the responsibility to care for nature beyond merely planting trees, emphasizing compassion and humility in our relationship with the Earth.

Mr. Dale Cyril Dejecacion’s work as the Project Manager of the Permaculture Literacy Program illuminated a path toward a sustainable future. His focus on youth empowerment and environmental restoration emphasized the critical role of education and grassroots initiatives.

The interactive segment allowed audience engagement with the panelists, exploring key topics like climate education, resilience building, individual contributions to a greener future and the roles of governments and organizations. These discussions provided actionable strategies and deeper insights for all participants.

The event concluded with empowering closing remarks from Mrs. Kamoltip Phayakvichien, President of WFWP Thailand. Her words echoed a call to action, reminding everyone of their collective responsibility and potential to effect change. She urged continued momentum and collaborative efforts toward a sustainable and harmonious world for future generations.

Overall, the WFWP Asia webinar not only educated and inspired but also fostered a sense of global unity and responsibility. It served as a beacon of hope, igniting passion for change within each participant and amplifying the collective voice for a better, greener world.

ASIA PACIFIC 2

Australia | UN World Oceans Day / UN Environment Day

WFWP Victoria members, family, and friends came together with Port Melbourne Beach Patrol volunteers to help keep Port Melbourne Beach clean and promote sustainability. Not only was it a chance for WFWP to participate in helping the environment, but it was also a great activity to bring the community together and foster meaningful relationships.

Beach Patrol volunteer groups in Victoria operate in 40+ postcodes. Groups meet monthly to pick up plastic litter from local beaches, streets or parks and meet like-minded people who are passionate about preserving our environment, wildlife, marine life, and ecosystems.

United Nations World Oceans Day rallies the world for ocean and climate action on June 8 and throughout the year. The UN works in partnership with youth leaders, zoos, aquariums, museums, and other youth-focused organizations, as well as a huge range of diverse organisations and businesses from all sectors in a growing global network.

World Environment Day is celebrated annually on 5 June and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment. It is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, government entities, and represents the primary United Nations outreach day supporting the environment. It is time to accelerate this action and transition to a circular economy. It is time to

#BeatPlasticPollution.

Romana who heads up the Port Melbourne Beach Patrol explained to the group that garbage found on the beach comes from storm water drains and garbage in the rivers flowing into Port Phillip Bay. When the Southerly winds blow onto land, this garbage is pushed onto the beach, resulting in a lot of garbage found on the tide lines.

Romana to the left, and Anne to the right.

The Ocean Beach clean-up bags are emptied into the appropriate garbage and recycle bins that the Council has placed along port Melbourne Beach footpath. Bags are taken home to reuse next time!

Out to dry on the line first!!

This is a photo of the thousands of styrofoam pellets lying throughout the sand dunes located above Port Melbourne Beach.

Over time, plastics and styrofoam ending up at the beach break down into small beads which become ingested by birds and fish.

A study found that drifting plastic waste accumulates algae and gives off a smell very similar to the krill that many marine birds feed on.

After our early morning clean-up, WFWP Members gathered over coffee / breakfast at a local café. It was a chance to get to know each other, develop deeper relationships, and connect. A very rewarding morning.

35 women and girls attended the March 2023 Clean Up Australia Day campaign. Collectively (with men) 45 extra-large bin size bags of garbage and recycling materials were collected.

42 women and girls attended the June 2023 UN World Oceans Day AND World Environment Day campaign to clean up a Port Melbourne beach. Collectively, 35 large bags of garbage and recycle materials were picked up.

"It was fun, we found a phone, never know what you can find, or who you can find. If you like a free iPhone, come along next time. I am going to recycle it at the local Apple Store."

"I found a necklace. As I was placing it in the bag, a lady grabbed it! Her grandson gave it to her, and she was looking for it. She was so appreciative."

"I enjoyed catching up with everyone."

"It is so good to have real face-2-face connection and get to know our members, rather than being on zoom. It does make a difference"

"Met a wonderful young woman at the clean-up. We did not know each other and worked as a team. We had such a good connection and hugged each other when we parted."

Solomon Islands | Visit to Central Islands Province

Travelling by banana boat to the neighbouring Central Islands Province, Anne Bellavance to Monica's ancestral Village of Longapolo, located on the south-east end of the main island.

Children, adults and produces purchased from Honiara, travelled the two-hour open sea. It was an experience never to forget!

For the next two days, travelling with as many children who could fit in the banana boat, we visited many small uninhabited islands to swim, snorkel, and picnic.

The stark reality is the presence of washed-up plastics and garbage that travel across the ocean to all the shores in the Pacific Islands.

Village families are custodians of nearby uninhabited islands. These pictures are taken from Mandoleana Island. On an annual basis, villagers travel across the open sea to conduct beach clean-ups. On a monthly basis, Longapolo Village residents clean their beach foreshore, but the garbage continues to wash in, especially during storms. Collected garbage is placed in dug out holes. Ever wondered where our garbage ends up? It travels to the Pacific Islands' beautiful beaches, now permanently littered with our thoughtless waste!

Solomon Islands | Waste in the Capital City of Honiara

On the waterfront of Honiara where the Matanikau River reaches the sea, garbage is everywhere! At the site where travelling banana boats dock from neighbouring islands, directly on the shore of downtown shops, is washed up garbage from the sea. Local waste flows down the river due to Honiara residents using the river as a dump. Clearly, a lack of awareness and education about plastic pollution is necessary. WFWP SI will be conducting education and clean up campaigns to help address this pressing issue.

Malaysia | Upcycling Campaign - Reuse, Remake and Rebeautify

In June, WFWP Malaysia launched a green culture initiative to promote waste reduction and instill awareness and concern for our natural environment. This green project highlights upcycling potential by repurposing used beverage sachets like “3-in-1” instant coffee into beautiful handicraft items such as baskets and handbags.

The initiative also included a handicraft-making workshop to empower disadvantaged communities with handicraft-making skills to earn extra income to support their families. The workshop was also open to any participants keen on green craft-making.

Two sachet collection points were set up in Petaling Jaya at the Peace Embassy and at Sungai Way Historical Corridor. WFWP members approached the local community, NGOs, and residents to promote the campaign. Exhibition booths were also set up during local events to increase awareness of this green initiative. Families participating in the campaign were taught how to cut, wash, and dry the used beverage sachets before dropping them off at our collection points. The campaign received an excellent response from the public, with over 4,000 sachets collected in less than a month.

Finally, on 22 July afternoon, the Upcycling Handicraft workshop, co-organized by WFWP Malaysia and the Seri Setia New Village Community Management Council (MPKK), gathered ***40*** participants at the Sungai Way Multipurpose Hall to learn handicraft-making using used beverage sachets.

The session was led by the experienced chief instructor, Mrs. Chai Ah Choo, who demonstrated how the sachets could be cut and folded into strips, which would later be used to weave baskets and handbags. Participants were divided into smaller groups to start weaving their first baskets and an instructor in each group facilitated this.

President of WFWP Malaysia, Mrs. Lina Cheng, expressed WFWP's hope to empower women with skills to help them stand on their own feet and make a living. Mr. Ong Yew Thai, Councillor of MBPJ Zone 20, and Mr. Ding Eow Chai, President of MPKK Seri Setia, highlighted the importance of protecting the environment and recognized the organizers' efforts.

There is still much work to be done to protect Mother Earth, and WFWP calls upon the public to participate actively in sustainable initiatives to make the future green.

"It was a new experience at the handicraft workshop. I haven't done handicraft for a long time and was having difficulty following the steps."

"Fortunately, the instructors were very patient, and I was soon able to work on it. They also supplied me with materials to continue my work at home. I really appreciate it."

"I never expected the sachets that we throw away every day could be made into such beautiful handbags!"

KOREA

Korea | Volunteer Activities

Twice a year, WFWP Korea holds nationwide simultaneous volunteer activities to create a sustainable environment, and this year, a total of ***4,700*** people participated in volunteer activities at ***200*** branches.

Korea | Funds for Families Suffered from the Flood

WFWP Korea raised ***KRW 63,000,000*** to support ***34*** families in ***14*** cities suffering from the direct effect of South Korea's heavy flood in August.

"We were overwhelmed by the impact of the water damage and the scale of the recovery effort. We are so grateful to the WFWP for lending a helping hand."

LATIN AMERICA

Brazil | Global Climate Action

WFWP Brazil carries out three projects related to the environment: “Celestial Community and Celestial Environment,” “Rehabilitation of Squares and Tree Planting.” These activities are carried out to raise awareness and influence children and young people in local communities to take more excellent care of the environment.

On January 22-23, WFWP provided clean drinking water to an Obitos, Belén de Pará, Amazonas community. The lives of families living in riverine communities are closely tied to water, which is not treated for daily consumption. Using river water for domestic, sanitation, and drinking purposes causes gastrointestinal problems and, in turn, health problems.

WFWP, with the support of GFGI, donated clay filters to over 300 families and 4 villages in the area and launched a project to help these impoverished families. The families were grateful for this noble action and expressed their deep appreciation and hope for WFWP. This project was supported by the City Council and the Department of Social Development.

About 70% of the environmental projects are carried out with the support of the Department of Environment, municipalities and local NGOs, and Ambassadors for Peace. With these projects, WFWP greatly impacts local communities, raising awareness and educating families about the importance of creating a heavenly community and environment.

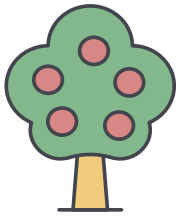
Panama | Beach Cleanups

Since 2022, WFWP Panama has been conducting beach cleanups with the WFWP and YSP, with over ***30*** young men and women running this campaign annually. ***90%*** of the youth have followed the call and continue to support this activity, and they testify that they feel a sense of satisfaction in contributing to society.

Through the WFWP, a group of women and youth willing to support the social activity of beach cleanup in Panama was called upon. After completing work at the first appointment, possible dates were set for the work to continue next year.

The cleanup activity lasted 7 hours and produced 50 bags of trash.

"A high level of teamwork is achieved and motivation to continue is very high."



Burkina Faso | Environmental Awareness: Call to Action

20 saplings

Kenya | Green Solar Energy for the African Villages (Sustainability and Environment Impact)

100% of those who received the donation of solar lamps and education about the environment brought hope to the community whose location is deep inside a park.

500 families in rural Kenya. This is like 70% of the intended target of the projected villages.

Uganda | Cleaning Exercise in Local Market

70 market vendors, mostly women, expressed their appreciation for the new knowledge they had gained and worked together to clean up the market to create a clean environment.

Australia | UN World Oceans Day / UN Environment Day

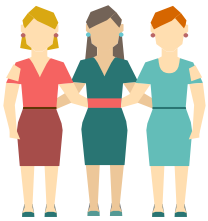
35 women and girls attended the March 2023 Clean Up Australia Day campaign. Collectively (with men) 45 extra-large bin size bags of garbage and recycling materials were collected.

42 women and girls attended the June 2023 UN World Oceans Day AND World Environment Day campaign to clean up a Port Melbourne beach. Collectively, 35 large bags of garbage and recycle materials were picked up.

Malaysia | Upcycling Campaign - Reuse, Remake and Rebeautify

40 participants at the Sungai Way Multipurpose Hall to learn handicraft-making using used beverage sachets.

Korea | Volunteer Activities



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TRUE FAMILY VALUE EDUCATION

AFRICA

Ghana | Education on Family Values in Manchie

In September, WFWP Ghana presented two talks on family values to help 25 women in Manchie, a community in the Greater Accra, become responsible mothers for their families.

Kenya | One Day Women's Seminar "Family is a School of Love"

From 2021-2023, WFWP Kenya has been invited by many grassroots and community partners to different parts of the country to teach about true family values and to teach many women's groups new skills to help themselves and their families.

In September and November WFWP Kenya organized women's seminar in Kayole and Kamulu. A total of 115 women attended both seminars.

WFWP and the Ezeshaplus Kenya organization brought together various groups for a one-day Women for Peace and Empowerment seminar "Family is a School of Love." The program began with self-introductions, followed by the vision and mission of WFWP and a brief history of the organization.Participants came from various self-help groups and community organizations. Follow-up seminars will be held to further this knowledge for peace and harmony in the home environment.

The second seminar was hosted by the Restoration Oasis Worship Center, where female participants were lectured on true family values, felt that such education was important for building strong and peaceful families and communities, and promised to invite their husbands to future programs.

The founder of the institution Bishop Delivine Nyambisa and his spouse thanked the WFWP for organizing these seminars and empowering the women of their community.

95% of the women who attended the Empowerment Seminar and True Family Values lectures spoke highly of the education and hoped that the lectures would be continued for the welfare of their families and communities.

"True Family values education has made me a better mother to my children , a better wife to my husband and a better neighbour to my community. I now take a conscious deliberate effort to go beyond my limitations to be a better person despite the challenging environment around me."

EUROPE

Europe | Webinar on Gender Ideology

On September 27, a WFWP Europe Online event was held on the main concepts, developments, and social implications of gender ideology, with presentations by Mr. Stephen Stacy and young Spanish expert Mr. Guillermo Sánchez de Abreu, and moderated by family values activist Mrs. Jennifer Lambert.

Sweden | Mommy Matters

Mommy Matters is a safe space for mothers of young children (up to 6 years old) to share their heart and their experiences and receive advice and support from each other. This project was born from the cooperation between Mrs. Lynnda Houston and Mrs. Deborah Cali-Matsugane. They are qualified professional coaches with a strong passion and desire to support mothers in their everyday life adventures. There is an expression, “It takes a village to raise a child,” and even though most parents agree it is true, mothers are often left with the primary caretaker responsibility, feeling isolated, disconnected, and unsupported. Many mothers live away from their own families and don’t have the support they need and deserve, so WFWP wants to create a virtual village that can empower and give us strength. Mommy Matters Circle gathers every month where moms share their hearts, experiences, and find valuable advice, support, and renewed energy in the most important job of all: being a mom.

