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FOR WORLD PEACE INTERNATIONAL

WFWPI ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2024

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the activities, achievements and financial status of the Women's Federation for World Peace International for the year 2024. As an international NGO with UN ECOSOC status, the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWP IHQ) is dedicated to fostering a global community united by shared values and visions. Each year, we establish global themes that align the hearts of WFWP leaders and members with the vision of our Co-founders. These themes guide our events, programs and campaigns at both international and regional levels.

This report presents a comprehensive overview of WFWP International's activities, achievements and financial status for the year 2024. It highlights our commitment to the global themes of Women, Peace and Security; Women Leadership through the Global Women's Peace Network; and Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability. Additionally, we showcase key achievements from our initiatives and share inspiring testimonies from our dedicated volunteers, whose efforts continue to drive our mission forward.

As we reflect on the past year, we remain steadfast in our resolve to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to empower women worldwide. Together, we are building a more peaceful and sustainable future for all.

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.

OUR VISION

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

2024 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 2024:

- Women Peace and Security
- Women Leadership through the Global Women's Peace Network
- Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability

WFWP GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND AID

Since 2021, WFWP International has unified its international and domestic humanitarian aid initiatives under a single, cohesive brand: "WFWP Global Development and Aid." This strategic rebranding reflects WFWPI's commitment to enhancing its global presence and effectiveness. By adopting this name, the organization aims to elevate its impact, expand its reach and continue delivering exceptional services and support to communities worldwide.

FOREWORD

Dear Esteemed Leaders, Members, Sponsors and Friends of WFWPI,

Warmest greetings!
As we ring in the new year, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a joyous and meaningful time with your loved ones. May your celebrations be filled with love, laughter and cherished moments.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of this remarkable year, we are deeply grateful for your steadfast support, generosity and shared commitment to our mission. Your dedication has been the cornerstone of WFWPI's efforts to bring hope, opportunity and happiness to countless families and communities across the globe.

Your partnership inspires us to continue striving for a brighter, more peaceful world. Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.

This year, together with you, we've reached extraordinary milestones:

- Commemorated 30 years of service by the 1,600 Japanese pioneer volunteers who were sent to 160 countries in 1994.
- Funding of eight impactful national projects through the 5th WFWPI Funding Project, sponsored by WFWP Korea.
- Empowered families through education by offering training webinars in each WFWP region, with a special focus on women and youth.
- Partnered with Jordan's Ministry of Culture and Social Development in training 25 women as "Health Ambassadors," advocating for health and disseminating essential health information.
- Promoted early literacy in South Africa, distributing over 2,000 free books to children in collaboration with ChangeX and BookDash and supporting 100 educators, caregivers and 20 institutions.
- Advocated for Korean reunification with a 21-day campaign and digital "Bridge of Peace" symposium in partnership with TUP-CLA.
- Honored Dr. Julia H. Moon as President Emerita for her exemplary contributions and leadership.
- Commemorated the 21st Annual Women's Leadership Conference in Poland, where women shared insights on peace education, interfaith peacebuilding and the role of young women in creating social change.
- Launched the first WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2024, promoting environmental awareness, empowering women and cultivating future leaders.
- Launched the Global Women's Peace Network in South Africa, uniting women and NGOs in grassroots peacebuilding initiatives.
- Held the WFWPI in-person leaders meeting in Korea after four years, strengthening bonds and enhancing communication.
- Initiated the virtual program "Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World," fostering global collaboration and shared learning.
- Hosted bi-monthly networking gatherings such as the Global Committee Meetings and WFWPI Virtual Cafes.
- Restructured the international office to enhance efficiency, communication and collaboration between headquarters and field offices.
- Appointed three Vice Presidents and 10 Regional Presidents to ensure efficient management and leadership.

- Launched the Young Global Women Peace Ambassadors Leadership Program.
- Hosted internship programs for high schools and young professionals.
- Enlisted as Host Collaborator with IREX's Community Solutions Fellowship Program in partnership with the US Department of State.
- Provided scholarships to five Municipal Agriculturists, two farmers and two student youth leaders from Carmen, Bohol, Philippines to attend the University of Philippines Open University Permaculture Systems Design Thinking course.
- Completed the construction of the Asia Pacific Peace Education Center, a permaculture education center and demo farm In Carmen, Bohol, Philippines.

These achievements are more than milestones; they remind us of the incredible impact we can make when united by a shared vision. Every project, big or small, sparks ripples of change, strengthening communities and transforming lives.
As we look ahead to 2025, I am filled with hope and excitement for the opportunities to come. Let us continue spreading peace, love and hope, working together to build a brighter, more harmonious world for all.

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. May this holiday season bring joy and may the New Year bless you and your families with peace, health and success.

Sincerely,

Moriko Hori, President

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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP

In the past year, our organization has made significant strides in advancing women's empowerment and leadership. Through targeted initiatives, collaborative partnerships and impactful programs, we have worked to create opportunities that enable women to realize their potential, overcome systemic barriers and assume leadership roles across diverse sectors. These achievements are a testament to our commitment to fostering gender equity, amplifying women's voices and driving transformative change in communities.

Africa

Empowering Mothers Through Sewing: Progress in WFWP Zambia's Training Project (SDG 5, 8, 2, 10)

The Sewing Class Training Project for mothers of malnourished children made significant strides in July with participants advancing beyond basic skills to successfully sew simple baby dresses. Six women attended the 12-day training sessions, which fostered both skill development and community collaboration. Notably, three women who completed the previous training returned to assist as mentors, enhancing the learning experience for new trainees. This initiative highlights WFWP's commitment to empowering women with practical skills that can improve their families' well-being and support their path toward economic independence.

- ***Skill Advancement: Participants progressed from basic sewing knowledge to producing wearable clothing.***
- ***Community Involvement: The involvement of former trainees as mentors reinforced community support and collaboration.***
- ***Self-Esteem Boost: The successful completion of projects enhanced the participants' self-confidence and resilience.***

Empowering Widows Through Support and Unity: Launch of WFWP Kenya's Widows of Hope Forum (SDG 5, 10, 16, 4)

On June 15, WFWP Kenya hosted the inaugural Widows of Hope Forum, bringing together 25 widows to address the significant challenges they faced after the loss of their husbands, including cultural discrimination that often results in the loss of homes and land. The forum provided a supportive platform for participants to share experiences, receive psychological and legal support, as well as learn about WFWP's mission and vision. Many attendees expressed gratitude for the initiative, registering as Associate Members of WFWP Kenya and voicing hope for their families' futures through character education and mentorship programs for their children. This forum marks the beginning of a broader effort to empower widows across Kenya, with plans to expand outreach and introduce educational activities for their children to foster resilience and growth.

- ***25** widows gained access to legal and emotional support resources.*
- *Interest in character education programs for children increased by **80%** based on participant survey.*
- *Plans for follow-up outreach to an additional **100** widows in 2024.*

Europe

Women and Youth United for a Resilient and Sustainable Future: WFWPI Vienna Meet-and-Greet (SDG 3, 6, 5, 16, 17)

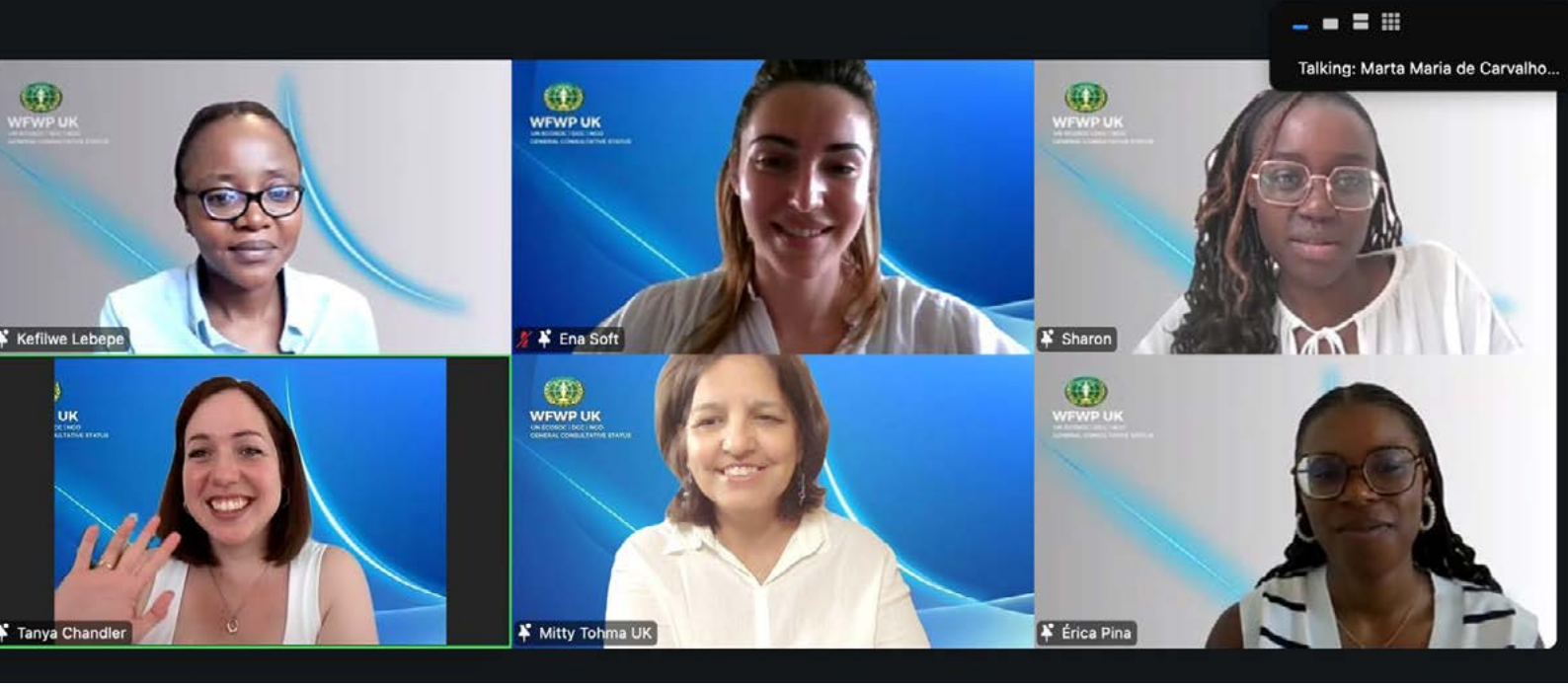
On April 16, the WFWPI Office for UN Relations in Vienna hosted a dynamic meet-and-greet event under the theme "Women & Youth Working Together For A More Resilient & Sustainable Future," featuring inspiring leaders from diverse backgrounds. Mrs. Carolyn Moser-Handschin, Director of WFWPI UN Relations, opened the event, emphasizing the importance of collaboration. Speakers included UN representatives, youth advocates and community leaders such as Ms. Rachel Tamayo, who discussed positive psychology linked to UN SDG 3and Ms. Claire Hernando from the Philippines, who shared her desalination project addressing water scarcity. Other speakers highlighted initiatives ranging from peacebuilding and environmental conservation to resilience programs for domestic abuse survivors. Mr. Paul Mburu of Kenya discussed his mentorship work promoting drug-free lifestyles across Africa. The event underscored the crucial role of women and youth in achieving sustainable development and inspired attendees to continue working toward global resilience and progress.