This year, each circle was structured with pre-prepared discussion questions under the current topic, allowing the moms present to share openly under that focus. The segment “Fish Bowl” allowed one mom to have the spotlight where all moms come together in support to brainstorm solutions to her pressing concern. Each circle ended with the Minute of Empowerment, where all moms gathered to say an empowering affirmation together to regain energy in motherhood, doing so in sisterhood. In the last circle on Couple Communication, WFWP invited neuroscience, sexuality, and human fulfillment expert.

Slovakia | Children Sex Education "What type of Sex Education do our Children Need?"

WFWP Slovakia hosted the education to inform parents and teachers about nonadequate sex education and sex education textbooks, which is in the process of preparation by some progressive activist groups for our schools and to show reasons why such type of sex education is not suitable for children and youth. WFWP invited experts from the fields of school education, psychology, and medicine to discuss these important topics and answer questions from teachers, parents, and the public.

Mrs. Ing Ľubica Magnússon, a high school pedagogue and the president of WFWP Slovakia, commented on the newly created sex education textbooks made based on the WHO document, International Standards for Sexuality Education in Europe. In contrast to these Standards, WFWP has a curriculum for "Marriage and Parenthood Education" in Slovakia, which was approved by the Ministry of Education in the nineties, as well as textbooks for ethical education. She thinks it would be enough to modernize and update the curriculum for current times and needs, and it would be a suitable educational material.

Mr. Mgr. Richard Vereš, who has been teaching the "Freedom and Responsibility" program for many years, shared his experience from work and conversations with teenagers. He also presented a survey he had conducted among students. The students expressed interest in his topics and responded positively to the stimuli, leading to restraint, responsibility, loyalty, and building long-term and healthy relationships.

Dr. Renáta Ocilková shared with the audience methods and ways to talk with young people about the identity of a man and a woman, hormonal changes during adolescence, and how these changes affect the young organism, their personality and psychological perceptions. She recommends young people not to make hasty and irreversible transgender decisions and thus avoid lifelong traumatic consequences.

Dr. Mariana Mrázová spoke about children's supportive and psychologically healthy upbringing in the first part of her speech. In the second part, she described the possible negative effects of long-term use of hormonal contraception and the dangers of the chemical abortion pill from a medical expert's point of view.

All four-panel presentations aroused the interest and discussion of the present guests. The school psychologist from the grammar school in Nitra mentioned that the incidence of gender identity confusion among students is increasing nowadays. It is strongly supported by social networks and the influence of the media, and therefore, she welcomes a deeper and more professional discussion on the topic of transsexualism and transitions. The headmaster of the secondary school from Nitra expressed her interest in inviting the lecturers to her school so that students could also hear comprehensive information on these topics.

WFWP considers it beneficial to continue such types of activities in the future.

LATIN AMERICA

Paraguay | Monthly Workshop for Teachers, Parents and Students

WFWP Paraguay held monthly workshops and meetings at educational institutions in Asuncion and surrounding areas. The workshops targeted administrators, teachers, parents, and students. This year's topics covered positive parenting, domestic violence, bullying, values against bullying, the three moral goals of education and social and environmental issues, and sex education in values. Approximately ***50*** teachers, ***250*** parents, and ***400*** students received this education.

The directors of San Francisco School and Secondary School and the Carlos Pastore Educational Center of the City of J.A. Saldívar, among others, expressed their deep appreciation that through these activities, parents and students were able to communicate more freely and discuss bullying, domestic violence, and the importance of valuing sexuality. They expressed their deep appreciation for the opportunity to discuss issues, and after each conference or workshop, they sincerely asked WFWP to do it again.

WFWP is deeply grateful to the heads of the institutions that opened their doors and placed their full trust in our education.

Argentine | True family Value education: “KUYAY” Educative Manual

On June 26, WFWP Argentinian representative in the Tucuman province held a public presentation of an educative material on family values and prevention of addictions and HIV through a healthy sexual education. The manual, prepared for three different ranges of age people, was elaborated for several months by a team of educators led by Prof. Norma Banegas, director of the WFWP in Tucuman. The educative material was provided by IEF conference content and educative manuals from Japan, and personal experiences from the teachers of the redacting group enriched it.

The official presentation of the manual, called “Kuyay” was held in the Main Hall of the Hotel Republica of San Miguel de Tucuman city. The presentation included an introduction of WFWP by national president Mrs. Rosetta Conti, followed by a board of expositions of the educators and professionals that cooperated in the elaboration of the manual: Prof. Mirta Arroyo, Prof. Andrea Soria, and Architect Mrs. Josefina Ocampo.

The manual is available to all institutions and educators who request it and is freely offered to serve the community.

The main sponsors for this effort were the WFWP Japanese volunteers who offered donations and part of the educative content to concrete this project. Mrs. Mieko Iketo traveled from Japan to participate in the launching of the project in 2022 and in 2023 to attend the presentation of the final work, representing the Japanese group that supported the project.

“Kuyay is a word from Quechua Original language that means “Love is giving something good.” This name was chosen for this educative material whose main purpose is to help parents and teachers to educate children of pre-school and primary school to live according to family values, and to help the adolescents to take care of their purity in their sexuality.”

Brazil | Afternoon Tea

WFWP Brazil holds the “Afternoon Tea” meeting every six months to bring families and new members together to give educational talks on the value of family, the relationship between father and child, the purpose of life and awareness talks on how to form ideal families, creating a testimonial environment.

Thanks to these meetings, about 50% of the participants stated that they felt a great sense of hope and were determined to lead a more conscious life, creating a better environment in their homes and their relationships with their children.

NORTH AMERICA

Canada | Healing Ourselves, Healing the Family

Early in the morning of September 23, women from rural Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Cobourg, Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara gathered for the WFWP Canada annual retreat in Belleville, Ontario. The theme was “Healing the Self, Healing the Family.” It was a moving and joyous encounter reconnecting to old acquaintances and new friends or physically meeting for the first time, as our means of communication had been mainly through Zoom.

First, there was a picnic at Farmtown Park in Stirling, then visited the Museum of Agricultural Heritage, where WFWP members learned about cheese-making and rural life in earlier times, with a reconstruction of the old village main street, complete with church and organ, the guide even played Amazing Grace for the group. It is a remarkable testimony to the spirit and character of the people that this Museum was entirely developed through community initiative and volunteering without any public money.

Then, at the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre, where WFWP had rented a meeting room, the first session was “Sharing on the theme of the retreat.” Mrs. Takako facilitated the session, and Mrs. Blandine started sharing what healing meant to her and her experience. She highlighted the importance of accepting what is and letting go of what was, as well as the healing power of forgiveness. This opened the door to honest and meaningful sharing by sisters around the room and a deeper appreciation of their life experiences.

On Sunday morning, the second session with Mrs. Lilly Tadin’s report on all activities in 2022-2023 and a brainstorming session to bring out new ideas and directions to pursue to create a more dynamic and connected organization.

Canada | Mother-Daughter Tea Party

The 7th annual Mother-Daughter Tea Party was held on May 28 in Toronto. There were ***33*** people in attendance, plus nine online via Zoom, including ***7*** young women. The event topic was “The Power of the Mother-Daughter Relationship: Modeling and Influencing.”

Speakers: Mrs. Rosary Escano, Regional Marketing Director for North and Latin America of ABS-CBN International; Mrs. Banu Siva, Project Coordinator for Senior Tamils in Toronto greater area; WFWP Coordinator and Board Member, Mrs. Eveline Stewart.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

WFWP IHQ

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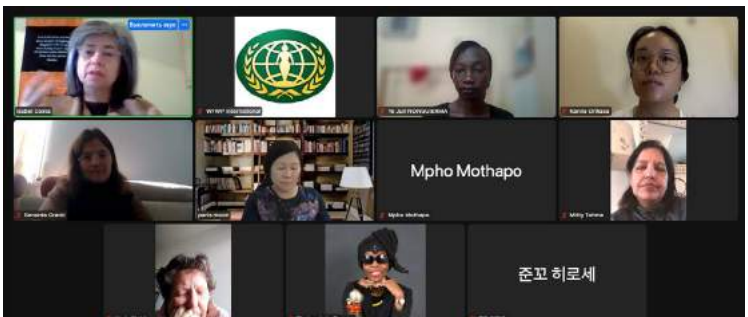
Pregnancy is beautiful, exciting and magical, but it can also be incredibly stressful. One of the most effective ways to keep stress away and recalibrate yourself is through meditation. The WFWPI, along with Portuguese happiness consultant Dr. Isabel Costa, hosted an international virtual meditation session for future and expectant mothers on February 8.

This international meditation session aimed to provide a meaningful break for mothers-to-be, allowing them to dedicate a few minutes to quiet reflection. The session focused on mindful breathing and the release of intrusive thoughts, creating an opportunity for participants to feel refreshed and rejuvenated amidst the challenges of pregnancy.

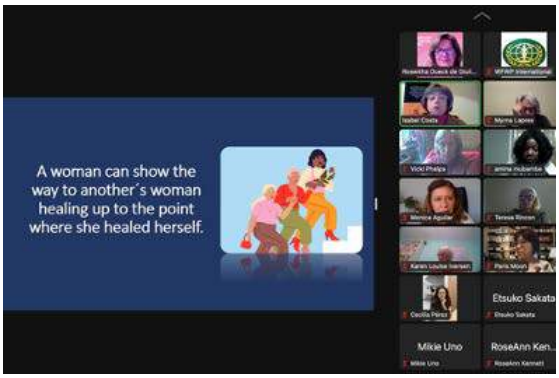
Some of the benefits of practicing meditation included for moms-to-be:
- Better sleep
- Connecting to your changing body
- Anxiety/stress relief
- Peace of mind
- Less tension
- Positive labor preparation
- Lower risk of postpartum depression

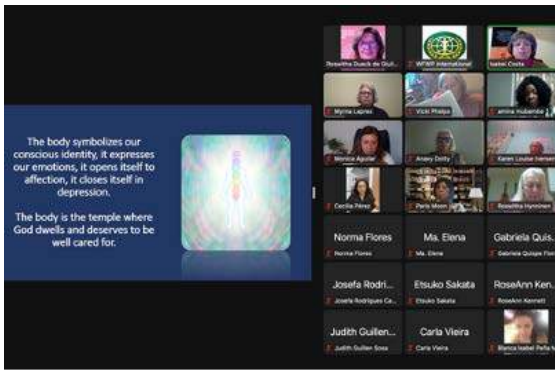
The meditation sound file was then given to the participants so that they could practice meditation on a daily basis up until their due dates.

The sessions brought together pregnant women from all over the world, also providing a networking opportunity after the meditation for future mothers to share their feelings and concerns and to receive advice on pregnancy. Experienced mothers of various ages also participated, offering advice on preparing for childbirth and motherhood. It was a peaceful and safe space where everyone felt safe and relaxed.



WFWP IHQ | WFWPI Educational Session with Dr. Isabel Costa and WFWP Latin America





AFRICA

WFWP Africa | Webinar Series on Mental Health

WFWP Africa hosted a series of webinars on mental health in partnership with Brahma Kumaris Africa from October to December to remind the participants of the importance of self-awareness, self-care, and seeking help when needed to prioritize a fulfilling and balanced life. Around 80 participants participated in each session, which was structured to explore different themes of improving mental well-being.

The first is about sharing true love in various dimensions, including self-love, love for others, and a deeper, more spiritual understanding of love. The main speaker, Sister Vedanti, Director of Brahma Kumaris Africa, began by elucidating the nature of true love. She emphasized that true love is selfless, pure, and unconditional. First, we have to experience true love throughout our lives. It transcends superficial emotions and desires, aiming at the betterment of oneself and others. She said that what we learn in children remains in their lives. Her life in Africa has made her experience the love of God. We have to practice the silence in meditation; through it, we experience God's love, and then we can share it with others.

The second theme is about creating a peaceful environment with Sr. Pratibha. She is the Assistant Regional Director of Brahma Kumaris in Africa. Sr. Patibha delivered a thought-provoking talk on the significance of creating a peaceful environment for mental health. She emphasized the role of spirituality and mindfulness in managing stress and cultivating inner peace.

The events included a guided meditation session led by the main speakers. Participants were guided through relaxation techniques and encouraged to connect with their inner selves, promoting a sense of calmness and tranquility. These practices were rooted in the teachings of the Brahma Kumaris and aimed to promote a sense of peace and self-acceptance.

A question-and-answer session allowed participants to interact with the speaker. Participants asked questions about their personal struggles and received guidance on integrating the principles of true love, peace, and unity into their daily lives. Overall, the program was an enlightening experience, offering participants tools to lead more fulfilling lives.

Ghana | Donation at the Autism Center

WFWP Ghana visited the Autism Center in Accra to mark the UN Day about Autism Awareness Day. In Ghana, due to the high cost, many parents are unable to register their autistic children at the centers.
In April, WFWP met about a dozen teachers who care for about 50 autistic students. Their center has praise and worship at the beginning of the day, and some students sing and dance lively. The students help with tiling, beading, painting, and yard work.

On the day of the visit, the WFWP team was welcomed by a chorus of autistic children and teachers. The team supported the center with sanitary products, like liquid soap bottles, toilet rolls, tissue paper, and packs of A4 paper. Both principals expressed their gratitude and requested that WFWP visit them yearly on UN Autism Awareness Day.

Ghana | Workshop on Sanitation for Children

In October, WFWP Ghana, in cooperation with WFWP Japan, held a workshop on hygiene at Opah Basic School in the Greater Accra Region. The workshop was attended by 115 students, who learned to be clean and tidy regularly.

ASIA PACIFIC 1

Cambodia | Medical Workshop "How Can the Public Sector Address the Health of the People and Communities It Serves?"

A medical workshop was set up on November 22, cooperating with a government institution called the Royal School of Administration (RSA), Ministry of Civil Service, and inviting health-related officers and others from several ministries. 580 participants attended the workshop to widely disseminate discoveries related to medical care and health that we have obtained through local medical activities to date and also to present reference ideas on what kind of perspectives and systems can be built to maintain the health of citizens as a country, city, or public figure.

Doctors from a medical organization in Japan presented 4 topics in the workshop: 1. Government and public sector involvement in maintaining people's health; 2. Iodine deficiency; 3. Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic syndrome; 4. Medical cooperation system. Regarding topics 1 and 4, Japan's medical services and systems were introduced that can be helpful for Cambodian government officials to support the health of the citizens appropriately. Regarding topics 2 and 3, these two presentations included discoveries and issues raised from our past medical service activities in Kratie Province, which can be equally applied to the whole country.

There is an urgent need to disseminate correct knowledge about dietary habits in general in this country, from children to adults, such as how to deal with iodine, sugar (energy drinks), and MSG. Thus, it was precious to use this opportunity to report to a wide range of people involved in policy-making in the country.

EURASIA

Russia | Charity Programs for Elderly People

WFWP Russia regularly organizes charity concerts for the elderly throughout the year, including UN Day of Older Persons, International Women's Day, and New Year. The program includes concerts with the children's dance and song ensemble "Angels of Peace." In previous years, several schools in Moscow have made wonderful festive cards and gifts for older people.

This year, WFWP visited ***three homes*** of older people in Moscow and organized a concert in front of ***300*** grandparents.

KOREA

Korea | Emergency Relief for Earthquake Victims in Türkiye and Syria

Shortly after the massive earthquake in southern Türkiye and northwestern Syria in February, WFWP Korea started a fundraiser for emergency relief. Through the fundraiser of EUR 63,000, WFWP was able to support Turkish internally displaced people and Syrian refugees in Antakya, Hatay Province to recover from the earthquake damage.

In particular, the relief fund was used as follows: medical expenses for Faris, who was dramatically rescued four days after the earthquake, 250 food boxes(equivalent to 25 kg each) and 100 boxes of bottled water for 1,200 refugees, 100 art supplies (coloring books and coloring pencils) for children who are feeling anxiety due to the earthquake, 5 sanitary container facilities including toilets, showers and laundry for which 1,000 Turkish internally displaced people can use, 1 sanitary container including shower, bathrooms, washing machine, and dryer for 15 Syrian refugee families, and 1 container house for a Syrian refugee family with autistic child.

The support and love of WFWP Korean members were safely conveyed to the people of Türkiye and Syria thanks to the cooperation of WFWP Türkiye.

Through the fundraiser of EUR 63,000 for the internally displaced Turkish people and Syrian refugees living in Turkey, we provided clean drinking water, food boxes, medical support, sanitary containers, and art supplies to over 2,300 people.

Korea | Support for Ukrainian Families

Following from 2022, WFWP Korea has continuously supported internally displaced people in Ukraine with a fundraiser of USD ***30,000***, with which WFWP was able to provide clean drinking water, food boxes, medical support, and art psychotherapy to over ***750*** people.

Ukraine Support:
Fundraiser Amount: USD 30,000
Beneficiaries: Over 750 people
Allocation:
Clean Drinking Water
Food Boxes
Medical Support
Art Psychotherapy

WFWP Ukraine cooperated to give out food, medical, and other support for the internally displaced people in Ukraine.

Korea | Gaza iDream

A total of ***1,215*** children received medical support, and ***966*** mothers received guidance and counseling on child health regulations through the 'Child Health Program' in the Gaza Strip.

WFWP Korea's partner, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, managed the 'Child Health Program' in the Gaza Strip through the 'Gaza iDream' medical support fund.

LATIN AMERICA

Latin America | “Pink October” Breast Cancer Awareness month

The Latin American and Caribbean Chapter of the WFWP held its second annual Continental “Pink October” Zoom event after months of activities under the theme “Toward a Pink October.” Mrs. Andrea Fayad, WFWP Regional Secretary General for Latin America, who served as moderator, welcomed the approximately 170 participants.

Through Pink October, WFWP Brazil has found partnerships with other NGOs following the GWPN project; WFWP has had the beautiful association “Love in Threads” and “Ambassadors for Good” for four consecutive years.

The first year of the WFWP began in the state of Paraná; the second year was held in Brazil, the third in Latin America, and now the WFWP Latin America is calling on other countries that share the same language: Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe and Mozambique. This unity has been an inspiration to become stronger together and move further forward. Combining education and social support, WFWP has taught that prevention is the best path. Attention, love, and donations of turbans, wigs, artificial breasts, and scarves have made Pink October a month filled with action and spread from the WFWP co-founder’s heart of love and hope.

First, a video about WFWP International and a deeply moving message from WFWP International President Mrs. Moriko Hori were shown, which, needless to say, touched the participants deeply. Baha’i Pastor Paulina Otiniano Vargas

offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Dr. Marta de Carvalho, President of WFWP Portugal, gave a moving welcome speech, followed by a video presentation of the Pink October 2023 activities realized throughout the year. A video message from Mrs. Simone Braga Cortes, founder of Love in Threads, was then presented. A breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Simone's message touched the hearts of all.

The main speech on breast cancer in Latin America was given by Dr. Luiz Airton Santos Junior, a mastologist, bioethicist, and social entrepreneur in the fight against cancer. He stated that there are many young breast cancer patients in Latin America; however, in many countries, there is little access to treatment, and such activities are beneficial to improve the situation.

Former First Lady of Paraguay, Mdm. Emilia Alfaro de Franco gave an insight into the situation in Paraguay. She also asked the participants not to forget about the women in conflict and war zones. Former First Lady of Uruguay Mdm. Graciela Rompani de Pacheco Areco sent a video congratulating WFWP for many voluntary activities, such as Pink October.

Ms. Belgica Mercedes Ramirez, President of the WFWP Dominican Republic, gave insight into the breast cancer situation in her country and encouraged all present

to work for peace. Mrs. Veronica Mary Cordova Sanchez of Arequipa Peru then gave a short message about the sad situation of breast cancer patients in Peru. She had several close friends in this situation. Dr. Odete Costa commented that she is a 100% volunteer for Pink October, which is a great cause. Prof. Hilda Novo of Portugal said that as a mother and peace ambassador, she is very grateful that this campaign is active in all sectors of Portuguese society. Dr. Fatima Barros of Angola shared a beautiful and touching letter with all the participants.

Guest speaker Mrs. Guilhermina Tivir from Mozambique said that many women are still dying from breast cancer in her country. She explained to the participants how to examine their own breasts and how important it is for early detection. Dr. Celmira Trindade of Sao Tome and Principe said that early detection is very important because breast cancer affects not only the woman herself, but also her family and those around her.

After these wonderful messages and testimonies, the WFWP followed with beautiful artistic presentations from Panama and Colombia. Then Mrs. Tania Gomes ended with the closing remarks and Mrs. Roswitha Dueck de Guiliano, WFWP Latin America International Vice President, highlighted each panelist's and speaker's main points.

Brazil | Humanitarian Social Actions

WFWP Brazil organized several humanitarian social actions to collect food, toys, chocolates, clothes, warm clothes, etc. The collected items were donated to homes for the community's older people, children, and needy families.

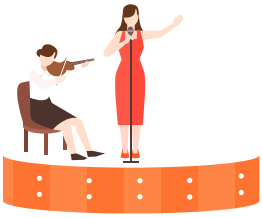
Costa Rica | Noches de Tertulia

"Noches de Tertulia" is a project of WFWP Costa Rica that provides a safe space for emotional and spiritual growth through reading. WFWP meets twice a month on Wednesdays. This year, WFWP members read the book: "Find Your Vitamin Person."

Bolivia | Educational Series for Married Couples

WFWP Bolivia hosted an online education series for couples in May, July, and September to improve communication and appropriately express their feelings and emotions, which are important to strengthening their relationship. During the virtual circuit, the fundamental pillars of character education were addressed profoundly and effectively, evoking appreciation and inspiration among the participants. The themes included: "I Picture Smiles as a School of Love in the Family," "Signs of True Love," and "Architects of Our Love." The approximately 1,000 participants were impressed by the organization of the program.

The speakers were women, wives, and mothers from families with experience and knowledge on the subject. Each of the talks was electrifying and transformative, designed exclusively for couples who wished to deepen their love from a spiritual perspective, based on the philosophy of pure and true love. Through insightful teachings, interactive and inspiring activities, they embarked on an unforgettable journey to new heights of love and commitment.



Russia | Charity Programs for Elderly People

Three homes of older people in Moscow and organized a concert in front of 300 grandparents.

Korea | Emergency Relief for Earthquake Victims in Türkiye and Syria

EUR 63,000 for the internally displaced Turkish people and Syrian refugees living in Turkey, we provided clean drinking water, food boxes, medical support, sanitary containers, and art supplies to over 2,300 people.

Korea | Support for Ukrainian Families

USD 30,000, with which WFWP was able to provide clean drinking water, food boxes, medical support, and art psychotherapy to over 750 people.

Korea | Gaza iDream

1,215 children received medical support, and 966 mothers received guidance and counseling on child health regulations through the 'Child Health Program' in the Gaza Strip.

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

EUROPE

Europe | 2nd Annual Conference “No Peace Without Women”

The second annual conference “No Peace Without Women” was held at the Kosovo Assembly on June 13, with about 120 participants, including three deputy ministers, 12 parliamentarians, nine ambassadors (including ambassadors from Austria, Japan, Norway, and Sweden), and 20 media representatives exploring key issues, collaborated on innovative solutions in a variety of areas.

KOREA

Korea | 2023 Tongil Hae Dream

WFWP Korea held the '2023 Tongil Hae Dream' to help women leaders and youth understand the division history and ensure the importance and values of reunification. The '2023 TongilHae Dream', partially sponsored by the Unification Education Council, was conducted in the order of unification lecture, visiting to the DMZ border areas or division history-related places and experience activities with a total of 168 women leaders and youth from five branches nationwide.

83 youth and 85 women leaders, including some North Korean defectors, who participated in the '2023 Tongil Hae Dream' program had education on the Reunification of Two Koreas and visited places related to the history of the division and reunification of two Koreas.

WFWP Korea received support from the Tongil Education Council to operate '2023 Tongil Hae Dream' and 'Reunification Talk Concert'

"While visiting the Gwangju Unification Hall and the Yeosu North Korean Submarine Exhibition Hall, I felt strongly that reunification of two Koreas is our must-achieve task. It is not easy to overcome the differences created since the last 70 years of division, but I think we need to change from practicing small efforts. Unless we, the younger generation, think reunification is necessary, the next generation will not feel its necessity either. I felt that I should work harder for reunification now for the better future of next generation".

Korea | Book Talk Concert to Improve Young Students' Leadership for Peaceful Unification

WFWP Korea held a "Book Talk Concert to Improve Young Students' Leadership for Peaceful Unification" at Sun Moon University on May 12, co-hosted by Sun Moon University ESG Social Contribution Center. The program was held under the theme of "Learning from You Today," with more than 100 students and faculty members joining both online and offline. This book talk concert was emceed by the student Jeong In-ok, followed by a celebratory performance, a welcome greeting from WFWP SMU Branch President Mrs. Jo Yeon-rae, an introduction to the book by Sun Moon University President Mr. Hwang Sun-jo, author of "Learning from You Today," and sharing and discussion by the four panels.

"The existing unification education usually deals with the direct content of "reunification," but this book talk concert focused on what young generations, the main leaders of unification, should think and live with. I think it is very important to know from what perspective we approach unification. In that sense, this program gave me time to think deeply about the vision and philosophy of my life through the story that expressed the anecdote of our school's founder, Dr. Sun-myung Moon. In particular, it was a good time to seriously think about how to lead and think about unification in society in the future".

Korea | Reunification Talk Concert for the MZ Generation

On July 16, WFWP Korea held the Reunification Talk Concert at the Seoul Women's Plaza with 35 participants to answer young people's questions regarding reunification under the theme of "Bringing Up the Reunification Talk Again." This talk concert, sponsored by the Unification Education Council, was emceed by Mr. Ra Hoon-il, an author of "Unification Story for Teenagers," followed by a special lecture by Mr. Lee Gap-joon, director of the Heung Division, and Mrs. Kim Bom-hee, a North Korean defector who is carrying out various cultural and theatrical activities in South Korea.

The first presenter, Mr. Lee Gap-joon, appealed for the MZ generation to actively participate in the activities of civic groups for the mature development of civil society, emphasizing by saying that the "Unification education should be done in a way to support young people to make changes and operate under their leadership, instead of having supplier-centered education such as forums and seminars." The second presenter, Mrs. Kim Bom-hee shared a story of her passion she had for South Korean culture, such as Korean drama, back when she lived in North, and also that South Korea's presidential election is no longer a matter of ideology, but a realistic issue of rice aid to the North Korean people. After defection, she made various attempts to find the meaning of life and freedom of happiness as a young North Korean. In particular, as a mother of a 15-month-old son, she shared the sadness of not being able to show her son to her father in the North and her desire to have her son live in a unified Korea in the future.

The 'Tongil Talk Concert for the MZ generation' was participated by 35 youth and was also live streamed for those who could not make it to the site.

NORTH AMERICA

USA | Revitalizing the “Bridge of Peace”

Five signature Bridge of Peace programs were held across the country, including a brand new pre-educational session for all bridge crossers featuring the co-founder’s peace philosophy of reconciliation and conflict transformation.

The Elizabeth, New Jersey Bridge of Peace on October 14 was particularly moving. Mrs. Crescentia DeGoede, representing a Judeo-Christian background, shared a tearful bridge crossing with Mrs. Faleeha Hassan, representing Islam. As they shared their peace promises with one another, the entire room felt the impact of their commitment to fostering forgiveness of the past and reconciliation for the future.

The Tempe, AZ program also included two elected council women who participated in the pre-education and bridge crossing ceremony. President Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt crossed the bridge with the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor’s office.