- ***Global Participation: 70 attendees from 15 countries engaged in discussions and shared best practices.***
- ***Youth Empowerment: Approximately 40% youth participants aged 15-30 years***
- ***Community Reach: Collectively, projects presented at the event impacted 10,000+ individuals through advocacy, training and education.***

Strengthening Bonds Across Borders: WFWP Austria, Slovakia And Hungary Joint Conference (SDG 5, 4, 16, 17)

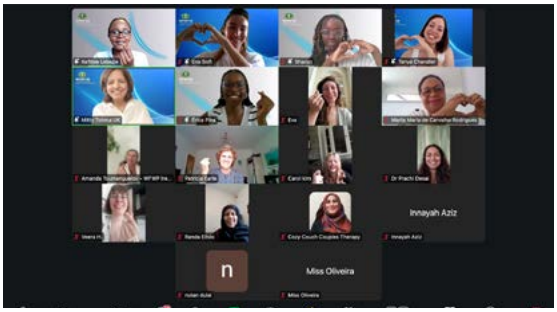
On May 21, nearly 60 women from Austria, Hungaryand Slovakia gathered in Budapest for a joint conference titled “The World is Yearning for Feminine Character,” attracting over 100 attendees. Despite a rainy start, participants were warmly welcomed and began the day with a shared lunch. The conference featured inspiring sessions on character education and the role of women in building a peaceful society, with notable speakers such as Mrs. Renate Amesbauer of WFWP Austria and PhDr Anna Galovicova, who highlighted themes of identity, spirituality and harmony. Musical interludes and cultural performances enriched the event, which also celebrated WFWP’s 32nd anniversary with a traditional Hungarian dinner and a celebratory cake. The gathering concluded with a sightseeing tour of Budapest, fostering deeper connections among participants from 22 national backgrounds. The event reinforced the importance of unity, education and the feminine principle in creating a peaceful, interconnected world.

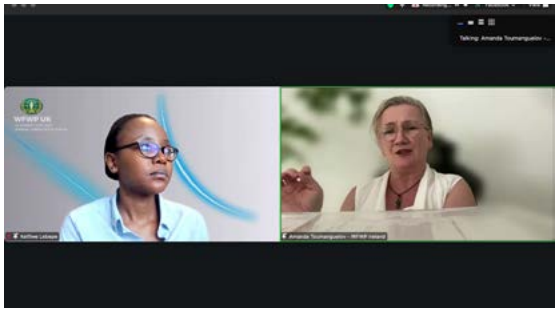
- ***Regional Collaboration: Strengthened partnerships between WFWP Austria, Slovakia And Hungary.***
- ***Cultural Exchange: Participants from 22 countries fostered connections and cultural understanding.***
- ***Positive Feedback: 95% of attendees reported feeling inspired and enriched by the conference content.***



Leadership of the Heart: WFWP's Empowering Taster Session for Women Leaders (SDG 5, 4, 10, 16)

On a bright and energetic day, over 20 women gathered for WFWP's first "Leadership of the Heart" taster session, designed to empower participants with insights on compassionate leadership, service and communication. The session, led by Kefilwe Lebepe, Leader of the Young Professionals of WFWP International, began with an inspiring welcome, followed by WFWP UK and Europe President, Mitty Tohma's encouragement to embrace this leadership journey. Social Media Manager, Tanya Chandler, emphasized the importance of empathy, authenticity and spiritual reflection in leadership, guiding participants through a meditation exercise to explore their inner strengths. Sharon Kabubi, Co-Chair of the Young Women's Speech Contest UK, discussed self-worth and the transformative power of self-love and self-awareness, while Ena Softic, WFWP UK Board Member, highlighted emotional maturity, vulnerability and overcoming imposter syndrome. The session concluded with reflections and an announcement about the upcoming full training program, leaving participants inspired and united in their commitment to lead with heart and purpose.

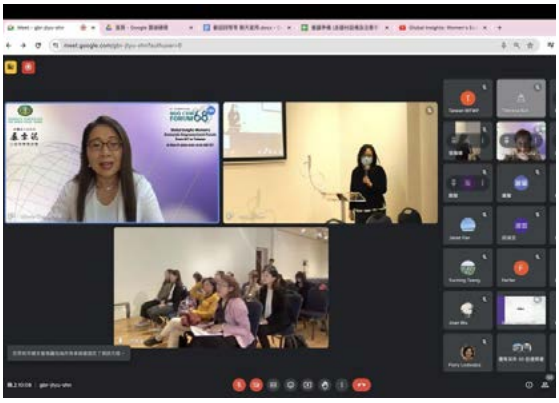




Japan and Taiwan

Global Insights on Women's Economic Empowerment: Highlights from WFWP Taiwan's NGO CSW68 Parallel Event (SDG 5, 8, 17)

On March 15, WFWP Taiwan hosted a hybrid parallel event during the NGO CSW68 Forum in New York, under the theme "Global Insight: Women's Economic Empowerment Forum from NY to Taiwan." Held both online and in person, the forum was led by Ms. Ya-Ching Chang, a young leader from Taiwan's Young Women Empowerment Program. Featuring expert speakers from academia and NGOs across Taiwan and the U.S., discussions centered on digital transformation in the labor market, policies for work-family balance and support for human trafficking survivors. The event attracted 85 participants from over 10 countries, with 90% praising its engaging content. Attendees requested follow-up presentations, prompting plans for quarterly webinars and collaborations with additional international organizations. The forum showcased WFWP Taiwan's leadership in advocating for women's economic empowerment and reinforced the importance of global partnerships in addressing economic equity and vulnerability.



Empowering Youth Through Performing Arts: Highlights from WFWP Taiwan's NGO CSW68 Parallel Event (SDG 4, 10, 17)

On March 15, WFWP Taiwan hosted its second NGO CSW68 parallel event at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York, themed "Empowering Economically Disadvantaged Kids Through Education – Performing Arts Education." The event, led by UN Representative, Juliesette Hatulan, featured global speakers who shared insights on how storytelling and dance can build confidence, foster teamwork and empower children to discover their self-worth. Highlights included discussions on dismantling stereotypes through storytelling, the benefits of dance for emotional resilience and a presentation of Taiwan's "Dance Limit" program, which inspired calls to replicate the initiative globally. With 55 attendees from over 10 countries and enthusiastic feedback—particularly from a UN forum veteran—the event reinforced the importance of arts education in shaping future leaders. Plans for youth-centered workshops and cross-cultural collaborations are set to expand the program's impact further.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Honoring Women Leaders for Peace and Change: WFWP Celebration in Acacías, Meta (SDG: 5, 16, 17, 13)

On November 23, WFWP Colombia held a heartfelt celebration in Acacías, Meta, to honor extraordinary women for their dedication to peace, service and leadership in fields such as culture, social work, environmental advocacy and human rights. Notable attendees included WFWP Meta Director, Mery Salcedo, along with social, environmental and cultural leaders such as Anleyzig Espinosa, Doris Parrado and Indigenous leader Adela Vargas. A highlight of the event was the introduction of the Global Women's Peace Ambassadors, a network fostering harmony and reconciliation across borders. The ceremony also welcomed Granja Regenerativa SuperNova as a new Global Partner, with Founders Adriana Median and Jordan Martinez presenting their work in regenerative farming and community education. The program featured cultural performances, heartfelt speeches and a collective call to action, reaffirming the vital role of women as peacebuilders. Attendees left inspired, united in their commitment to create a more harmonious and sustainable future.

Middle East and North Africa

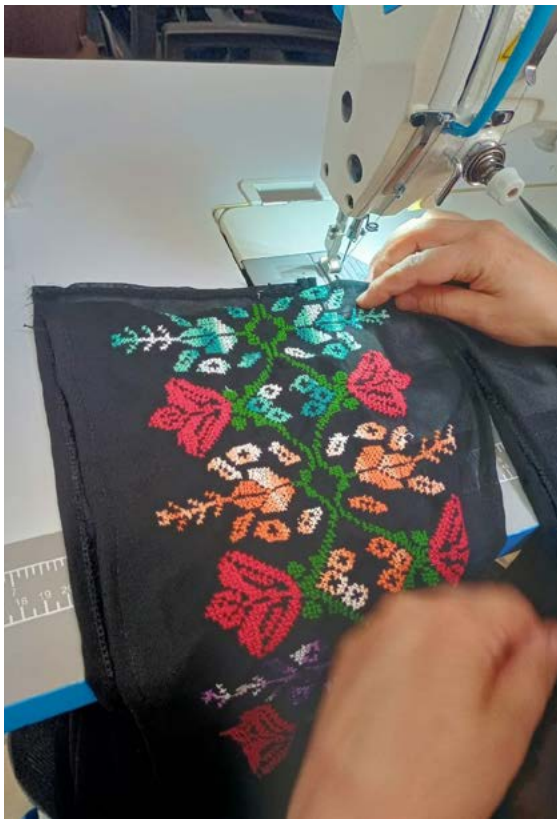
Celebrating Women's Leadership and Collaboration: WFWP Lebanon's Mother's Day & International Women's Day Event (SDG 5, 16)

On March 21, WFWP Lebanon hosted an inspiring event to celebrate Mother's Day and International Women's Day, bringing together 10 influential women leaders, including former ministers, NGO founders and leaders affiliated with UNIFIL, to foster meaningful dialogue and connections. The gathering featured an introduction by Mrs. Hermine Schellen, who highlighted WFWP's global mission and the vision of its Co-founders. During the discussion session, participants shared perspectives on Lebanon's societal challenges and explored collaborative solutions, emphasizing women's crucial role in social change. The event concluded with a celebratory dinner, where attendees reflected on the importance of unity and future cooperation. With 100% of participants expressing appreciation and potential projects identified, the event successfully strengthened leadership networks and introduced two new attendees to WFWP's initiatives. A follow-up meeting is planned to develop community outreach and formalize project ideas, reinforcing WFWP Lebanon's commitment to empowering women and fostering societal progress.