Canada | Women, Faith and Family: Building a Prosperous Nation

On January 30, WFWP Canada hosted an online event, “Women of Faith-building Bridges of Trust and Love between Cultures, Races and Religions,” with 53 participants, including eight youth and students. The webinar featured four women of faith speakers: Mrs. Jeannine Musau Kabuya, Mrs. Salma Elibyari Secretary of Canadian Council of Muslim Women Montreal Chapterl Mrs. Nala Moorthy of Hindu and Mrs. Catherine Biaya of Christian Human Rights Activist. The event was open to women of all faiths to experience the power of unity and discover new ways to strengthen families, communities, nations, and the world together.
On October 14, an in-person event, “Women, Faith, and Family: Building a Prosperous Nation” was held and attended by nearly ***70*** people, including eight students.

Speakers included a Hindu representative facilitator, multicultural settlement and education, a Christian minister, counseling and therapy under the supervision of the Ontario Registered Psychological Association, and the WFWP Canada Coordinator and Director.

"Thank you for your efforts toward our community and supporting women internationally through events such as this. Your efforts towards principles such as peace building and strengthening civil society is truly commendable. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors!" by MP James Maloney

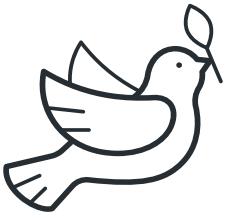
"On the occasion of this 30th anniversary of the founding of WFWP as a recognized international NGO let me offer my sincere congratulations to Dr. Moon and the leadership of all who ensure the success of this important platform to focus on the role of women toward attaining world peace. I firmly believe that world peace can be achieved if world leaders, visionaries, women , and communities can work towards that goal. May the incoming years see this movement to involve women's leadership in peace and peace-building activities create a world where everyone can live in a just, fair, godly and peaceful world." by Hon. Dr. Jean Augustine, P.C., C.M., O.Ont., C.B.E.

"Congratulations, WFWP, Canada in celebrating of their Herstory Awards initiative. In honor of the outstanding women in our community who empower, guide and support us. A day to celebrate women's rights and how far we've come. Thank you for your efforts." by Mississauga Monarch Lyons Club President

"The people who are a part of this organization have been the greatest source of support. [They] have uplifted me as a person...allowed me to feel the logic of love...especially when I'm around them. One family under God. God placed pillars of support through the struggles. It is a profound honor to endorse Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, known affectionately.She is a trailblazer for peace in the world. She is a mother who subscribes to the belief I share, that we are "one family under God." Mother Moon leads from the heart, through her examples of peace leadership based on the feminine aspect of human nature. She is a woman of indomitable spirit, profound love and incredible humility. Her reach is global and she has cemented herself in history as a visionary leader for her contributions to a better, more peaceful world" by the Hon. Dr. Margarett Best former MPP

"In sincere appreciation and recognition of your exceptional humanitarian services by making an impact in the community" by Khalilah Megan Campbell

Korea | 2023 Tongil Hae Dream



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AFRICA

Burkina Faso | Commemoration of the International Women's Day

On March 8, in honor of International Women's Day, WFWP Burkina Faso joined with the ''Association pour le développement Pag La Viim'' to organize a Solidarity Day activity to provide donations for internally displaced persons and older people. Mrs. Ouedraogo Monique, president of the ''Association pour le développement Pag La Viim'', was very grateful to the WFWP. In her welcoming remarks, she said, "I am very concerned about the elderly and internally displaced persons who are facing challenging situations, and I am deeply grateful for the success of this event."

The WFWP provided supplies, 1 bag of rice, 3 bags of clothes and shoes to bring joy and happiness to the elderly and internally displaced persons receiving the donations. Mr. Xango Breima, a representative of the IDPs, was very appreciative of the work done for these vulnerable people. Mrs. Aime Kabore, President of WFWP Burkina Faso, introduced the WFWP and offered words of encouragement to comfort the beneficiaries of the donation. Finally, everyone shared a delicious meal prepared by the women of the Pag-La-Vieme Association. This activity was held in the Benogo area and was attended by 60 people.

Asia Pacific 2

Australia | Pasifika Festival Charity Walk

The Melbourne Pasifika Festival and Charity Walk is an annual celebration of Pasifika culture, giving families the opportunity to enjoy Pasifika culture through dance performances, art, crafts, food, merchandise, children's activities, DJ, and a live band.

The Charity Walk raises much-needed funds to support WFWP Global Development and Aid Projects located within the Pacific Islands.

The MPF promotes a culture of peace through fostering dialogue, reconciliation, and conflict resolution at all levels by celebrating and promoting the beauty and uniqueness of each Pacific Island culture to provide the wider community a window into all things Pasifika.

By supporting and advocating for the Pacific Island communities living within Australia, WFWP Australia connects with like-minded people who are dedicated to building a more harmonious and peaceful world. As Global Partners working to achieve the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the MPF Committee and supporters work towards: Goal 16: To promote just, peaceful, and inclusive societies, and Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goal

This year's Opening Ceremony was conducted by the Fijian Community Association Victoria and led by Ratu Kitione Tuibua, Chief and President of the Queen Victoria School Old Boys Association in Victoria.

The Welcoming Ceremony, or Veiqaraqaravi Vakavanua in the Fijian language was very dignified and is a beautiful way to officially start the festival. It is a solemn ritual performed at the beginning of all important Pasifika services and gatherings where ceremonial Kava is shared to promote unity and respect among all the groups participating. Typically led by the high chief of the hosting village, the ceremony begins with words of welcome from religious leaders and elders.

VIPS who participated during the Opening Ceremony were:
Anne Bellavance, WFWP International Vice-president representing the region of Oceania & SE Asia | President, WFWP Australia | Chairperson for the Melbourne Pasifika Festival Committee.

Sylvia Coombe, VIC Multi-cultural Commissioner and President of the Fiji Community Association of Victoria.

Neil Hay, President Rugby Victoria.

Jacob Sigabalavu, Parliament of Victoria's Community Engagement team.

Pulotu Canada Mcarthy, President Samoa Community Advisory Council Victoria.

Kylie Hatch, Secretary Pacific Connections.

Veronica Kurufher, Secretary PNG Australia Association of Victoria.

Roshelle, Secretary Australian Integrated Fijian Association Victoria.

John Bellavance, President UPF Victoria.

Giving the Opening Address, Anne Bellavance thanked the Melbourne Pasifika Festival Committee and all the volunteers that make the festival hum so smoothly. She shared that this year's stall holder payments enabled one young woman to undertake 1-year of university in 2024. Anne briefly explained the Global Development & Aid project run by WFWP Australia and encouraged people to get involved through the philosophy from our Founders, Father and Mother Moon, of 'living for the sake of others' as a methodology to create peace within myself, my family, my community, and on in society.

Following afterwards, each VIP shared about themselves and their organisation. Children's Activities are a big part of the Festival. During the morning, Melbourne Rebels Rugby Club coaches and team members conducted a junior and senior rugby clinic for primary aged and secondary aged children. An adventure castle enabled children to bounce off their energy, and face painting brought magic.

This year the festival featured Pasifika food and merchandise stalls from 6 Pasifika Island Heritages. In alphabetical order: Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa. A big thank you to all our Pasifika businesses who participated this year despite the rain!

The Cultural Dance groups were phenomenal, showcasing each Pacific Island culture. Our PNG Momase group of Papua New Guinea Australia Association Victoria were so inspired after their performance that they continued to 'boogie' to the DJ music, off stage in the rain: Maidens of Polynesia, Bula Meke Youth - Fiji, New Zealand Youth Choir. The MT Fao Band brought a concert feeling to the festival.

This year, some of the ABCs Talent Development Lead, Asia Pacific Newsroom team participated during the Festival to gather stories. Johnson Raela and Hilda Wayne, Presenters/Producers both shared the microphone as MCs.

A big thank you to our MCs throughout the day, Marie Pewhairangi from Māori heritage, and Canada Mcarthy from Samoan heritage.

Another big thank you to our Melbourne Pasifika Festival Committee members, and volunteers who put in many long hours. Together, we made the festival a fun day of dancing in the rain, despite the poor weather.

13 organisations / businesses partnered with WFWP for the 2023 Melbourne Pasifika Festival.

"Great day celebrating the pacific culture with family and friends. Delicious food that reminds you of home and fantastic stalls."

"Great event, awesome to see diversity growing in Melbourne, beautiful atmosphere."

"Such a beautiful day out celebrating the Pacific, thank you so much we had so much fun!!"

"A great series of dance performances choir and bands. Great vibe with the communities dancing. Good activities for the kid and food stalls."

"Fantastic event. Looking forward to a bigger and better one next year! Round of applause to the organisers and all those involved in moulding of the event!!"

"Very well organised. Can't help bad weather. But spirits were high."

"Fun day and culturally enlightening."

EUROPE

Europe | 20th Annual European Women's Leadership Conference

The 20th Annual European Women's Leadership Conference, held in Cyprus on November 3-5, brought together experts, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss the region's most pressing issues, engage in dialogue, and develop viable strategies for positive change. The participants included the First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus H.E. Mrs. Philippa Karsera, Former Prime Minister of Finland H.E. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Former Minister of Women in Tunisia H.E. Neziha Labidi. A total of five sessions were held with a wealth of speakers from various fields sharing their expertise under the theme "Transforming our World through Advancing Peace: a Culture of Peace and Human Dignity." The conference closed with a Declaration Resolution and the presentation of the Global Women's Peace Ambassadors Award, attended by 110 leaders

"I would like to express my deep gratitude for the exceptional organization of the 20th WFWP European Summit in Larnaka, Cyprus, from 3 to 5 November 2023. This event was an enriching experience, highlighting the crucial theme of "Transforming our world by making advancing peace: a culture of peace and human dignity". I would also like to salute the exceptional quality of the speakers coming from various countries, bringing unique and enriching perspectives. The variety of topics covered truly contributed to creating an atmosphere conducive to the exchange of ideas and the promotion of world peace. The networking orchestrated during the event was of remarkable quality, facilitating meaningful discussions and fruitful collaborations. As Ambassador of Peace in France, I am honored to have been appointed Ambassador of World Peace and to contribute to this noble cause. I would also like to express my appreciation for the effort made to allow an international audience to participate, even though the lectures were in English. This reinforced the inclusive nature of the event. Attached, you will find several emails with photos taken on my behalf during the summit. Finally, I would like to thank the organizing team for their dedication and professionalism which greatly contributed to the success of this summit. This event will remain unforgettable, and I look forward to continuing to work together for a more peaceful and equal world."

Ms. Faiza Chaker, Presidente Aides Afrique/France

"I got back very tired physically but internally very happy: and all because I met you and everyone at the Cyprus conference. I don't know how to express the gratitude I feel. So let me use simple and short words: I value your coherence, the unity there's between your (mine) values and your behavior, the tenderness and serenity that you give off as a person. I feel like I would have liked to talk more with you, because the recognition that I could sense coming from you deserves reciprocity. The annual conference was very rich in focuses. Despite the fact that it differs from some of my ideas, or precisely because of it, I felt very enriched. You know that feminism doesn't insist much on the family, however, as time went by, I realized how important it is. I experienced the family values with my parents, who loved each other intensely and were very religious. My husband and I have been a bit more alternative, to express it in some way, but the example given by my parents, have helped us to sail the sometimes troubled waters of the "living together". And here we are, loving each other and coexisting after almost 50 years. Sara, Dulce and Anais were enchanting! Just in a few days I developed tenderness towards them, spontaneous, maternal, if you like. Send them my big hug. As far as signing my name on the resolution, I initially said I would sign as an individual, as I cannot include WILPF by myself. However, I can sign as representative of my other organization: The Seminary for the Investigation for Peace Foundation (SIP). I'm sorry this idea didn't dawn on me at that moment. Thank you."

by Ms. Carmen Magallon Portoles

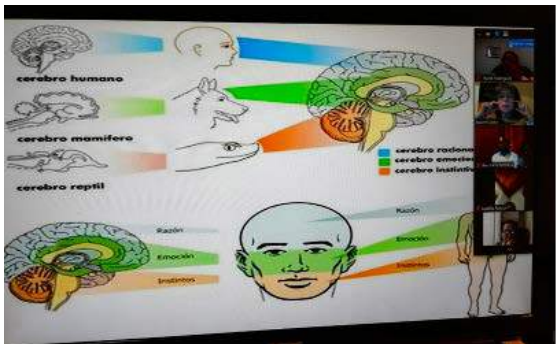
Ukraine | Round Table “Integration of Women during War”

On September 16, WFWP Ukraine partnered with the Kyiv Sviatosyn Center for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation in Boyarka to provide integrated support (psychological, social, and humanitarian) to various categories of women who have experienced the devastating consequences of war, along with 70 beneficiaries, and strengthen cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organizations to achieve SDGs 3, 16 and 17.

Also, in June, WFWP organized online art workshops to support Ukrainian families and refugees psychologically.

Portugal | Second Edition of Teachers for Peace Course to Teachers in Lusophone Countries (Portuguese speaking countries)

WFWP Portugal, in partnership with Dr. Isabel Costa, has brought together seven professors for weekly sessions of the second edition of the “Teachers for Peace Course” from January to December, primarily for Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa. The course is in response to the co-founders’ request for European support for Africa. The course began last year in 2022 with a focus on Mozambique, followed by Angola and Sao Tome, and is held weekly using the Zoom platform.



KOREA

Korea | NGO Activity Capacity Building Education

WFWP Korea conducted the four-week course of NGO activity capacity building education every Thursday from August 24 to September 14 at Y_Space to foster women and young leaders who are interested to work as NGO activists. This educational course was prepared to provide a total of eight lectures regarding NGOs, voluntary organizations, village community activities, and state subsidies, including understanding of NGOs, capacity building education necessary for planning, implementing, and reporting projects, and sharing activities. As the program started, President Mrs. Choi Young-sun gave welcoming greetings by saying "I hope every hour will be a valuable time as you get to think about what kind of leaders you will become in society through this opportunity," and delivered a message to the participants by adding that "I hope this will be an opportunity to strengthen women's capabilities and share women's explosive wisdom and energy through many networks."