WFWP Jordan Empowers Women with Sweets Preparation Training Course (SDG 5, 8, 10)

In May, WFWP Jordan hosted a sweets preparation training course aimed to equip women with the skills to create desserts for personal enjoyment or to use as a stepping stone for starting small businesses. The week-long course featured six interactive sessions covering essential baking tools, basic and advanced dessert recipes and key techniques for crafting cakes, cookies and biscuits. Women from diverse social backgrounds participated, fostering a collaborative environment where they shared experiences and honed their culinary creativity. By building self-confidence and encouraging innovation, the program empowered participants to explore self-employment opportunities and improve their economic prospects, reinforcing WFWP Jordan's mission to support women's personal and professional growth.

- ***96%** of participants expressed increased confidence in their ability to prepare desserts independently.*
- ***90%** felt motivated to explore self-employment opportunities.*



Empowering Women Through Sewing: WFWP Jordan's Skill Development Course (SDG 5, 8, 10)

In May, WFWP Jordan held a sewing course aimed at equipping women with practical and advanced sewing skills for personal use or income generation. The one to two-week program included 5-6 sessions per week, covering essential topics such as threading needles, operating sewing machines, cutting fabric and even progressing to advanced techniques such as embroidery and garment detailing. Women of various age groups and backgrounds participated, fostering a collaborative and supportive environment. By the end of the course, participants completed both simple and intricate sewing projects, boosting their confidence and creativity. This initiative underscores WFWP Jordan's commitment to empowering women by enhancing their skills and economic opportunities, contributing to their personal and professional growth.

Celebrating Culture and Education: Opening Ceremony of WFWP Afghan Cultural Center (SDG 4, 5, 10, 17)

The opening ceremony of the WFWP Afghan Cultural Center marked the start of the 2024 semester with an inspiring gathering of students, teachers and Japanese WFWP supporters, including WFWP Afghanistan, President Marilyn Angelucci, who delivered a speech translated into Farsi by the center's Afghan staff member, Ms. Muzhgan. The event began with a Quran recitation by the sewing teacher, followed by teacher and student introductions and a captivating traditional Qarsak dance performance. Attendees enjoyed photos, videos and a shared meal, fostering community spirit. This semester welcomed 30 new students enrolled in courses on beauty, computers, sewing and English. The center's commitment to empowering women was further reinforced through a two-day workshop led by Mrs. Angelucci, which engaged staff and older students in meaningful learning. The celebration highlighted WFWP's mission of fostering harmony, independenceand personal growth through education and cultural preservation.

"As a new student, I am very thankful to WFWP for standing with women and helping us become the best we can be."

North America

Celebrating Resilience and Unity: WFWP Canada's 18th Annual International Women's Day Event (SDG 5)

The 18th annual International Women's Day celebration hosted by WFWP Canada on March 23 was a dynamic hybrid event that brought together 66 participants, offering an engaging platform for education, networking and empowerment. The event featured French interpretation and highlighted inspiring stories of resilience and leadership. Keynote speaker, Ms. Asma Mahmood, Artistic Director of the Canadian Community Arts Initiative, shared her journey as a pioneer for South Asian artists, while Ms. Atiyah Ahsan from Zonta Club International emphasized efforts to combat violence and close the gender gap. Ms. Yulia Tarasova shared heartfelt insights on belonging and cultural heritage. The celebration also included the presentation of the "Herstory" Award to Mrs. Lindsay Hampton for her global contributions to vision care and advocacy. With vibrant cultural performances, thought-provoking discussions and networking opportunities, the event reinforced WFWP Canada's commitment to fostering unity, advocating for gender equality and creating inclusive spaces for women's voices and achievements.

- ***Knowledge Sharing: 90% of participants reported gaining valuable insights on advocacy and leadership.***
- ***Community Building: Participants formed five new partnerships aimed at supporting local women-led initiatives.***

Oceania and Southeast Asia

Empowering Communities for Lasting Peace: Highlights from WFWP Philippines' "Sustainable Peace in Action" Forum (SDG 16, 5, 17)

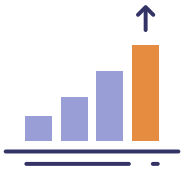
On May 21, the "Sustainable Peace in Action" forum organized by WFWP Philippines at the De Luxe Hotel in Cagayan de Oro City brought together influential stakeholders, including local leaders, academics and peace advocates, to promote collaborative peace initiatives. Led by National President, Almera Grace P. Mayo, the event featured notable speakers such as Hon. Greceille Matalines, Board Member of Lanao del Norte And Dr. Israel Talili, Ph.D. of USPT, who shared research-driven solutions for social issues like teenage pregnancy and drug addiction. A key highlight was the declaration of a sisterhood partnership between WFWP and the provincial government of Lanao del Norte, aimed at empowering women and fostering unity in addressing regional challenges. Dr. Talili praised the event as transformative, emphasizing the need for the "feminine logic of love" in resolving societal conflicts. The forum concluded with the signing of a Sustainable Peace in Action agreement, solidifying a collective commitment to community-driven peace efforts.

- ***Partnership Formation: The formalized sisterhood partnership with Lanao del Norte strengthened ties for future peace initiatives.***
- ***Youth Engagement: 40+ student leaders pledged active participation in community projects.***
- ***Positive Feedback: 95% of attendees expressed that the forum exceeded their expectations.***

Fearless, Heart-Driven Leadership: Highlights from WFWP Australia's Forum on Trust and Communication (SDG 16, 5, 10, 17)

On June 1, WFWP Australia hosted a transformative leadership forum in partnership with the City of Monash, themed "Fostering Trust and Open Communication." Moderated by Dr. Shwetha Shankar, the event brought together established and emerging leaders for a day of impactful discussions, laughter and meaningful connections. Key speakers, including WFWP Australia President, Anne Bellavance; Multicultural Commissioner, Sylvia Coombe; and leadership experts- Corrinne Armour and Heather Yelland, emphasized the importance of values-based leadership, trust and resilience. Personal stories of courage, such as navigating refugee camps and balancing family life, inspired attendees to embrace vulnerability and foster unity. The forum also featured an awards ceremony recognizing exceptional leaders and organizations dedicated to peacebuilding and sustainable development, with honorees such as Gianna Lucas and the Fijian Community Association Victoria. Participants celebrated the event as a profound experience filled with connection, empowerment and a shared commitment to authentic leadership and collective growth.make people's lives easier and provide cleaner energy.

Empowering Mothers Through Sewing: Progress in WFWP Zambia's Training Project



- **Skill Advancement:** Participants progressed from basic sewing knowledge to producing wearable clothing.
- **Community Involvement:** The involvement of former trainees as mentors reinforced community support and collaboration.
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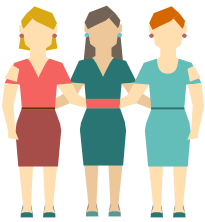
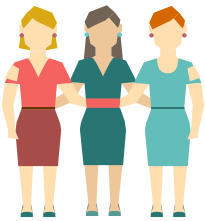
Empowering Widows Through Support and Unity: Launch of WFWP Kenya's Widows of Hope Forum



- **25** widows gained access to legal and emotional support resources.
- Interest in character education programs for children increased by **80%** based on participant survey.
- Plans for follow-up outreach to an additional **100** widows in 2024.

Women and Youth United for a Resilient and Sustainable Future: WFWPI Vienna Meet-and-Greet



- **Global Participation: 70** attendees from **15** countries engaged in discussions and shared best practices.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Approximately **40%** youth participants aged 15-30 years
- **Community Reach:** Collectively, projects presented at the event impacted **10,000+** individuals through advocacy, training and education.

Strengthening Bonds Across Borders: WFWP Austria, Slovakia And Hungary Joint Conference

- **Regional Collaboration:** Strengthened partnerships between WFWP Austria, Slovakia And Hungary.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Participants from **22** countries fostered connections and cultural understanding.
- **Positive Feedback: 95%** of attendees reported feeling inspired and enriched by the conference content.

WFWP Jordan Empowers Women with Sweets Preparation Training Course

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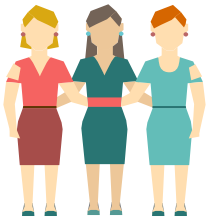
Celebrating Resilience and Unity: WFWP Canada's 18th Annual International Women's Day Event

- **Knowledge Sharing: 90%** of participants reported gaining valuable insights on advocacy and leadership.
- **Community Building:** Participants formed five new partnerships aimed at supporting local women-led initiatives.

Empowering Communities for Lasting Peace: Highlights from WFWP Philippines' "Sustainable Peace in Action" Forum



- **Partnership Formation:** The formalized sisterhood partnership with Lanao del Norte strengthened ties for future peace initiatives.
- **Youth Engagement: 40+** student leaders pledged active participation in community projects.
- **Positive Feedback: 95%** of attendees expressed that the forum exceeded their expectations.

GLOBAL WOMEN'S PEACE NETWORK

This year, the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) has continued to serve as a dynamic platform for fostering dialogue, collaboration and action to promote peace and stability worldwide. By uniting women leaders, peacebuilders and advocates from diverse backgrounds, the network has strengthened its capacity to address pressing global challenges, from conflict resolution to sustainable development. Our collective efforts have led to impactful initiatives that empower women to be catalysts for peace and social harmony. The following section outlines the key accomplishments of the GWPN over the past year, showcasing the transformative power of women-led peacebuilding efforts.

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Africa

Launch of Global Women Peace Network South Africa: Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace (SDG 5, 16, 17, 13)

On August 10, WFWP South Africa officially launched the Global Women Peace Network through a hybrid event themed “Women Empowerment: A Catalyst for Sustainable Peace.” Held at the June 16 Memorial Acre in Soweto, with 20 virtual participants, the event united women and NGOs to advance grassroots peacebuilding efforts. The program, moderated by Ms. Jina Kuse and Ms. Hayong Wonderlik, featured opening remarks by WFWP South Africa President, Mrs. Gwen Tshimbana-Mtiti and a keynote speech by Dr. Sallyann Goodall Franklin, who shared WFWP co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon’s message on the selfless leadership of women. Distinguished speakers, including HRH Princess Khushe Mtirara and activist Ms. Esther Padi, discussed topics ranging from traditional leadership to grassroots innovation. The event honored 10 women leaders with the Global Women Peace Ambassador’s Award and included cultural performances and a symbolic Bridge of Peace Ceremony to promote healing and reconciliation. A commemorative tree planting concluded the event, symbolizing unity and a commitment to peace, with plans for bi-annual GWPN South Africa forums to sustain this momentum.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Advancing Peace and Leadership: 13th Global Women Leaders Network Forum in Santo Domingo (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On October 26, WFWP Dominican Republic hosted the 13th edition of the Global Women Leaders Network for Peace at the Crowne Plaza in Santo Domingo, bringing together 130 participants under the theme “Let’s Build World Peace Through Love and Solidarity of Human Beings.” The event began with an invocation by Carmen Rosa Belliard and welcome remarks from WFWP Dominican Republic President, Dr. Bélgica Ramírez, who emphasized unity and women’s empowerment. Inspirational speakers, including WFWP International President, Moriko Hori and former congresswoman, Karen Ricardo, highlighted the pivotal role of women in fostering peace and sustainable leadership. The program featured testimonies of resilience, cultural performances and a symbolic “Bridge of Peace” ceremony to promote healing and reconciliation. Community leaders, Pastor Dulce Martínez and Prof. Aleris Morán were awarded the “Global Ambassador of Peace” Award for their contributions to social harmony. The day concluded with reflections from participants and a captivating musical performance by Alicia Baroni, reinforcing the collective commitment to advancing peace and female leadership for a more inclusive and harmonious society.

Celebrating Women's Leadership and Peacebuilding: Highlights from WFWP Gatherings in Paipa and Acacías (SDG 5, 16, 8, 17)

In October and November, WFWP Colombia hosted two inspiring events focused on peace and leadership in the towns of Paipa, Boyacá and Acacías in Meta, bringing together leaders, changemakers and community members under the banner of the Global Women Peace Ambassadors and Global Partners initiatives. The first event, held at Paipa's Municipal Council and organized by WFWP chapters from Boyacá, Casanare and Arauca, celebrated the contributions of women to their communities through impactful social initiatives. Distinguished guests, including Paipa's Mayor, Ing. Germán Camacho and Health Secretary, Dr. Adriana Flores, joined WFWP Colombia President, Andrea Fayad, in recognizing local leaders such as María Trinidad Cruz, as a Peace Ambassador for her dedication to unity and progress. Honorees included women leaders committed to youth support, economic empowerment and community development, with special recognition given to 15-year-old Francy Carolina Fonseca Monroy, for her peer leadership. The event featured cultural performances showcasing Boyacá's rich heritage and concluded with gratitude-filled remarks emphasizing the collective power of women's leadership in fostering peace and sustainable development.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE USA

GLOBAL WOMEN'S PEACE NETWORK FORUM

ART TOUCHES HEART:
THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION

ELYSSA LEININGER

Owner, Elyssa Leininger Western & Wildlife Art

JENNIFER JEAN

Poet, Translator & Educator

LYDIA MELTON

Dancer & Educator

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MODERATOR: ADIA LANCASTER

Director, New Hope Foundation International

North America

Embracing Creative Expression: Highlights from WFWP USA's GWPN Forum (SDG 4, 5, 10, 16)

On April 25, WFWP USA hosted the GWPN Forum titled "Art Touches Heart: Embracing the Power of Creative Expression," led by emcee Adia Lancaster. The forum featured three inspiring speakers—artist Elyssa Leininger, poet Jennifer Jeanand dancer Lydia Melton—who shared their journeys of using art to foster hope, reconciliation and personal transformation. Elyssa highlighted her public art projects that turn neglected spaces into beacons of beauty, while Jennifer recounted her poetic collaboration with Iraqi poet Hanaa Ahmed, sparked by a WFWP Bridge of Peace event. Lydia shared the emotional depth of dance, emphasizing how authenticity in movement can deeply resonate with audiences. During a roundtable discussion, the speakers encouraged attendees to embrace their individuality, cultivate communityand find joy in the creative process, emphasizing that the true power of art lies in its ability to touch hearts and create connections. The event concluded with a call to celebrate imperfection and share one's unique creative voice with the world.

Mother's Embrace:
Celebrating the Power of Maternal Leadership at WFWP USA's GWPN Forum (SDG 4, 5, 10, 16)

On May 23, WFWP USA hosted a GWPN Forum titled "Mother's Embrace: Honoring the Heartbeat of Humanity," led by Field Coordinator, Adia Lancaster. The forum highlighted the transformative power of motherhood through the perspectives of three inspiring speakers. Apryl Davis, Council Assistant for the City of Dallas, shared how her mother's unwavering support shaped her commitment to serving others. Technologist and author, Ritu Chopra, reflected on the evolving nature of motherhood and the importance of influence, compassion and resilience in leadership, reciting a heartfelt poem honoring her mother. Merly Baarlan, Director of the WFWPI Office for UN Relations-NY, emphasized the profound role of maternal love in leadership, recounting WFWP initiatives like the "Zero to Hero" project, which empowers communities through grace and unconditional support. The roundtable discussion further deepened the reflections on maternal influence, reinforcing the essential role of mothers in fostering compassion, resilience and positive change in society.

Honoring Resilience and Leadership: Highlights from WFWP USA's HerStory Award Ceremony (SDG 5, 16, 10, 3)

On May 11, WFWP USA hosted the HerStory Award Ceremony, emceed by Mrs. Natascha Phillips, to celebrate exceptional women making a meaningful impact in their communities. WFWP USA President, Kaeleigh Moffitt, emphasized the importance of honoring the feminine voice through the HerStory Award, highlighting the unique contributions of women in fostering peace and resilience. The first awardee, Carla J. Synder, shared her journey of overcoming personal challenges, including major surgeries, to create a home of love, communication and support. Her advocacy work includes founding a child abuse prevention organization, driven by her belief in strategic, purpose-driven action. The second awardee, Attorney Shamika Askew, reflected on the influence of her mother's sacrifices and her commitment to empowering women through mentorship and legal support. As both a divorce attorney and divorcee, she inspires clients to see new beginnings amid adversity. The event was a powerful tribute to resilience, service and the transformative power of women's leadership, inspiring all to uplift one another and continue their impactful journeys.

Oceania and Southeast Asia

Celebrating 32 Years of Empowering Women for Peace: WFWP Philippines Honors GWPN Ambassadors (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On September 27, WFWP Philippines celebrated its 32nd founding anniversary and hosted the awarding of Global Women Peace Ambassadors during a hybrid event themed “Women for Peace, Reaching Our Ambition.” Held at Quezon City, the event brought together 120 women leaders from across the country. Notable speakers included WFWP International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori and International Vice President of WFWP Oceania, Mrs. Anne Bellavance, who emphasized the importance of women’s roles in fostering peace and reconciliation. Nine outstanding women, including Dr. Nancy Pascual and Hon. Ma. Eleanor R. Juan, were honored for their contributions to women’s empowerment. Former House Representative, Mrs. Annie Andanar, highlighted the need for partnership and collaboration, urging women to thrive in their roles and work alongside men in the pursuit of peace. The event concluded with heartfelt congratulatory messages from former WFWP Philippines leaders and international representatives, reinforcing WFWP’s mission to unite women for meaningful peace initiatives.

WFWP Solomon Islands Launches Global Women's Peace Network with Collaborative Spirit (SDG 5, 16, 8, 17)

On May 25, WFWP Solomon Islands successfully launched the GWPN in Honiara, attracting around 30 women leaders, WFWP members and Japanese Global Volunteers. The theme of the event was centered around women's leadership, family and environmental sustainability, and celebrated the commitment to fostering equitable human development for lasting peace. In preparation, members participated in a T-shirt-making activity to create uniforms, equipping them with practical skills and potential income opportunities. During the event, five outstanding women, including Dr. Leeanne, Head of Gynaecology and Community Services, were honored with the Global Women Peace Ambassador Award for their leadership and dedication to peacebuilding. WFWP-SI President, Monica Longanimala Ilala, emphasized the value of serving others and building bridges of peace through unity and collaboration. The presence of pioneering Japanese Global Volunteers added historical depth, with Mrs. Chinami's presentation reflecting on their impactful contributions to the region. The event concluded with virtual congratulations from International Vice President of WFWP Oceania, Anne Bellavance, reinforcing the importance of collective action in advancing a "Culture of Heart" for global peace.

"I feel proud and privileged to receive an award from such a recognized international organization. I never realized the impact of my efforts within the community. Thank you for acknowledging me as an exemplary woman leader." Dr. Leeanne, Head of Gynaecology and Community Services

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Over the past year, our organization has prioritized initiatives that promote health and wellness, recognizing its critical role in building thriving communities. Through innovative programs, educational campaigns and collaborative partnerships, we have worked to address pressing health challenges, enhance access to resources and foster a culture of holistic well-being. These efforts have not only improved individual lives but also contributed to stronger, healthier communities. The following section highlights our key accomplishments in advancing health and wellness, reflecting our commitment to supporting physical, mental and emotional well-being for all.

Africa

WFWP Zambia's Food Distribution Program Supports Malnourished Children (SDG 2, 3, 10)

The WFWP Zambia Community Support Program's July and August report highlighted the impactful results of its food distribution initiative, which benefited approximately 450 malnourished children at Garden Clinic and Mandevu Clinic. The program led to significant weight improvement among children under five, with many recovering and being discharged, making space for new recipients. WFWP Zambia staff expressed satisfaction at the positive outcomesand the nutritionist at Mandevu Clinic provided health advice to mothers of underweight children to support continued progress. The initiative underscores WFWP Zambia's commitment to combating malnutrition and promoting health and well-being within the community.

- ***Health Improvement: Over 450 children experienced positive health changes, with many reaching a healthy weight and being discharged from the program.***
- ***Community Participation: Local stakeholders, including clinic staff and youth organizations, contributed to the program's success.***
- ***Increased Awareness: Mothers gained valuable knowledge about nutrition and childcare, promoting sustainable health practices.***

Asia

WFWP Cambodia and Japanese Medical Group Provide Vital Healthcare to 1,088 Patients (SDG 3, 10, 17)

For the past 15 years, a Japanese medical group has been committed to enhancing healthcare in Cambodia. In collaboration with WFWP Cambodia, they recently launched a medical outreach project in Ponhea Kraek District, Tbong Khmom Province—their first initiative in the area. Supported by district authorities, referral hospitals, police and local organizations, the two-day program provided free medical treatment to 1,088 patients, addressing conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, muscle pain and stress-related insomnia. A team of 10 specialists, six pharmacists and six nurses offered comprehensive care, while youth volunteers gained valuable experience in community service. The program's dual impact—delivering essential healthcare and fostering collaboration—highlighted the importance of sustainable solutions to combat rising lifestyle-related diseases. By engaging local professionals in ongoing dialogue and strengthening healthcare networks, the initiative set the stage for long-term improvements in community health, demonstrating the profound impact of partnership and service.