Of the participants who completed the four-week curriculum, about 30 participated in the 'Facilitator Training Course' held on October 27 and 28 at Y_Space. In this course, participants learned the necessary knowledge and various tools as facilitators and had time to practice each tool according to the nature of the meetings.

A total of 316 people, including men leaders, who are interested in becoming NGO activists or operating projects participated in the 4-week program 'NGO Activity Capacity Building Education.'

30 people who completed the 'NGO Activity Capacity Building Education: Facilitator Training Course' felt the importance of facilitator's skills for better communication within the group, and some are willing to take part in the Facilitator's certification exam.

"Until now, my satisfaction during the meeting was very low, but this course was a meaningful time to find a new direction to develop better communication with the team in future meetings."

LATIN AMERICA

Brazil | Festival of Nations for Sustainable Peace

WFWP held the event in the city of São Paulo with the support of the city government on October 29, gathering 15,000 participants.

Brazil is a country that receives many immigrants from all over the world, each with its own culture, customs, and typical gastronomy, all of which inspired WFWP Brazil to initiate the festival of nations with the objective of promoting peace among nations.

The Festival of Nations is officially included in the festive calendar of São Paulo, so the event is 100% sponsored with an investment of 55 thousand reais paid by the municipality. The event is always held in October, in the famous tourist district of São Paulo. The event comprises musical performances, cultural dances, food stalls, and handicrafts from each nation. This year, the festival was attended by important authorities, federal and state deputies, the mayor and vice-mayor, peace ambassadors, entrepreneurs, journalists and general consuls of different nationalities, who took the stage and raised their flags in favor of peace. Journalists broadcast the event on their social networks.

Panama | Never Stop Dreaming

On August 26, WFWP Panama presented “Never Stop Dreaming” by artist Dr. Berta Polo. She shared how her desire to paint was her beginning, how she struggled to get into a school that offered classes in painting as a technician, even though there were no technical schools at the time, and how from that day on she used strategies to become a professional in the arts, earning a master’s degree and doctorate in that field. Exhibitions were held in Paris, UNESCO, and Taiwan, Panama’s pictures were advertised on buses, and the country’s name became well known. Finally, she showed a video of her exhibition at the National Bank of Panama. There is no age to dream for Dr. Berta.

Uruguay | Commemorating the International Women’s Day

WFWP Uruguay organized an International Women’s Day event on March 17 at the Radisson Hotel to recognize the social work of 14 women who practice solidarity, empathy, and mutual respect to build a culture of peace. 500 people gathered in the Hall of Reunions, including Dr. Irene Moreira, Minister of Housing; Mr. Coronel Rivera Elge, Sub-secretary of the Ministry of Defense; Mrs. Mara Paracampo, Mayor of Montevideo; Mr. Daniel Arcieri, Secretary General of the Salto Grande Mixed Technical Commission; and Mr. Carlos Barribal, former Senator.

Fourteen organizations presented their projects, including entrepreneurship, philanthropy, interest in mental welfare, combating depression, and integrating youth, adults, and the elderly. They are all engaged in movements that prioritize the value of people and their ability to grow. Professionals gathered to promote sports as a means of restoring street children.

WFWPI AND THE UN ACTIVITIES

C.M. Correia

67TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN PARALLEL EVENT: PARTNERSHIP IN EQUIPPING WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH TECHNOLOGICAL RESILIENCE, DISCERNMENT AND PROTECTION FROM DIGITAL DANGERS

On March 9, WFWP hosted a parallel event for the 67th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67). As the priority theme of the CSW67 was, "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls," the topic for the parallel event was, "Partnership in equipping women and girls with technological resilience, discernment and protection from digital dangers." More than 40 attendees joined on-site and more than 90 attendees joined live online.

The first speaker, Dr. Karen Smith, is the CEO of Global Development Enterprise and NGO Academy, providing practical guidance to leaders driving transformative social change. She brought awareness to the importance of developing our "soft" power skills which are communication, emotional intelligence, resilience and negotiation. Soft skills are vital to have but they take time and are hard to develop. Gender inequality is just one of the social issues of the bigger issue that we are facing because of the pace of the growth of technology. Our traditional structures of institutions cannot grow as fast as technology is changing. She made the presentation understandable by breaking it down into pieces and explaining the mechanism of our human emotion and survival instincts.

The second speaker, Ms. Atefeh Riazi, is the chief information officer of Hearst and serves as the United Nations assistant secretary-general and CITO. She brought profound contributions by emphasizing the importance of raising our children with the right message so they can be educated to have a voice in the tech industry. Tech is changing the world and has brought impact on social, economic and financial issues but many do not have a voice because they are wired to think that they are not worthy to have a voice. She encourages women to have a voice and engage in the important issues we are facing today.

The third speaker, Mrs. Adriana Gascoigne, is the founder and CEO of Girls in Tech and serves on WAPPP and Harvard Kennedy School's Women in Public Policy Program board. She established Girls in Tech to be a global force delivering local education and opportunities for women with the goal to eliminate the gender gap in technology. She focuses on giving women and girls the opportunity to be trained

and educated in STEM. She brought inspiration to the crowd by presenting her initiatives of educating and building confidence in women, and through her works with organizations and companies by advising on how to support the development of women in tech.

The fourth speaker, Engr. Christine Rose Bulayo, is the regional secretary-general for WFWP Asia Pacific 1. She is also a computer engineer and a senior high and college instructor. She brought her unique perspective of ways we can integrate permaculture and digital technology with a holistic approach. Permaculture is an approach to development of ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient. She presented how we can integrate digital technology into our daily lives and create a safe, green and digital environment where both men and women can equally participate.

At the end, there was a roundtable discussion and a Q&A session involving the attendees to participate through questions. Overall, the participants felt educated and enlightened by the content and inspired by some of the initiatives that the speakers presented. The event brought experts and practitioners from various fields of tech to share their wealth of information, and discussed the ways to ensure that all women and girls are equally and properly equipped and protected to be resilient, discerning, knowledgeable and empowered in this digital age.

WFWPI'S HLPF 2023 SIDE EVENT

This year marks the midway point of the UN 2030 Agenda. From July 10-19, world leaders gathered at the United Nations in New York for the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). It was held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. The theme was "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels."

On July 18, WFWPI hosted a hybrid side event at the NYCE Social Hall in New York City. Ms. Merly Barlaan, Director of WFWPI's Office for UN Relations in New York, opened the event with a roundtable discussion on the topic, "Integration and Impact of Digital Technology in developing countries in the context of the Right to Development." The discussion aimed to explore solutions to the challenges faced by developing countries in effectively utilizing digital technology to build sustainable cities and communities, ensuring that digital technology reaches its full potential for the good of humanity while preventing and mitigating all its destructive potentials.

Ms. Srruthi Lehka, UN Representative of WFWPI moderated the expert roundtable discussion.

Dr. Rior Santos, the Regional Project Manager of the SDG Fund for Digital Transformation in Micronesia for the United Nations Office for Projects and Services (UNOPS), highlighted digital initiatives that had already demonstrated positive impacts on education, healthcare and environmental conservation in the region, stressing the importance of collaboration and partnerships as essential drivers of successful implementation.

Dr. Frank Kaufmann, President of the Twelve Gates Foundation, touched upon ethical considerations related to digital technology, such as data privacy, digital rights and inclusivity.

Ms. Priscilla Garces, Founder of Always Forward, emphasized the importance of accessibility in digital solutions and called for collaborative efforts among disability advocates, technology developers and policymakers to ensure inclusivity.

Mr. Rodrigo Tello, a Fintech consultant from Mexico, explored the transformative

potential of financial technology in promoting financial inclusion and economic development in developing countries.

Ms. Arshia Dutta, a young programmer from India, presented a project that promotes circular fashion, called Fashion-scious, a mobile APP that she personally developed addressing problems such as the footprints of pollution left behind by the fast fashion industry.

The second part of the event was an SDG Exhibit. It provided a platform for exhibitors from 10 civil society organizations to showcase their projects. The side event left a positive and lasting impact, fostering a sense of community and commitment, and forging collaboration and partnerships to achieve the UN SDGs by 2030.

THREE TIMES A YEAR PARALLEL TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

On September 11, WFWP held a parallel event at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council. This is as WFWP is working with governments to secure a binding treaty on the "right to development." In what has become a polarized North vs. South debate, WFWP is working with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to persuade all sides on the benefits for both developed and developing countries, using the WFWP's projects as evidence. The Ambassador of Azerbaijan, the head of the NAM, OHCHR, the Intergovernmental South Center, and WFWP spoke. 13 governments, more than 30 NGOs, and 6 UN agencies were in attendance. Two days later, Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, UN Director of WFWPI, was invited by OHCHR to speak on behalf of civil society at another HRC event organized by the Intergovernmental WG on R2Dev.

Participation in all key Human Rights Council events, submitting oral and written statements and holding side events with governments, UN bodies and experts. WFWPI is now mainstreamed into the UN Geneva body of NGO experts.

Through our coalitions and engagements with the NGO CSW Geneva and other committees, we were able to organize and host several important events, in the leadership of Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, Director of WFWPI UN Relations as the president of NGO CSW Geneva working with UN Women, Global NGO Committees and other important bodies in Geneva, including the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the NGO CSW Geneva in Geneva sponsored by the city of Geneva. Carolyn hosted 3 Ambassador Breakfast Briefing events at a lovely restaurant frequented by UN Dignitaries, discussing better collaboration and impact in preparation for CSW, HRC, etc.

Through our side event at the 54th Human Rights Council's session, we were able to demonstrate and invite participants to engage in cooperation to rethink and re-engage in a constructive global cooperation mechanism through a new era of development cooperation.

NGO Commission on the Status of Women

As president of the NGO Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Handschin co-hosted the 50th anniversary celebration at the Palais Einar with the mayor of Geneva. 100 prominent Geneva and UN leaders, including the UN Director-General, ILO, WHO, and national ambassadors, presented the history for three hours and debated with UN Women, CEDAW, and many others to share the spirit of peace and the victory of women for their vital role. WFWP International President Mrs. Moriko Hori prepared a video for the Committee's member NGOs to be shown during the "Future Planning" session.

Formal invitations of international bodies to address large audiences as president of the NGO CSW committee and WFWPI have multiplied dramatically this year: 9, in total, including: OHCHR to speak twice for CSO in their HRC Side event (approximately 200, plus livestream), invited to address the World Council of Churches global team of pastors on successful advocacy as faith-based NGOs (260+), the 75th anniversary of the Conference of NGO's (CoNGO) celebrating at UN on December 15 invited to speak on human rights and gender justice, expecting 450 participants, and others.

November 30, NGO CSW GE (led by WFWPI) held a consultation with the UNECE (Regional ECOSOC body for EU, USA, North Asia), with UN Women, NY and Geneva, NGO CSW NY president, NGO CSW Vienna president, EU & NA Caucus president, and other women's networks in our region, 61 NGO leaders were present. In co-sponsorship with our ally, UNECE, leaders of core international groups were invited to voice their list of 3 "Emerging Issues" for the UN preparations for CSW68 and Beijing +30 in 2025. Clearly because of the rare atmosphere our committee could generate, of trust and openness, recommendations were voiced that are rarely admitted. Our top recommendation from NGO CSW Geneva was "Protection of Motherhood and the Centrality of Care." Another group recommended further balanced discussion on the gender terminology issue, the issue our committee has been quietly engaged for within a task force of the same name. It was an important breakthrough, and in the presence of top women leaders at the UN.

8TH HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL EXPERT MECHANISM (EMRTD) ON RIGHT TO DEV (R2D)

The Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development has noticed WFWP and has not only invited Mrs. Carolyn Handschin to give closing remarks during the sessions, representing civil society, but this time he asked the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to send her an official invitation as a speaker, representing civil society at the High-level panel on "Women and Development: Challenges and BestPractices." Also speaking was the Ambassador of Costa Rica, CEDAW member, OHCHR Deputy Director, OECD/ EU expert on development.

UN ADVOCACY TRAINING AND YOUTH PEACE COUNCIL

The Youth Advocacy training is a 2-day program created to give basics about the UN and how CSO's can influence various UN entities (HRC, CEDAW, WHO, IOM.) and government decisions (SCRes 1325, etc.). The workshop covered topics such as: Introduction to Advocacy at the UN, The role of youth and their leadership at the UN, Obstacles for Youth leadership, Personality Development and Public Speaking, Negotiation and Mediation and Strategy building. Ms. Srruthi Lehka and Mrs. Carolyn Handschin guided the 13 participants to prepare statements that they would be able to deliver live at the UN Social Forum.

The Youth Peace Council is the annual event that simulates the UN Peacebuilding Commission. This year WFWP UN Geneva office could do it in person because it was linked to the UN Social Forum and invited 13 participants for both events, choosing the same theme: IT and Media in Peace Processes. The conference includes interactive sessions, discussions, and simulations on peacebuilding, diplomacy, and related topics. The youth delegates negotiate and sign a Peace Accord, outlining their agreement on various peacebuilding measures. The conference emphasizes the importance of youth leadership and involvement in shaping lasting peace and contributing to justice and reconciliation.

On the third and fourth day of the conference, participants got the opportunity to attend the UN Social Forum as delegates of the WFWP held at the UN Headquarters in Geneva. The theme in 2023 was “The contribution of science, technology and innovation to the promotion of HR.” During this forum, participants had the chance to make statements addressing their country’s situation but in line with WFWP, bringing a good image to the seriousness of WFWP for the UN mandates. HRC Social Forum is an annual event of the Office of the High Commissioners that provides an open space for dialogue between the UN, governments and civil society.

WFWP also organized a side event, “Unlocking sustainable futures, Local governments and communities leading the way.” and published their work from the Peacebuilding Committee, based on the agreed Peace Accord established during the second day of the conference.

Creating a training program and holding a series of consultations for engaging a global team of UN Representatives, including 3 in Africa, 2 in Latin America, 1 in Middle East and 4 in Asia Pacific. Personalized guidance about contributing to the UN systems of reporting and engagement.

Hosted the Youth Peace Accord with a focus on the role of Technology in building peace which contributed to the Social Forum 2023 at the UN in Geneva
100% of our participants of our UN Advocacy training program at the UN in Geneva, who also were provided with the opportunity to speak as a delegate of WFWPI at the UN Social Forum 2023 reported that it is their first time at such a professional program, providing both skill development and opportunity to be at the UN and voice their demands for a better world at the UN.

Through the UN Advocacy at the UN Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development and the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, and the trust given to our UN representative, Ms. Srruthi Lehka by working as staff with several of these bodies, we were able to provide constructive inputs for the protection of development and human rights and be included in the formal reports of the UN every single time, and often asked to deliver closing remarks on behalf of civil society at the sessions.

Through WFWPI side event at the UN Social Forum 2023, we were able to work with several stakeholders at the UN in promoting best practices of local communities and governments in promoting and achieving SDGs.

"I loved the program, the interactions with other participants, I feel it was personally but also organizationally enriching. Thank you for this opportunity."

"I loved it honestly and I will recommend, already people who saw my pictures I advertised it for the next year!"

"The program was more than I expected, it was a lot of info for us at first, because we never were exposed to these, but every day bit to bit it made so much sense, I could see how much effort and preparation you put into it and it was a lot of managing everyone and every individual had their situation, their interests, hat off to you for dealing everything so well!"

HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This internship program hosts international interns who began their journey with WFWPI researching and advocating various human rights issues. The interns were asked to write individual advocacy papers on their choice of interest within the umbrella of human rights and Women's rights. The interns did a remarkable job in completing their papers on different topics in just two months. At the end of this two month period, the Human Rights Forum was hosted, showcasing and presenting their research to global civil society activists.

Reached over 300 plus youth on programs such as Youth training on UN Advocacy, Curriculum training, Human Rights Internship program, Youth Peace Conference and Youth Conference for UN CSW.

Engaged in advocacy at the UN on serious Human Rights concerns in regions such as Middle East, Africa and Europe and many more through our youth interns who researched and published advocacy journals.

ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM 2023

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum brought together young individuals from across the globe in a hybrid format from 25 to 27 April 2023. This significant event provided a platform for youth leaders to engage in dialogue, express their perspectives and mobilize actions towards a fairer, greener and more sustainable world, guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The forum focused on accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Moreover, it assessed progress in critical areas such as clean water and sanitation (SDG 6), affordable and clean energy (SDG 7), industry, innovation, and infrastructure (SDG 9), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11) and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17).

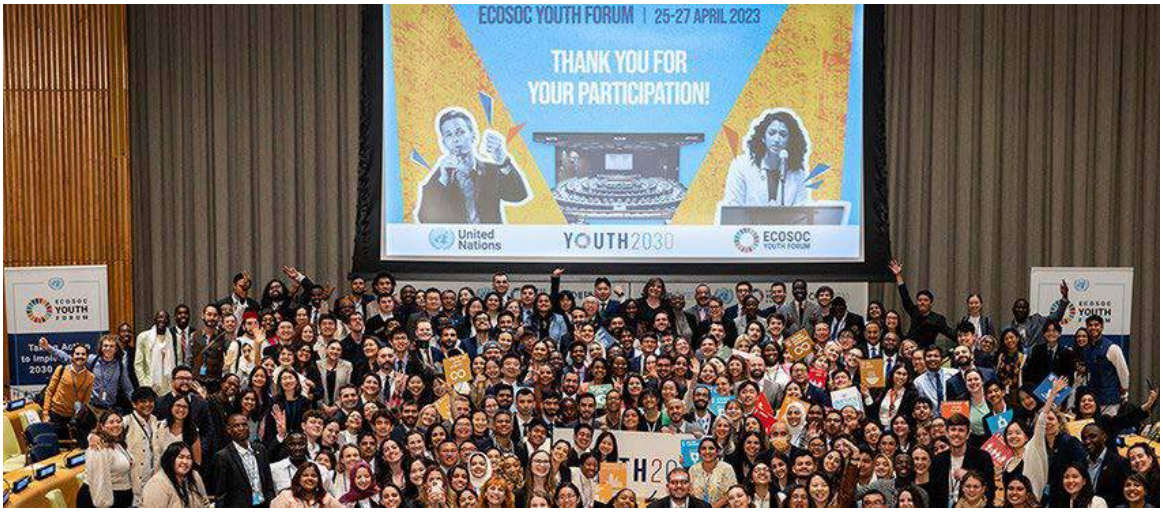
The three-day event featured plenary sessions as well as interactive discussions. Young people were invited to share best practices, lessons learned, solutions as well as creative and innovative ideas on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and on the SDGs under review in the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum in July 2023. Side events also took place virtually and in-person.

The 2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum was convened by the ECOSOC President and co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. The forum provided a unique

opportunity for youth leaders to engage with various stakeholders. Government representatives, youth delegates, policymakers and actors from civil society and the private sector participated in dynamic discussions, sharing insights and fostering collaboration. Among the dedicated participants was Ms. Christine Rose Bulayo, the Regional Secretary General for WFWP Asia Pacific Chapter, and a UN representative from the WFWPI Office for UN Relations in New York, was one of the volunteer staff members during the Youth Forum. Through her involvement, Ms. Bulayo had the privilege of meeting youth leaders from around the world, as well as the Philippine delegation with Undersecretary Ronald L. Cardema, the Chairman of the National Youth Commission.

During her interactions at the forum, Ms. Bulayo took the opportunity to introduce the work of WFWP Philippines and its implementing arm, the 10K Heroes United, to fellow youth leaders. In particular, her meeting with Undersecretary Cardema opened doors to future collaboration.

The UN ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023 served as a catalyst for youth-led change and sustainable development. By providing a global platform for engagement, dialogue and collaboration, the forum empowered young leaders to voice their concerns, share their perspectives and act towards a fairer and more sustainable world. The active participation of organizations like the WFWPI exemplified the dedication and commitment to empowering the youth. The connections made at the forum laid the foundation for future partnerships that will further advance the cause of youth empowerment and create a brighter future for all.



NO MORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS: WFWPI ATTENDS THE NPT CONFERENCE IN VIENNA

On August 1 the WFWP Office for UN Relations in Vienna participated in the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) at the Vienna International Centre. It was chaired by Ambassador Jarmo Viinanen from Finland.

The Committee opened with statements of 16 NGOs and NGO networks, which took around two hours! Statements of Member States or groups of Member States followed. During lunchtime Side Events and various working groups were offered. WFWP endorsed a Joint Statement to the 2023 Preparatory Committee for the 11th NPT Review Conference, which was initiated by the Basel Peace Office, UNFOLD ZERO, World Future Council and World Federalist Movement, together with 152 organizations and 32 countries.

The title of the statement was “Common Security and Nuclear Deterrence: How to replace the current reliance on nuclear weapons with sustainable security for all.” There were specific areas of particular interest to WFWP representatives, such as a paragraph about alternative methods to ensure common security and the intention to invest more in developing these methods of conflict resolution through mediation, peacebuilding and many other points. This aligns with WFWP’s values of leading with a parental heart, promoting mutual prosperity and universal values. In the course of the Commission the attendees were also made aware of the

devastating effects of a nuclear war on several occasions, using the example of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. However, nuclear weapons today have a much greater – and more disastrous – effect than those used in 1945. So, whoever starts using it against his enemy, the effect will be almost the same on both parties, and in fact on everyone, even those not involved in the conflict. More information can be found on the NPT website.

A number of side events of the conference dealt with the effect of nuclear testing on the health of people: a heightened risk of cancer, higher numbers of babies born with deficiencies and disabilities and the destruction of nature, which is the source of income and nutrition for the local population. It was also explained that nuclear testing is often done in secrecy, ignoring the rights of people living in the area who are most affected.

In conclusion, recommendations were given by the Chair of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for potential areas of focused discussion at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference.

Representatives of WFWP were glad they could attend the conference. They learned a lot about the aspect of peaceful use of NCL Technology, but also gained a deeper understanding of the hindrances concerning nuclear non-proliferation.
WFWP hopes that this process develops much faster into a good direction, fostering a world of peace and prosperity for all. The WFWP Office for UN Relations in Vienna will explore possibilities to contribute to this goal even more.

INSPIRING TESTIMONIALS AND SUCCESS STORIES

WFWP GHANA

From Japan to Africa: Scholarship Program

The scholarship program started in Ghana in 2010 with the support of the volunteers of WFWP Japan. The number of children in Ghana who have benefited from this scholarship program exceeds 60. One of them, Dr. Jerry N. Adjei, has just graduated as a medical doctor, and to show his gratitude to WFWP, this young doctor is all set to establish an NGO that will take care of underprivileged children and widows.

WFWP NIGERIA

Microcredit Scheme Project: Supporting Women Entrepreneurs

WFWP Nigeria, like many countries in the developing world, recognizes education, women and youth empowerment as essential projects. WFWP strives to change the existing scenario for women, especially young girls and their families. Despite improvements in literacy and school enrollment in recent decades, the gender gap in economic opportunities has not improved significantly among the younger segments of the population. Young women continue to be disadvantaged in the Nigerian labor market.

To this end, WFWP Nigeria has been working on the WFWP Microcredit Scheme project as a booster to strengthen young women's employability and motivate them to stand firm in life by activating basic positions. This program is designed to provide small loans to women looking to start or expand their businesses, particularly in areas where access to traditional forms of finance is limited in rural communities.

The program has been successful in fostering women's entrepreneurial spirit. Over the past few months, there has been a marked increase in the number of women applying for and receiving microcredit loans. The ripple effect has been felt throughout the community, creating jobs and stimulating economic activity. Many recipients have become role models in their areas, encouraging other women to follow their lead.

On October 4, WFWP Nigeria provided a loan and purchased 24 grinding machines to empower 24 women in Okpoma.

Hussaina Nura is a trader from Keffi, Nasarawa State. She increased her capital with a loan from WFWP Nigeria to purchase new goods. As a result, her profit margins have visibly improved, and her family's life has become more affluent.

Mariam Ade is a fish seller in Abuja. She faced many difficulties and obstacles but managed to overcome them with the help of a loan from WFWP Nigeria. She purchased many livestock, and her business became the family's primary income source. She attributed her success to the WFWP loan.

Ijeoma Lucy is a cosmetic soap maker in Enugu State. Her husband lived in a suburb of Enugu, so she became the family's breadwinner. She realized her salary was barely enough to cover her family's basic needs, so she took a loan from WFWP Nigeria and started a handicraft business. She expanded her product range, improved the quality, and now has a steady income and a loyal customer base.

Victoria Ogbene is a fashion designer from Ogoja, Cross River State. She received a loan from WFWP Nigeria to make a dress in 2022. With that loan, she purchased raw materials and sewing equipment. She also trained other women in the community to join her business. She now employs 15 women and earns 150,000 Nigerian dollars per month. She has also improved her home and sent her children to school.

Ogwuogu Juliet Anulika is a baker from Igoli, Cross River State. Her participation in WFWP Nigeria's microcredit program improved her and her family's lives. She received a loan to purchase an oven and other materials and began baking bread, which she sold to women and children at a discount. She increased her monthly income from N30,000 to N200,000 and hired ten other women to work with her. The microcredit program has given her hope and dignity.

Young people across the country, especially women, need assistance in starting and running their businesses due to severely limited access to credit, lack of business information, and lack of marketing contacts and financial services.

According to a WFWP survey of Nigerian youth, only 13.3% of young women (aged 15-29) participate in the labor force, compared to 57.8% of their male peers. The unemployment rate among female youth (32.3%) is more than three times that of male youth (9.3%).

The rate of entrepreneurship among youth in Nigeria, especially women, still needs to be higher. Only 5.7% of employed female youth say they will launch their own business in 2020, compared to 13.1% of their employed male peers.

In 2023, WFWP Nigeria empowered 65% of women to set up various businesses and educate 44% of out-of-school girls to return to school by paying their school fees. WFWP has also been able to promote the long-term empowerment participation of female youth by providing sufficiently attractive flexible labor standards.

WFWP ALBANIA

WFWP Project with Nationwide Impact: Youth Public Speaking and Your Peace Academy

WFWP Albania held its fourth annual Youth Public Speaking Competition this year under the theme “The Family I Want.” While family remains an important value in Albania, there are many negative new trends, such as overemphasizing personal careers and promoting a self-centered model of love in which personal comfort and materialistic concerns take precedence over traditional values such as devotion and fidelity. For this reason, WFWP felt the need to promote family values to young people, especially through social media, in-person meetings with youth, and even nationally televised interviews. After evaluating the submissions and selecting the best ones, a speech training was held on September 16 with 16 half-finalists. The training was led by a good friend of WFWP, Global Women Peace Ambassador, and former Deputy Minister of Education Ms. Nora Maraj.

The final event took place at the Peace Embassy in front of a jury composed of former Deputy Minister of Education Mrs. Saemira Pino, former Deputy Minister of Culture and Choir Director Mrs. Suzana Turku, University Professor Mr. Astrit Memia, UPF Albania Secretary General Mr. Gani Rroshi, WFWP Albania President Mrs. Katarzyna Minollari, and an audience of about 50 people.

All 12 finalists (11 young women and one man) were so well prepared that the judges could not easily decide. In the end, the first prize of US$300 was awarded to Ms. Xhencila Tafa from Tirana, who demonstrated deep sincerity and an incredible connection with the audience; the second prize of US$200 was awarded to Ms. Elsa Rrustaj from Durres; and the third prize of US$100 was awarded to Mr. Serxhio Ziu from Vlora. He was an excellent example of strong will and commitment on behalf of Rome, who still often face discrimination in Albania. The program was complemented by musical performances by two young artists, Klevis Hyska and Marjana Haxhi, and refreshments were served during the intermission.