- ***Healthcare Access: 1,088 patients received free medical care.***
- ***Youth Engagement: Local youth organizations contributed 20 volunteers, fostering a culture of service.***
- ***Medical Collaboration: Strengthened partnerships between district health departments and WFWP Cambodia for future healthcare initiatives.***

Eastern Europe

WFWP Ukraine's Online Art Workshops Provide Creative Support for Ukrainian Families (SDG 3, 4, 10, 16)

In May, WFWP Ukraine organized a series of online art workshops to offer psychological support to Ukrainian families through creative expression. During the Easter holidays, participants crafted origami-style paper chickens symbolizing a mother's nurturing love. On Mother's Day, attendees created heartfelt drawings and shared messages for their mothers. A later session featured fun, cat-themed crafts and storytelling, fostering laughter and connection. Ukrainian families, both in Ukraine and abroad, expressed deep gratitude for the emotional and social support provided by WFWP volunteers during challenging times. The workshops, attended by seven participants, served as a reminder of the healing power of art and community.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Pink October Virtual Event Unites Latin America and the Caribbean for Breast Cancer Awareness (SDG 3, 5, 17)

On October 31, over 100 participants from Latin America and the Caribbean joined the Pink October Virtual Event via Zoom and YouTube Live, hosted by WFWP to promote breast cancer awareness and women's health. Master of Ceremonies, Hanna Billiard, set an inspiring tone, followed by welcoming remarks from WFWP International President, Moriko Hori, who praised volunteers for their commitment to hope and resilience. The event featured powerful stories, including testimonies from breast cancer survivors, Dr. Simone Cortes of Brazil and Mrs. Teiko Kono of the Dominican Republic, who shared messages of faith and strength. Health expert, Dr. Ariadna Martínez provided vital information on cancer prevention, while Councilwoman María Ika of Rapa Nui Island emphasized women's pivotal role in society. The event concluded with Regional President of Latin America, Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano's heartfelt thanks, reinforcing the importance of unity and collaboration in the fight against breast cancer. Participants left empowered, inspired to foster resilience and support within their communities.

- ***Awareness and Education: Provided essential health education on breast cancer prevention to a broad audience.***
- ***Survivor Advocacy: Empowered breast cancer survivors to share their stories, fostering hope and resilience.***
- ***Community Collaboration: Strengthened connections among women's health advocates across multiple regions.***

Middle East and North Africa

Empowering Women for Community Health: WFWP Jordan's "Health Ambassadors" Program Graduation (SDG 3, 5, 4, 17)

In February, WFWP Jordan, in collaboration with the Islamic Hospital in Amman, launched the "Health Ambassadors" program at its Al Rusaifa City center, training 25 women in key wellness areas such as weight management, immunity nutrition, home safety and heart, brain and bone health. Led by health expert, Dr. Basem Abu Baker, this interactive four-session initiative, approved by the Ministry of Culture and Social Development/National Library, aimed to empower participants to become health advocates in their communities. On February 28, a graduation ceremony was held to celebrate the participants' achievements, with certificates presented by WFWP Jordan President, Mrs. Fusayo Irikura and Dr. Abu Baker. Graduates shared inspiring stories of implementing health practices at home and work, reflecting the program's real-world impact. The event also recognized Dr. Abu Baker with an award for his leadership. The program's success has drawn interest from organizations across Jordan, fueling plans for expanded health initiatives to benefit more women and communities nationwide.

- *Certificates of Completion: 25 certificates were awarded to graduates, recognizing their commitment to health advocacy.*
- *70% of graduates reported immediate implementation of health guidelines in their households.*
- *Feedback: 90% of participants rated the program as "extremely v aluable" for practical implementation.*

"Thank you to the WFWP center in Jordan and to the Islamic Hospital in Amman for giving me this golden opportunity to be a health ambassador. I learned a lot and started implementing the health guidelines on myself, my family and the surrounding community." — Intisar Hussain Al Haj

"I found this unique educational and implementable program easy to adopt without any cost. I made our home meals healthier and created a safer living environment. I also shared the guidelines with my colleagues at workand they were pleased with the valuable information." — Rawan Zuhair Nasir

Celebrating Women's Health and Empowerment: International Women's Day at the Islamic Hospital in Amman (SDG 3, 5, 17)

On International Women's Day, the Islamic Hospital in Amman, Jordan, hosted a special educational program to emphasize the importance of women's health and wellness, focusing on reducing the risk of diseases such as diabetes, cancer and osteoporosis and anemia. The program also highlighted the need to support the health of pregnant and lactating women. Dr. Basem Abu Baker underscored the vital role women play in societal development, stating, "Our women are our voices and their future matters to us." The event reinforced the hospital's commitment to women's empowerment and well-being. In collaboration with WFWP Jordan, the initiative will continue with health advice sessions and plans to introduce free medical consultations for women, fostering a healthier and more resilient community.

WFWP Jordan Hosts Free Medical Day to Promote Community Health and Awareness (SDG 3, 10, 17)

On June 6, WFWP Jordan organized a free medical day, offering comprehensive healthcare services to 85 attendees, reflecting its commitment to fostering a healthier community through accessible healthcare. The event featured general medical consultations by Dr. Ahmed Fararjah, free blood tests by Jerusalem Laboratories, pharmaceutical services by Jalelah Pharmacy and dermatological consultations from INA Skin Clinic specialists. Attendees received essential treatments, health advice and medications at no cost, alleviating financial burdens and improving their overall well-being. The event concluded with appreciation plaques presented to the medical team and event supervisor Engineer Roa Abu Diab for their contributions to the program's success. Moving forward, WFWP Jordan plans to continue hosting free health events, expand collaborations with medical institutions and launch health awareness campaigns to encourage regular check-ups and proactive health management within the community.

- ***Total Beneficiaries: 85 attendees, including local families, elderly citizens and youth.***

North America

WFWP Canada's "Mental Health Matters" Webinar Empowers Communities with Wellness Strategies (SDG 3, 10, 17)

On November 25, WFWP Canada hosted its monthly "Mental Health Matters" webinar, drawing 35 attendees, including former police chief, Armand LeBarge and former MP, Jean Augustine. Led by President of WFWP Canada, Lilly Tadin, the event featured expert speakers Pastor Catherine Biaya, social worker David Scarr and Dr. Lata Swarn, who addressed key mental health challenges and strategies for fostering well-being. Pastor Biaya highlighted the stigma surrounding mental health in immigrant and First Nations communities, emphasizing the need to bridge gaps in support through social services and faith networks. David Scarr stressed the importance of holistic self-care, including diet, exercise and social activities, while Dr. Swarn focused on building self-esteem through positive affirmations, creativity and resilience. An interactive Q&A session deepened discussions, providing practical mental health tips. The webinar reinforced the importance of addressing mental health stigma and empowering communities with tools for emotional and mental wellness.

Oceania and Southeast Asia

Mental Health Month Events Highlight Self-Care, Family Harmony and Peacebuilding (SDG 3, 5, 16, 17)

In October, WFWP marked Mental Health Month with impactful events promoting self-care, family relationships and community peace. The “Let’s Talk About It” session featured author and advocate, Marie Louise, who shared her journey as an abuse survivor and provided strategies for overcoming trauma and practicing mindfulness. Her message of “filling your own cup first” resonated with attendees, fostering an environment of healing and open dialogue. The second seminar, “The Foundation of a Good Family is the Relationship Between Husband and Wife,” emphasized values of love and mutual respect through interactive discussions, aligning with the UN International Day of Families.

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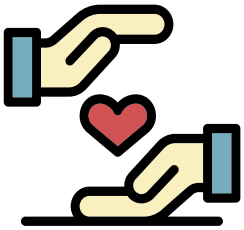

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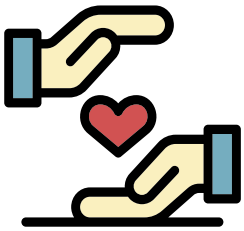

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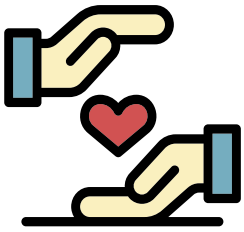

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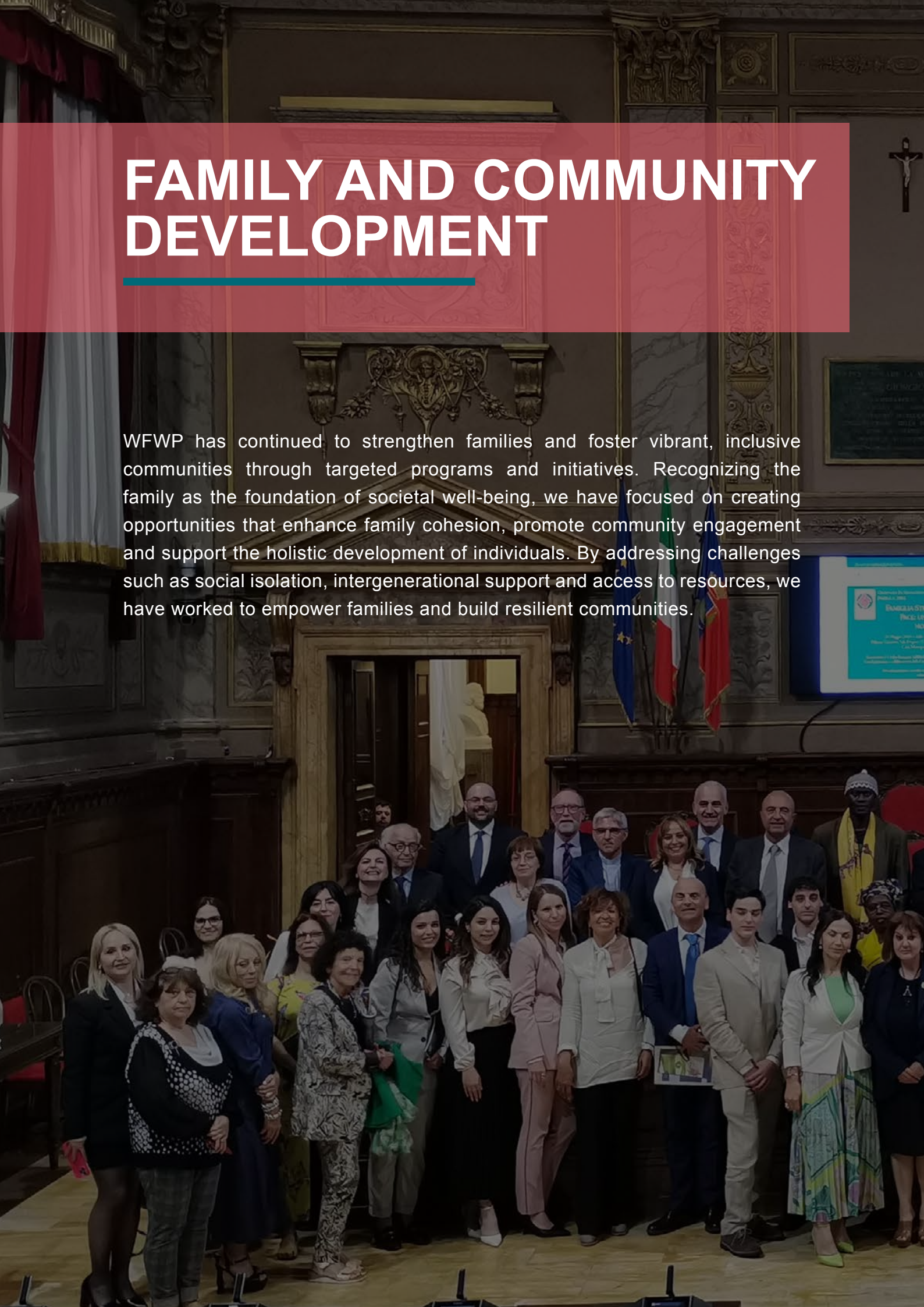
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WFWP has continued to strengthen families and foster vibrant, inclusive communities through targeted programs and initiatives. Recognizing the family as the foundation of societal well-being, we have focused on creating opportunities that enhance family cohesion, promote community engagement and support the holistic development of individuals. By addressing challenges such as social isolation, intergenerational support and access to resources, we have worked to empower families and build resilient communities.