It is exciting to see the speech contest participants grow year by year. Many of them are active in Albanian social life. For example, the winner of the first contest in 2020, Ms.Orjana Çekrezi, was recently elected as a member of the National Youth Council by a vote of WFWP Albania. The National Youth Council is an entity

established by a government agency.

2022 finalist Ms. Lubjana Malaj has started her own NGO; 2021 winner Ms. Marjana Koçeku has become known for promoting agritourism and was recently invited to participate in a podcast run by Albanian Prime Minister H. E. Edi Rama. She and her family's business have also been featured in "The Financial Times." WFWP is proud to have contributed in some small way to the growth and success of young, growing women leaders.

Another significant project was the "Your Peace Academy" in March and April. The program consisted of four meetings during which WFWP gave presentations based on the WFWP EUME educational curriculum, complemented by invited VIP speakers. Topics included personal growth as a basis for leadership, relationship challenges in family and society, conflict transformation, and small project design. In total, 12 young people attended the meeting, six of whom attended at least three sessions and received certificates of completion. Some of the participants were finalists in last year's speech competition.

Speech competitions and the Youth Peace Academy program have long provided opportunities to work with young professionals and a Global Women Peace Ambassador network, interacting with each other and contributing to youth programs.

WFWP SOUTH AFRICA

WFWP South Africa National President Mrs. Gwendoline Tshimbana participated in the 20th WFWP Annual European Women's Leadership Conference: "This was an opportunity to network and learn from those who have been doing this work longer."

The questions in mind were: "Why am I being allowed to attend the conference which has nothing to do with Africa? Why me? Is there anything to learn that will benefit South Africa or Southern Africa?" My pre-conference prayers were centered around these questions, but I was also completely grateful to be part of something so special. Something I had not deliberately sought out. The fact that the conference happened at a time when there was great pain in the Middle East as a result of the war between Israel and Palestine reassured me that there was a reason for my being there.

International Sisterhood

Prior to leaving for Cyprus, I was somehow in doubt that I would be able to travel due to the volatility of the situation in that region. I have to commend the leadership and organizers of the conference for their professionalism. The organization before and during was brilliant. I was never unsure what to expect, especially in areas within their control. I felt cared for in ways that sisters can make you feel. The atmosphere of the conference was always warm. We had a lot of interaction with each other. I have made connections that I believe are lasting. The composition of the delegates had an international feel.

My Impression

Diversity of the Group

The representation of diverse groups was impressive. The representation from the following groups gratified me: Youth, Cultural/Religious diversity, Political and Social, and Racial.

Caliber of Speakers

The First Lady of Cyprus, the former Minister of Justice (Cyprus), and the WFWP International President were some esteemed delegates. The speakers addressed issues that are currently affecting people around the world. The problems were not confined to Europe and the Middle East but were global issues. The central theme was how women are affected and have a stake in finding solutions in the

cultural, religious, political, and social spheres. I was specifically impressed by the work the older generation has done in advocacy at the highest level and how they do not give up despite the challenges. Some of the speakers are way beyond retirement age but are still fighting on out of concern for the future of the world they will leave behind for their children and grandchildren.

The Youth Speakers demonstrated a grasp of the challenges the world is facing, such as climate change, gender equality and women empowerment, education, and conflict resolution.

My Take from the Conference

- There is no issue that is regional. We live in a global village. The concerns of Europe and the Middle East are similar to those of South Africa / Southern Africa.
- Advocacy and grassroots work go hand in hand. It is vital to form partnerships to address the challenges we face as a country and as a global community.
- Impact is incremental: it is important to keep fighting for a positive change.
- The Youth are partners and not an afterthought. There are a lot of benefits in cross-learning for both young and old.
- I should tap into the knowledge and experience of those who have already done it (Networking is crucial).

This was a significant conference for me. I was a spectator in many respects but have learned a great deal. I pray and hope that I will be able to implement what I have learned so that the future of our country and region is impacted positively.

WFWP PARAGUAY

In February 2023, WFWP members made a special donation to “El Triunfo” (The Triumph), a folk dance group formed by young adults in the small town of Ezeiza, Buenos Aires province. WFWP first met the group in 2015 and, since 2017, began supporting their works through small seeds of donations provided by WFWP volunteers from Japan. WFWP was moved by the group’s story, especially the efforts of the group’s founder and music/folk dance teacher, Professor Silvia Olguin, who was motivated by a deep commitment to serving the community.

Prof. Olguin started a free dance class in a rural school in Ezeiza, bringing together children, adolescents, and young adults who were vulnerable due to complex family situations. She found a way to provide them with purpose and emotion in life. At one point, she had nearly 80 students dancing. The practice of folk dances gave them a certain discipline and helped them respect and honor their country’s traditions and history. In this way, she saved many young people from the streets. She continued on this compromise path for 35 years without a stable place to practice. Eventually, she formed a group called “El Triunfo.”

In 2017, WFWP asked Prof. Olguin why the dresses of the dancing children in the group were only black or white and grey. She answered that they had no money to

buy colored material for their folk gowns. It was sad to see children dancing native rhythms in black. Therefore, with the help of Japanese volunteer Mrs. Mieko Iketo, WFWP donated to buy colored material to make beautiful dresses. The children were so happy!

The group outgrew their native village and began to perform in other cities, gradually gaining recognition. Their dream was to perform at the Cosquin Folk Festival, a nationally renowned folk competition. They worked hard to save money for the trip and to showcase their craft. Again, they needed help as the children grew up, and dresses were in short supply. WFWP was able to make it by collecting other donations. Finally, representatives of the El Triunfo participated in the competition and performed very well on stage, winning four awards.

Prof. Olguin is truly grateful for the support of WFWP. Her health has deteriorated, and she is now unable to move from her chair. Still, with the help of her older students, she continues to offer classes to new dancers and always talks about the colored garments she obtained with the help of WFWP members.

WFWP NORTH AMERICA

Greetings from WFWP USA!

It's hard to believe it has been almost ten months since my appointment as President of WFWP USA. I am incredibly grateful for the amazing network of women we have supporting the great work of our organization! Perhaps my major takeaway from this year echoes a message we often hear from the founder of our organization, Co-founder of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, "Women have the magical power to create harmony and soften hearts."

Research consistently shows that when women actively participate in conflict resolution, the chances of achieving long-lasting stability significantly increase. As we navigate the complexities of our time, it is clear that our peacebuilding efforts are incomplete. Something is missing. And it is my belief that the woman's touch could be the missing piece in such efforts.

That's why the vision of our organization is so crucial at this time! WFWP programs provide opportunities to discover what it means to be a woman who is empowered in her journey of womanhood, family, and leadership.

We've done so much this year to amplify the woman's role in peacebuilding that I'm incredibly proud of, such as:

- Revitalizing WFWP's Bridge of Peace: Featuring a new educational component for all bridge crossers on Co-founder of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's peace philosophy for reconciliation
- Launching Wholehearted: A brand new educational series focusing on discovering the essence of womanhood throug the Co-founder of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's memoir
- Ushering in a New Wave of Next Gen. Leadership: Over 40 "next generation" women are now active in WFWP and are developing fresh and exciting ideas

Our 2023 achievements are just the beginning! Momentum is building for an even more exciting year in 2024 with an emphasis on building local small groups to support women and projects to bring together women leaders and address the needs of our communities.

We are sincerely grateful for the support of our International Headquarters and sister chapters around the world.

Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt, President of WFWP USA and International Vice President of North America

OVERVIEW OF THE 2023 WFWPI FUNDING PROJECTS

***Total WFWPI funds provided to WFWP Chapters from WFWP Korea:* USD 21,314.**

Albania | Youth Public Speaking Competition "The Family I Want"

The Youth Public Speaking Competition is an annual WFWP project already known by many in Albania. This year's theme was "The Family I Want." The project attracted many young talents and promoted the movement as a promoter of constructive social values. This year, 11 finalists were selected, each presenting ways to better impact society and strengthen family values in Albania. The contest was promoted on the national TV station RTSH and later reported on Radio "Ejani." The project is well-followed on social media by young people, especially women and girls.

Australia | GWPN Assembly & Leading into the Future mentor program

WFWP Australia hosted the Global Women Peace Network around the theme of “Resilience in Leadership and Fostering a Culture of Compassion.” It was a forum of transformative leadership for established and emerging leaders, with a focus on leadership of the heart. The program included the Global Women Peace Ambassador Award and Global Partner Award. This networking event served as a reminder of the importance of WFWP’s work and how women can collectively contribute to creating a better society through femininity and compassionate hearts.

Burkina Faso | Girl Child Empowerment Project

WFWP Burkina Faso organized the “Girl child empowerment project” training conference for young girls in several high schools. Each session was participated by 80-350 students and school administrators. This year not only girls but boys also participated in the education.

There were three presenters: Mrs. Sou Jacqueline the first presenter developed character education as a theme based on siblings’ love, which is the basis of the brother-sister relationship. Mrs. Kabore Aimée the second presenter’s theme was the “Absolute sex” saying, “In the practice of sibling love, you cannot talk about sex. One prepares to enter into conjugal love; so, at school there should be no sex-related relationships during brotherly love and continue to love each other as brother and sister.” Finally, Ms. Kabore Kwang Hee Divine developed the talk on the theme “My Future in My Hands.” The objective of this education is to improve morality and raise self esteem of the students while empowering them to have a vision and clear goals as they study. The students were very enthusiastic and they requested if WFWP can offer such presentations regularly to support their education.

Each session was attended by the shool principal, supervisor and the President of the Pupils’ Parents Association. They promised to work with WFWP to make the schools a better place for all children who come there to learn.

Haiti | Sewing and Computer classes for vocational training & free charging service for non-electrified areas

WFWP Haiti organized the sewing and computer classes for women in the rural area. The students were able to develop their sewing skills and are truly grateful for this project. Although it will require a little more practice, many students said they would like to open their own businesses in the future. Some of last year's students have already started their own businesses and are making a living.

In 2022 sewing machine class, which was held as an effective use of the literacy class in Milagoan that was opened in 2018 with the support of WFWPI, was very well received by the local people, so WFWP held the sewing machine class again to help local residents make a living. Additionally, by installing a solar power generation system, we provided charging services that support the lives of local residents. Charging smartphones, which are now indispensable in daily life, and charging computers, which help students improve their academic abilities, played a very important role in non-electrified areas.

This year 20 participants attended the sewing classes from Monday to Friday from March to June. Course content included lecture on the process of making clothes (measuring methods, how to make patterns, etc.), hand sewing practice (basting, buttonholes), sewing machine sewing practice (treadle sewing machine), creating patterns, sewing stop practice, fabric cutting, create and submit their own graduation work. There were 10 people who have submitted their graduation works and completed the entire process.

Dominican Republic | OPPORTUNITY 14/24

WFWP Dominican Republic participated in the government campaign "Opportunities 14/24" by providing character education on family values to youth counselors and students in the Armed Forces and National Police Vocational School from March to June. Teachers and students each participated three times, for a total of about 40 participants. As this is a government initiative, it may be expanded to other regions in the future.

Kenya | Green Solar Energy for the African Villages

WFWP Kenya hosted a Green Solar Energy Project in the village of Amboseli, donating solar lamps, laundry soap, and ironing sheets to young mothers ages 17 to 30. The program also provided education on family values and health. This project was done in partnership with Dr. Edna Lenk, First Lady of Cajado County, who was so impressed with this initiative that she wanted to partner further, especially in providing educational workshops and seminars for the African population.

Philippines | Women Leaders Conference – Raising Awareness of the Role of Women Leaders as GWPN Partners on Solving Societal Problems

WFWP Philippines held Global Women's Peace Network meetings in different regions of the Philippines from March to October. About 100 women leaders attended each meeting, including the Batasan Women Union of Leaders and KALIPI Quezon City. The GWPN project culminated in WFWP's 31st-anniversary celebration, which awarded Global Women Peace Ambassadors and Global Partners. More than 50% of the actual participants joined the GWPN Friends.

Rwanda | New Hope Professional Training Center Tailoring Workshop Equipment

New Hope Professional Training Center in Rwanda has launched a tailor internship training to provide women and girls with new skills. WFWP Rwanda believes that with the new equipment, more students will be able to develop to get new jobs in the community around them.

South Africa | Mmangwana Mobile Library: Literacy and Numeracy

From March to October WFWP South Africa held the literacy classes for children to improve the literacy and numeracy of learners and foster excitement to learn and build their confidence and encourage them to take responsibility for their learning. Total of 136 children registered and average 38 learners attended per each session.

WFWP provided extra lessons targeted at reading and numeracy for mainly basic level learners. These lessons take place on Saturday from 9am to 1pm providing a safe and nurturing environment for children. They are encourage to learn by making mistakes so as to encourage them to come out of their shells, and it gradually growing in confidence. Everyone could see the drastic improvement in their learning and confidence, especially in those that are regularly attending classes. At the beginning, most of this children would not volunteer to stand in from of the class and read, but now they compete to do just that.

It was inspiring to see how 7 years old Khuma reading "Thank you" speech at the closing ceremony representing all the learners. It is seeing this progress and the appreciation of the work WFWP does that makes us realize that we are truly making a difference.

Faith Monageng, a representative of the parents, also gave a speech encouraging WFWP to continue with our work because of the impact they as parents see in their children.

WFWPI 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Embracing Change, Gratitude, and Leadership Continuity

In February 2023, the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) announced a leadership change, bidding farewell to our International President and Senior Vice President. Excitement filled the air for the organization's new direction. On March 10, WFWPI hosted a virtual Presidential Transition Ceremony with 783 attendees on Zoom and YouTube. Despite the online setting, the event radiated warmth as old friends gathered to welcome the incoming president and bid farewell to the outgoing leaders.

The ceremony featured acknowledgements for Dr. Julia Moon and Dr. Sun Jin Moon, followed by the introduction of the new International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori. Mrs. Kefilwe Lebepe, the event's moderator, initiated the proceedings, giving the floor to International Secretary General Dr. Paris Moon. Dr. Moon expressed gratitude to the outgoing leaders for their years of dedicated service.

A special video with messages from WFWP leaders to the former International President and Senior Vice President added a heartfelt touch. Dr. Julia Moon gave a tearful final address, thanking everyone for their beautiful hearts and acknowledging the co-founders for the opportunity to work with the WFWP community.

To showcase achievements during the tenures of Dr. Julia Moon and Dr. Sun Jin Moon, WFWP IHQ prepared a video highlighting their international NGO works. The video brought tears to many participants' eyes, and the acknowledgment program concluded with entertainment by WFWPI Young Professionals from Argentina and the Philippines, singing a cover of "Imagine."

The next segment welcomed and introduced the new International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori. Mrs. Hori expressed gratitude to the former presidents for building a strong foundation during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic. She pledged to follow in their footsteps, emphasizing the power of WFWP's global community in contributing to world peace.

A performance by WFWPI Young Professionals from the UK, singing "Hand in Hand" while presenting WFWP worldwide activities on the screen, marked the welcome for the new president. The program united hearts and energies to support the co-founders' vision for peace.

The ceremony concluded with expressions of appreciation from several audience representatives. The chat box overflowed with messages of love and gratitude for Dr. Julia Moon and Dr. Sun Jin Moon, along with warm welcomes for Mrs. Moriko Hori. The collective delight and motivation resonated, reinforcing the commitment to continue WFWP's impactful work worldwide and contribute to peace in families, communities, and the world.

Acknowledgment of the leadership transition within the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI).

Expressing gratitude to outgoing leaders, Dr. Julia Moon and Dr. Sun Jin Moon, for their dedicated service and contributions.

Dr. Julia Moon's Impact:
Dr. Julia Moon has served as International President since 2019, developing administrative support for WFWP leaders and members to interact and communicate from the grassroots level to a higher level, creating an international platform for the organization. In 2019, she co-organized in collaboration with the Universal Peace Federation and the Office of the First Lady of Palau the "Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit 2019-Palau," bringing together current and former First Ladies from around the world to affirm and uplift the role of First Ladies in contributing to peace and development. She has also created the WFWPI Global Committee and the WFWPI Virtual Café, a collaborative networking system for WFWP senior leaders, junior leaders and members that serves to build understanding by sharing knowledge, resources and strategies based on research and surveys. One of her successful accomplishments was the establishment of the Young Professionals Team, an international-level creative think tank that brainstormed, developed and proposed goals and directions for WFWPI. She also focused on maximizing metaverse and IT operations, making free education available to leaders and members, and opening the door to educational programs such as WFWPI webinars on women's entrepreneurship, peace and reconciliation and personal development. Topics included photography, videography, flower arranging, healing and meditation, business accelerators, finance and budgeting, digital arts, social network marketing and NFT. Finally, she has launched a funding project to support grassroots projects around the country in the areas of women's empowerment, authentic family values, climate change action and youth leadership.

Dr. Sun Jin Moon's impact:

Dr. Sun Jin Moon has served as WFWPI's International Senior Vice President since 2020, and with her passionate and powerful leadership, she has united the leadership and membership of WFWPI around the vision of its co-founders. She is particularly focused on climate action and education initiatives. In 2020, she launched the Giving for Good project that aims to conserve the Earth and all life through outreach, humanitarian aid and circular fashion. The initial inspiration for GFGI came at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, as she was reflecting on how to generate funds for WFWPI, while also responding to the co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's deep heart for environmental sustainability. While watching an episode of "Tidying Up With Marie Kondo," she was taken aback by the 80 trash bags that were accumulated from tidying up a single home. She then felt called to research what happens to the trash bags full of clothes. To her surprise, research showed that 60 percent of clothes doomed for landfills are made of non-biodegradable materials. In an effort to mitigate the carbon dioxide emissions from the trash bags filled with clothes, she was inspired to promote circular fashion as a way to decrease one's own carbon footprint.

Celebrating 31 Years of Togetherness: A Virtual Triumph for WFWPI

In a momentous celebration of three decades of dedication, unity, and global impact, the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) commemorated its 31st anniversary with a memorable virtual event on April 15. The online gathering, hosted on Zoom and YouTube, drew participation from approximately 650 leaders, members, and esteemed guests representing diverse corners of the world.

Event Highlights:
Dynamic Moderators: Steering the event with finesse were Ms. Christine Bulayo, Regional Secretary General of WFWP Asia Pacific 1, and Mrs. Grace Kisile, International Administrator of WFWPI UN HQ in New York.

Opening Expressions: Mrs. Moriko Hori, WFWPI President, and Dr. Paris Moon, WFWPI Secretary General, initiated the ceremony with heartfelt gratitude. They thanked the unwavering volunteers whose tireless efforts drive the realization of the vision of peace, encompassing women and youth education, fostering better family environments, and contributing to global peace.

Global Well-Wishes: Distinguished guests graced the occasion with their congratulations, including the Former First Lady of Paraguay - Mme. Emilia Alfaro de Franco; Former Member of the Ontario Parliament, Canada - Dr. Margaret Best; Councilwoman in the USA - Mme. Christine Ellis; and Sub-Director, Prime Minister's Office Yaounde in Cameroon - Mme. Comfort Teichim Jack epse Ngum Chia.

Cultural Enrichment: WFWP Eurasia contributed a cultural element to the celebration with a special performance by the "Angels of Peace" children's dance troop. Their presentation featured Russian traditional dance and song, adding a delightful touch to the event.

Interactive Engagement: Participants were not mere spectators; they actively engaged in small group sessions, providing a personal touch to the event. These interactions allowed for warm greetings and congratulations to be exchanged, fostering connections among participants despite differences in language and culture.

Creative Chapter Contributions: A highlight of the celebration was a video showcasing the creativity of over 20 national chapters. Through dance, song, and heartfelt messages, these chapters expressed their congratulations, demonstrating the rich diversity within the WFWPI global family.

Recognition of Volunteers: The second part of the event was dedicated to acknowledging outstanding volunteers with the WFWPI Outstanding Volunteer Award. Launched in 2021, this award recognizes the remarkable contributions of volunteers worldwide. Their dedication, time, power, and skills have played a vital role in WFWPI's development and its recognition as an NGO in General Consultative Status with the UN. Volunteers with 30, 25, 20, and 10 years of service were honored, with Mrs. Gloria Dantas from Argentina, Mrs. Brigitte Wada from France, Mrs. Yumiko Teves from the Philippines, and Mrs. Gwendoline Tshimbana from South Africa sharing their impactful experiences.

Musical Finale and Legacy Reflection: The event concluded on a high note with celebratory music by the Young Professionals Band of WFWP Europe inTune, who performed the uplifting "Air." A poignant video showcased pictures of WFWP's past activities, reinforcing the organization's rich legacy and inspiring all participants to recommit themselves to the common goal of peace.

Success and Gratitude:
The "31 Years of Togetherness'' commemoration emerged as a resounding success, rekindling the commitment of participants to collaborative efforts for a world of peace. As WFWPI IHQ extends heartfelt thanks to its leaders, members, volunteers, and supporters, this annual report captures the enduring spirit, achievements, and global impact of WFWPI. Through the collective efforts of its global community, WFWPI continues to make a positive and transformative difference in the world every day, bringing humanity closer to a future defined by peace.

WFWPI General Assembly and Launch of WFWP President Emerita

1.New Leadership Unveiled:
The assembly marked the inaugural General Assembly under the leadership of WFWPI President, Mrs. Moriko Hori.

Open to WFWP leaders, members, and guests, the event brought together 871 participants via Zoom and YouTube.
Interpretation services were provided in Korean, Japanese, French, Spanish, Ukrainian, Portuguese, and Mandarin.

2. Opening and Welcoming Remarks:
Mrs. Andrea Fayad, WFWP Latin America Regional Secretary, and WFWP Colombia National President, kicked off the event with enthusiasm.
Dr. Paris Moon, WFWP International Secretary General, emphasized a collective journey towards making the world a better place.

3.President Moriko Hori's Vision:
President Hori highlighted WFWP's achievements over 30 years and outlined plans for the next stage of organizational enhancement.
Urged innovation to align with evolving times and emphasized WFWP's role in leading global peace efforts, especially in educating women and mothers.

4.Special Announcements:
WFWPI appointed two Presidents Emerita to honor former International Presidents: Dr. Lan Young Moon and Dr. Yeon Ah Moon.
Dr. Lan Young Moon expressed her honor and commitment to supporting the organization's future endeavors.
Dr. Yeon Ah Moon, in a video message, pledged cooperation and highlighted WFWP's core strength in embracing marginalized communities with motherly love.

5.Code of Conduct Pledge:
An important announcement from WFWPI HQ suggested that all National Board members, District Advisory Committee members, and WFWP chapter employees sign the Code of Conduct Pledge before taking office.

6.Best Practices Showcase:
Five presentations highlighted successful projects:

- Mrs. Winnie Chao shared insights from the Global Women Entrepreneurs' Peace Alliance in Taiwan.
- Mrs. Risa Smart discussed a microcredit project supporting local women entrepreneurs in Nigeria.
- Mrs. Brigitte Wada showcased educational webinars by WFWP France in collaboration with influential women speakers.
- The Giving for Good International Project demonstrated the impact of small donations on global environmental initiatives.
- Ms. Mihwa Belliard Okazaki shared experiences from the WFWPI Funding project "Opportunities 14/24" in the Dominican Republic.

7.Interactive Breakout Session:
A 15-minute "Meet and Greet" allowed participants to engage in small groups, fostering personal connections and sharing experiences.

8.Surprise Birthday Celebration:
A heartwarming moment featured a surprise birthday party for President Moriko Hori, with global leaders expressing congratulations and gratitude.

9.Participant Reflection:
Reflecting on the assembly, a participant noted, "The WFWPI General Assembly gets better with each passing year," crediting strong leadership and a shared commitment to a peaceful world.

In summary, the General Assembly showcased a dynamic blend of leadership transitions, strategic announcements, best practices, and interactive sessions, reaffirming WFWP's dedication to advancing peace and empowering women globally.

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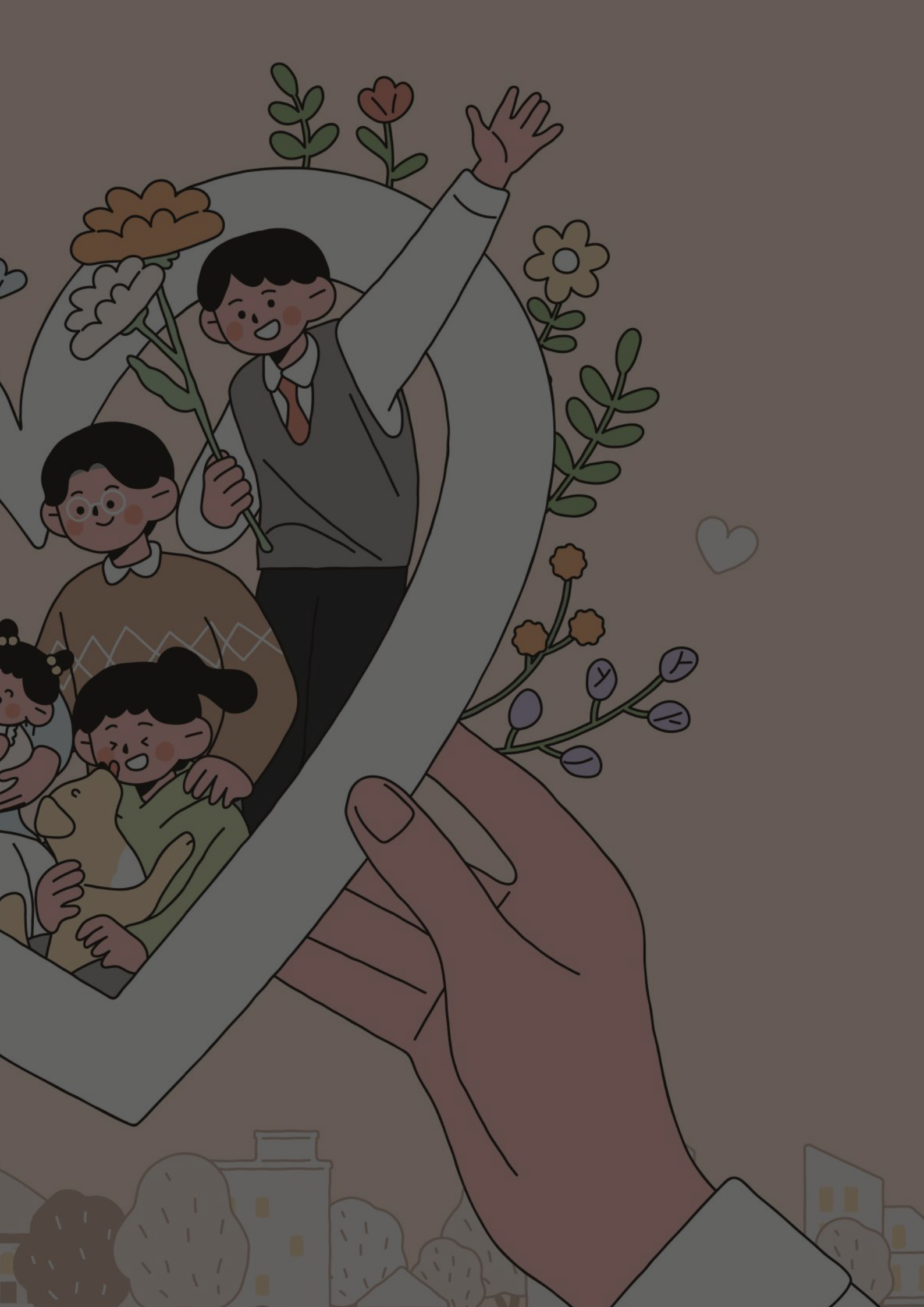

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