Eastern Europe

WFWP Russia Brings Joy to Elderly Residents with Concerts and Handmade Gifts (SDG 3, 4, 10, 17)

On September 28 and October 5, WFWP Russia organized heartwarming concerts for elderly residents in two care homes in Moscow, in celebration of “International Day of Older Persons.” A long-term partner school contributed to the initiative by creating beautiful handmade congratulatory cards, with participation from nine classes. Teachers and the head of the elementary department expressed gratitude to WFWP for providing students with an opportunity to engage in meaningful charity work and learn the value of kindness. The elderly residents were deeply touched by the performances of the children’s singing and dancing ensemble, “Angels of Peace,” and the thoughtful cards. A 94-year-old grandfather even joined the children to sing and dance, adding a joyful highlight to the event. WFWP and the “Angels of Peace” have been visiting one of the care homes for 17 years, continuing to foster intergenerational connections and spread joy to the community.

WFWP Russia's 8th Annual Intercultural Family Festival Promotes Unity and Family Values (SDG 4, 5, 10, 16, 17)

On April 6, WFWP Russia hosted its 8th annual Intercultural Family Festival at the Central House of Cultural Workers, drawing 150 in-person attendees and 350 online viewers. The event, supported by social NGOs, charity funds and family organizations, featured talented families representing Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, Syria, Kenya, the Mari El Republic and Karelia. Through creative presentations, the families shared their unique cultural traditions and values, highlighting the importance of true family love and intercultural cooperation. The festival aims to inspire young people by showcasing examples of strong, loving families and reinforcing the possibility of building happy, harmonious homes. Participants and partners expressed gratitude, emphasizing that the festival fosters hope for world peace through cultural understanding. The event concluded with a special moment as Olga Vakulinskaya, President of WFWP Russia, received "The Dignified Deeds Award" in recognition of her leadership and dedication.

Charity Support for Refugees from the Karabakh Region in Armenia (SDG 1, 2, 3, 10, 17)

In response to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which has displaced thousands of Armenians from the Karabakh region, WFWP Russia collected and sent donations to Armenia to support those affected. For the past two months, WFWP Armenia has been running a charity initiative, providing essential products and supplies to refugee families. The program, which has engaged 30 participants, reflects WFWP's commitment to alleviating the hardships faced by displaced individuals and fostering hope and solidarity in times of crisis.

"We are grateful to WFWP for standing with us during such challenging times. The kindness shown has given us hope and strength to rebuild our lives."

Masterclass on Moral Education: "Love and Sexuality" Held in Minsk (SDG 4, 3, 5, 17)

On December 15, WFWP Eurasia, in collaboration with the Belorussian organization "Family World," conducted a masterclass on moral education at the office of the Belarus Women Union in Minsk. The event was attended by 15 participants, including teachers, school directors and psychologists from various districts of Minsk, focusing on the topic of "Love and Sexuality." The attendees, all highly dedicated professionals with a passion for supporting the younger generation, expressed appreciation for the presentation and shared their intent to incorporate the material into their work with children. The Belarus Women Union representatives and participants voiced their enthusiasm for continuing collaboration with WFWP, marking this session as a significant step toward further educational initiatives.

- ***Total Participants: 15 educators, including school directors, teachers and psychologists.***
- ***Engagement Level: 100% of participants engaged in discussions and provided positive feedback.***
- ***Commitment to Implementation: All participants expressed their intention to integrate the moral education materials into their work.***
- ***Partnership Growth: Strengthened collaboration with the Belarus Women's Union, paving the way for future joint educational projects.***

"The masterclass provided invaluable insights and practical methods for fostering meaningful conversations with students. It was an inspiring experience."

Europe

WFWP Ukraine Provides Humanitarian Aid to Support Families with Multiple Children (SDG 1, 3, 10, 17)

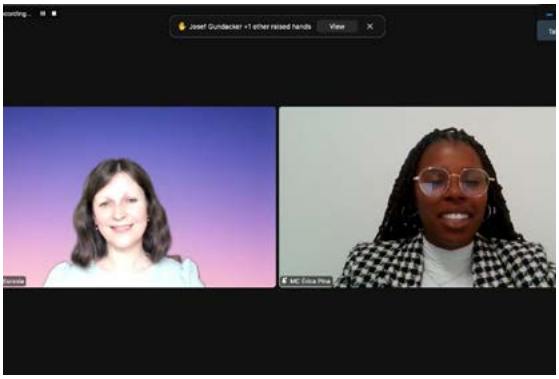
On May 2, WFWP Ukraine strengthened its partnership with the Kyiv City Association of Organizations of Many Children by delivering humanitarian aid to support families with multiple children. The initiative aims to alleviate challenges faced by large families and reinforce community support. During the visit, a WFWP representative met with Mrs. Lyubov Mulyarchuk, the head of the association and a nominee for the WFWP's "Woman with Many Children" award. Mrs. Mulyarchuk, a devoted mother of six and grandmother, actively supports Kyiv families alongside her husband. The event gathered 50 attendees, reflecting the collective commitment to fostering resilience and well-being within the community.

- ***Total Aid Recipients: 50 family members across multiple households.***
- ***Aid Distribution: 50 individual aid packages provided.***
- ***Community Reach: Support extended to 12 large families.***
- ***Partnership Strengthened: Collaborated with Kyiv City Association of Organizations of Many Children, reinforcing long-term cooperation.***

"This support helps us feel seen and valued in our struggles as large families."

WFWP Europe & Eurasia Hosts Seminar on "Love and Sexuality" to Support Youth Education (SDG 4, 3, 5, 17)

On February 29, 67 participants joined an online seminar hosted by WFWP Europe and Eurasia titled "Love and Sexuality," focused on helping young children understand their intrinsic value. Led by moral educator, Olga Vakulinskaya, the session explored the impact of true love and the emotional challenges faced by youth pressured into premature relationships. Olga shared heartfelt stories of children seeking private guidance to cope with their struggles, emphasizing the need for parental and educational support. Participants actively contributed insights, with several expressing interest in organizing educational initiatives for parents and teachers. The seminar, moderated by Ms. Erica Brito Ferreira Pina of WFWP Portugal's Young Professionals, was highly engaging, fostering dialogue on international cooperation in youth education.



“Family as an Instrument of Peace”: A Conference in Rome Highlights the Vital Role of Family in Challenging Times (SDG 16, 5, 10, 17)

On May 24, the “Family as an Instrument of Peace: A Challenge of Our Time” conference was held at Palazzo Valentini, Sala Fregosi, in Rome, Italy, organized by Universal Peace Federation (UPF)-Italy and WFWP Italy in celebration of the International Day of Families. The event, sponsored by Roma Capitale, emphasized the importance of family in promoting peace and social harmony amid modern societal pressures. Keynote speakers included Monsignor Francesco Ibba, who likened the marriage bond to vines that nurture young saplings and Mr. Pierluigi Sanna, Deputy Mayor of Rome, who warned of the loneliness stemming from the decline of family institutions. Legal experts, journalists and peace advocates, such as Ms. Marisa Manzini and Mr. Filomeno Lopez, addressed topics ranging from family law reforms and custody challenges to the importance of intergenerational learning. President of WFWP Italy, Ms. Elisabetta Nistri, emphasized the dual role of women in career and motherhood, echoing Pope Francis’ call for greater societal support. The conference served as a profound reminder of the family’s central role in fostering unity, resilience and peace across cultures and generations.

Fundraising Event for Ukraine Emergency Appeal: Homemade Cakes & Coffee (SDG 1, 2, 10, 17)

On June 22, a heartwarming fundraising event was held by WFWP UK to support the Ukraine Emergency Appeal, highlighting the community's spirit of generosity and solidarity. Volunteers dedicated their time and skills to organize the event, offering homemade cakes and freshly brewed coffee to raise funds. The delicious treats and welcoming atmosphere attracted many attendees, contributing to a successful collection. The funds raised will be distributed via WFWP EUME to address critical needs such as food, shelter and clothing for Ukrainian refugees. This event not only provided essential financial support but also fostered a sense of unity and hope, demonstrating the impactful results of community-driven action.

Strong Families as Pillars of Youth Development: WFWPI's UN Side Event at CCPCJ (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16, 17)

On May 15, the WFWPI Office for UN Relations in Vienna hosted a side event during the 33rd Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) titled "Strong Families: An Essential Support for Healthy Development of Children and Youth." Dr. Maria Riehl, Director of the WFWPI Vienna Office, opened the event by emphasizing the stabilizing role of multigenerational family support in fostering mental and physical well-being. Speakers, including Atty. Daryll Migano of the Philippines' Permanent Mission, Mr. Patrick Erlandson, founder of "FATHER-CON," and legal advocate Lillian Nyangasy, underscored the importance of family in shaping values, preventing exploitation and empowering children. Contributions from Veronika Lippert of Elternwerkstatt and Dr. Wadih Maalouf from UNODC highlighted initiatives promoting non-violence, respectful communication and family skills as preventative measures against youth misconduct and crime. The event reinforced that strong family support, active fatherhood and community engagement are critical in ensuring the healthy development of children and youth.

- ***Global Engagement: 62 participants from 12 countries gained insights into family-focused solutions to social issues.***
- ***Policy Advocacy: 85% of attendees expressed interest in integrating family support programs into national policies.***
- ***Partnership Expansion: Established connections with new organizations interested in implementing family skills training.***

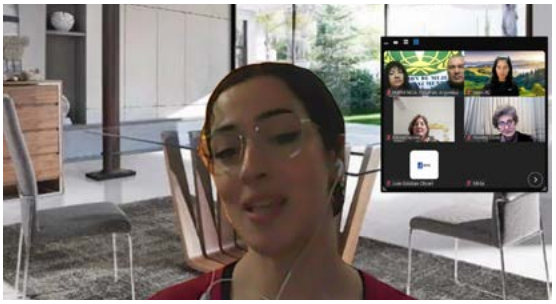
Latin America and the Caribbean

Workshop "Love in Old Age" Promotes Respect and Care for the Elderly in Bolivia (SDG 3, 4, 10, 16)

A free workshop titled "Love in Old Age" was held in Bolivia to promote a culture of respect and care for the elderly. The event gathered 70 participants, including young people, adults and healthcare professionals, with the goal of fostering intergenerational understanding and empathy. The workshop provided valuable education on improving interactions with seniors and emphasized the importance of cherishing their wisdom and contributions to the community. This initiative not only raised awareness but also inspired the broader community to uphold the dignity and well-being of older adults.

Conference "KUYAY: Loving is Offering Something Good" Highlights Character Education and Family Values (SDG 3, 4, 5, 17)

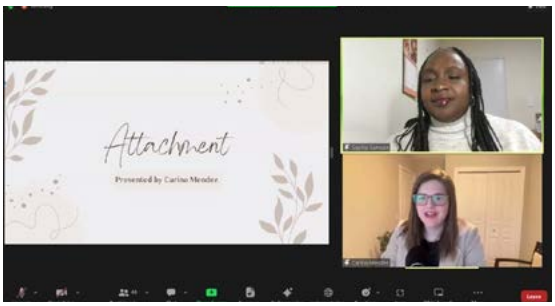
WFWP Argentina hosted an online conference titled "KUYAY: Loving is Offering Something Good" as part of its ongoing series on character education and family values, with 17 participants in attendance. Presented by Norma Banegas, Director of WFWP Northwest Argentina (NOA), the event emphasized the importance of guiding adolescents away from harmful addictions, such as alcohol, drugs and preventing early sexual practices to foster healthy development. Banegas, alongside her husband Gerardo Alcaraz, has led this prevention campaign in Tucuman's educational centers since 2014. The speakers introduced three educational manuals—Kuyay 1, 2 and 3—designed for children, adolescents and parents to support educators. The event, supported by Japanese WFWP volunteers, featured an introduction by WFWP Director, Gloria Dantas, and a musical performance, all emceed by youth leader, Michelle Dantas. Representatives from local and international NGOs, including the Marcelino Muñoz Foundation (Mexico) and ACELTUC Foundation (Tucuman), participated in the discussion.

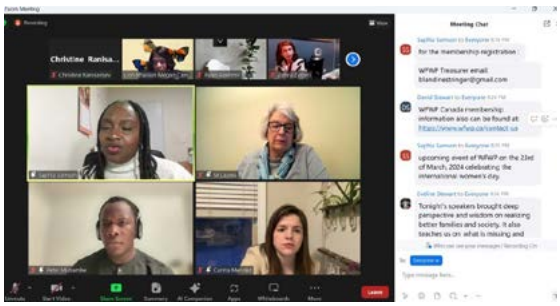


North America

WFWP Canada Webinar Explores Cultivating Love and Connection in Families and Communities (SDG 3, 4, 16)

On February 26, WFWP Canada hosted an online webinar titled “Cultivating Love in Families and Communities,” attracting 44 participants and featuring insights from panelists Peter Mubambe, Khalilah Megan Campbell, Carina Mendez and Myrna Lapres. President of WFWP Canada, Lilly Tadin, opened with remarks on the family as the foundation for love and character. Peter Mubambe emphasized self-love as embodying the “fruits of the spirit” such as kindness, patience and self-control, which radiate outward to strengthen family bonds. Myrna Lapres highlighted the “space between” in relationships, sharing insights from the Still Face Experiment to illustrate the power of connection and unconditional love. Carina Mendez discussed the importance of secure attachment, using a three-step approach—sensitivity, attunement and delight—to foster emotional bonds. Khalilah Megan Campbell underscored that love is a journey, not a destination, recommending active listening, family traditions and moments of togetherness to nurture relationships. The session concluded with a Q&A, leaving attendees inspired to deepen their connections and extend love within their communities.





Oceania and Southeast Asia

WFWP Solomon Islands Receives Generous Donations from WFWP Victoria to Support Education and Women's Empowerment (SDG 4, 5, 8, 17)

On June 9, WFWP Solomon Islands received a shipment of goods from WFWP Victoria, including school books for New Hope Academy, laptops, sewing machines and "Days for Girls" menstrual kits. New Hope Academy Principal, Christopher Bokabule, thanked WFWP Victoria and WFWP Solomon Islands, noting that the donated books and computer will enhance the school's learning environment. The donated sewing machine and laptops will help WFWP Solomon Islands launch programs to develop sewing and computer skills, empowering women in the community. Additionally, "Days for Girls" kits will be distributed to schools in the second academic term, accompanied by awareness sessions on menstrual health. The donations will play a crucial role in strengthening WFWP Solomon Islands' educational and empowerment initiatives across the region.

- ***Books Donated: Over 200 books across various genres.***
- ***Sewing Machines Provided: 1 electric sewing machine.***
- ***Laptops Provided: 2 laptops.***
- ***Menstrual Kits Distributed: 50 "Days for Girls" kits for upcoming school visits.***

Pasifika Scholarship Report: Semester 1, 2024 (SDG 4, 10, 17)

John Galokaniki, a Pasifika Scholarship recipient sponsored by WFWP Australia, shared his heartfelt gratitude for the support that enabled him to pursue his academic goals at SINU during the first semester of 2024. This scholarship initiative, established in 2017, aims to provide educational opportunities for Pacific Island students who demonstrate a passion for learning and leadership but lack financial means. In this semester, John enrolled in four units: Teaching Methods and Issues, World Major Religions, Introduction to History And Pacific History. His coursework involved major research projects on school discipline, a comparative study of Christianity and Islam and the cultural significance of oral traditions and histories. Through class discussions, group projects and assignments, he has developed practical teaching skills, a deeper understanding of global religious diversity and critical historical analysis methods. John expressed confidence in his progress and shared his commitment to applying his knowledge to future academic pursuits, continuing to live by WFWP's values of service and leadership.

"This scholarship has transformed my academic journey, providing me with the knowledge and confidence to pursue my dreams. I am grateful for the support that has empowered me to become a future leader for my community."

Empowering Lives Through Literature: WFWP NSW Prison Library Initiative (SDG 4, 10, 16, 3)

This report highlights the impact of WFWP NSW's initiative to stock prison libraries with donated books, emphasizing the transformative power of literature in enriching the lives of incarcerated women and strengthening their bonds with their children. By providing access to a diverse selection of literary genres, including children's books, the initiative acknowledges the profound role of storytelling in maintaining connections and fostering emotional resilience despite physical separation. This meaningful endeavor not only supports personal growth and education for the women but also nurtures enduring familial relationships, demonstrating the invaluable role of literature in creating hope and connection.

She Inspires Her: Strengthening Community Through Gifts of Love and Support in Oriental Mindoro (SDG 1, 5, 10, 17)

On April 9, the WFWP Philippine, NCR Chapter Officers organized a meaningful gift-giving event at Barangay Villa Cerveza, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro, to support the Tadyawan Mangyan community, a local minority group. Attended by 30 participants, including Barangay Chairman, Hon. Aaron L. Villareal and his wife, the event provided essential household supplies such as pails, basins, dippers, hangers and rubber boots to help alleviate daily challenges faced by the community, particularly women managing their homes and supporting their families in mountainous and farmland areas. Candy bags and snacks were also distributed to create a joyful, inclusive atmosphere. Hon. Villareal emphasized the importance of community collaboration for sustainable development and expressed gratitude for WFWP's initiative. The officers personally financed the supplies, exemplifying their commitment to WFWPI's advocacy of women helping women. Participants expressed heartfelt appreciation, especially for the rubber boots, which are vital for their livelihood. The event not only met its goal of practical support but also reinforced WFWP's vision of fostering hope, resilience and peace within vulnerable communities.

Spreading Joy and Unity: WFWP Malaysia's Raya Celebration at Sentuhan Budi Children's Home (SDG 3, 4, 10, 17)

On May 5, WFWP Malaysia visited Sentuhan Budi Children's Home in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, to celebrate Hari Raya and spread joy and togetherness among the children. Welcomed warmly by the home's manager, Ms. Fateha, the event emphasized unity and compassion across different faiths and backgrounds. The celebration featured a mini coloring competition where 18 children, paired with volunteers, showcased their creativity by designing ketupat patterns, with prizes awarded to the top five participants. The children were also delighted with duit raya, goodie bagsand musical performances, including a cheerful rendition of "Count on Me" by youth guitarist Ms. Lim Xin Ying and Mr. Tan Ren Sheng. The festivities continued with an energetic group dance to the viral song "Alamak Raya Lagi," filling the room with excitement and laughter. The program, emceed by Ms. Wong Hui Zhi, concluded with a delicious lunch, leaving lasting memories for both volunteers and children. Thanks to the generous contributions of sponsors and volunteers, the event successfully fostered joy, community spirit and hope for the children's bright future.

- ***Increased Engagement: 95% of the children shared that they felt joyful and inspired by the celebration.***
- ***Positive Feedback: Many children expressed excitement about the performances and activities and several shared their dreams and future aspirations.***
- ***Youth Empowerment: 90% of volunteers reported that the program fostered empathy, teamwork and leadership skills.***

WFWP Ukraine Provides Humanitarian Aid to Support Families with Multiple Children

- **Total Aid Recipients: 50** family members across multiple households.
- **Aid Distribution: 50** individual aid packages provided.
- **Community Reach:** Support extended to **12** large families.
- **Partnership Strengthened:** Collaborated with Kyiv City Association of Organizations of Many Children, reinforcing long-term cooperation.

Masterclass on Moral Education: "Love and Sexuality" Held in Minsk

- **Total Participants: 15** educators, including school directors, teachers and psychologists.
- **Engagement Level: 100%** of participants engaged in discussions and provided positive feedback.
- **Commitment to Implementation:** All participants expressed their intention to integrate the moral education materials into their work.
- **Partnership Growth:** Strengthened collaboration with the Belarus Women's Union, paving the way for future joint educational projects.

Strong Families as Pillars of Youth Development: WFWPI's UN Side Event at CCPCJ

- **Global Engagement: 62** participants from **12** countries gained insights into family-focused solutions to social issues.
- **Policy Advocacy: 85%** of attendees expressed interest in integrating family support programs into national policies.
- **Partnership Expansion:** Established connections with new organizations interested in implementing family skills training.

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CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

In the past year, WFWP has intensified efforts to address the urgent challenges of climate change and promote sustainable practices. Through innovative programs, strategic partnerships and community-driven initiatives, we have worked to raise awareness, reduce environmental impact and empower individuals and organizations to adopt sustainable solutions. Our focus has included renewable energy, conservation efforts and climate education, ensuring a holistic approach to environmental stewardship. The following section highlights our key achievements in climate action and environmental sustainability, reflecting our commitment to protecting the planet and fostering a sustainable future for generations to come.

Africa

WFWP Burkina Faso Supports “La Main sur le Coeur” in Nagrin Medical Center Cleaning Initiative (SDG 3, 6, 11, 17)

On August 31, WFWP Burkina Faso joined forces with the “La Main sur le Coeur” Association for a cleaning activity at the Nagrin Urban Medical Center in Ouagadougou. Organized by Peace Ambassador and Association President Ms. Coulibaly Barkissou, the event aimed to promote public health and environmental cleanliness, gathering 43 participants. Inspired by WFWP Burkina Faso’s dedication to public safety initiatives, Ms. Coulibaly, alongside Ms. Tougma, Head of the Medical Center, rallied volunteers for this meaningful effort. The collaborative spirit demonstrated during the activity emphasized the importance of community involvement in creating a cleaner, healthier environment for all.

Strengthening Families for Climate Resilience: WFWP Africa's International Day of Families Commemoration (SDG 13, 4, 5, 17)

On May 15, an online event was held to commemorate the International Day of Families, focusing on the theme "Families and Climate Change," with approximately 55 participants from across the globe. Moderated by Mrs. May Gaye, PR and Communication Director for WFWP Africa, the program featured insightful opening remarks by Dr. Susan Kone, International Vice President of WFWP Africa, who emphasized family empowerment in the face of climate challenges. Key speakers included Mr. Joseph Koetsier, a retired lecturer with expertise in cross-cultural studies and lifelong learning, who shared his experiences on integrating climate education for community resilience and Mrs. Chantel Ayemou, an advocate with 20 years of experience in women's and children's rights, who presented the ECO SCHOOL project's initiatives for rural communities. The program also showcased a video highlighting successful family empowerment initiatives across Africa. The event concluded with closing remarks by Education Director, Mrs. Bernadette Fogue, who emphasized the importance of continued collaboration in strengthening families to adapt to climate challenges. The event not only raised awareness of the role of families in climate resilience but also inspired collective action toward a sustainable future.

- ***Global Participation: 55 attendees from diverse countries contributed to a global exchange of ideas.***
- ***Positive Feedback: 92% of participants reported gaining valuable insights into family empowerment and climate resilience.***
- ***Educational Reach: The video presentation increased awareness of successful WFWP initiatives across multiple regions.***

Europe

One-Year Anniversary of the “Hornyatko” Educational and Environmental Project (SDG 4, 12, 13, 17)

The “Hornyatko” educational and environmental project, which launched in 2023 to foster a caring attitude towards the society and the environment, celebrated its one-year anniversary on May 25. The anniversary meeting brought together five participants who implemented creative ideas for using secondary raw materials and natural materials. Guided by practical psychologist Mrs. Tetyana Gudenko, attendees crafted favorite toys, characters and emojis from simple cardboard sleeves from toilet paper and kitchen towels. This hands-on activity reinforced the project’s mission to promote environmental awareness and resourcefulness.

Oceania and Southeast Asia

WFWP Solomon Islands Hosts Food Safety, Hygiene And Waste Management Training Workshop (SDG 3, 8, 12, 17)

From June 27 to 28, WFWP Solomon Islands in collaboration with the Honiara City Council (HCC) Health Team, facilitated a two-day training workshop on food safety, hygiene and waste management. Attended by around 40 participants, including women, high school girls and two men, the workshop emphasized best practices for handling food safely and proper waste disposal—key knowledge for those selling food commercially. The training, mandatory for aspiring food vendors, culminated in certificates of completion, with follow-up kitchen inspections to ensure legal compliance. This initiative not only equips participants with essential skills to create income opportunities but also supports public health and national safety efforts. By empowering food vendors and caterers, WFWP Solomon Islands contributes to community well-being and sustainable development.

- ***Number of Participants Trained: 40 individuals received food safety and hygiene training.***
- ***Women Empowered: 70% of attendees were women aspiring to become food vendors.***
- ***Youth Involvement: 10 high school girls actively participated and shared insights.***
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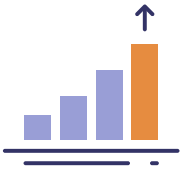

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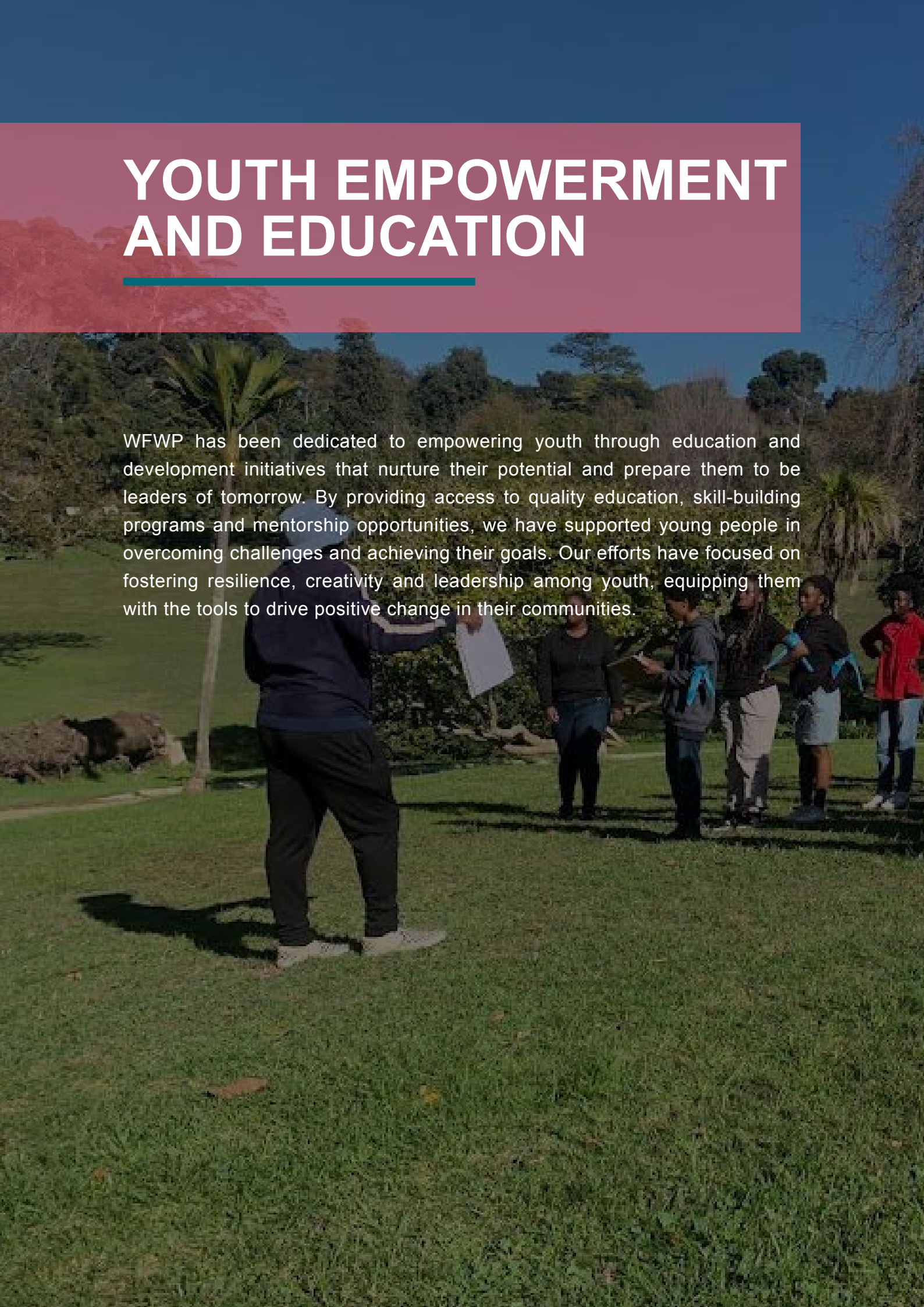
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION

WFWP has been dedicated to empowering youth through education and development initiatives that nurture their potential and prepare them to be leaders of tomorrow. By providing access to quality education, skill-building programs and mentorship opportunities, we have supported young people in overcoming challenges and achieving their goals. Our efforts have focused on fostering resilience, creativity and leadership among youth, equipping them with the tools to drive positive change in their communities.



Africa

Literacy Empowerment Initiative: Free Book Distribution by WFWP South Africa (SDG 4, 10, 17)

From February to April, WFWP South Africa, in partnership with ChangeX International and BookDash, launched a transformative literacy initiative aimed at promoting early literacy among children aged four to six. The project provided free books to over 2,000 children across Johannesburg, Cape Town and Limpopo, working alongside 100 educators and caregivers from 20 educational institutions. Recognizing that millions of young children in South Africa lack access to books at home, this initiative sought to bridge the literacy gap by fostering a love for reading and equipping communities with quality literature. Through coordinated efforts with schools, community center and childcare facilities, the project team organized storytelling events and book distributions, engaging children with colorful stories and interactive sessions. The initiative strengthened community ties and laid the foundation for sustained educational support. By enhancing access to early literacy resources, this grassroots project exemplified the power of collaboration in promoting educational equity and inspiring the next generation of readers and lifelong learners

- *Increased Literacy Access: Distributed over 2,000 books to children from underserved communities.*
- *Community Collaboration: Strengthened partnerships with 20 educational institutions.*
- *Positive Feedback: 95% of educators reported that children showed increased interest in reading after receiving the books.*
- *Parent and Educator Engagement: 85% of caregivers expressed a desire for continued literacy programs.*

7-Day Youth Leadership Training Empowers Future Leaders in Cape Town (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

From February to April, WFWP South Africa, in partnership with ChangeX From June 23 to 28, WFWP South Africa hosted a 7-day Youth Leadership Training in Wynberg, Cape Town. The workshop theme was “Rise Together” and aimed to instill the core values of true love, purity, cooperation and responsibility, as modeled by the WFWP Co-founders. The program brought together 21 participants and five youth staff members, offering character education sessions, team-building exercises and community service projects to foster leadership and collaboration. A key highlight was the Pure Love Pledge, where participants committed to uphold integrity and strong moral principles as a foundation for leadership. This immersive training equipped the youth with essential skills and confidence to contribute positively to their communities and work toward a peaceful and sustainable future.

- *Leadership Development: **90%** of participants reported increased confidence in their leadership abilities.*
- *Community Engagement: Participants collectively impacted **200+** community members through service projects.*
- *Positive Feedback: **95%** of attendees expressed that the workshop exceeded their expectations in fostering leadership growth.*

"This training taught me the importance of leading with integrity and resilience. I feel empowered to make a difference in my community."

Asia

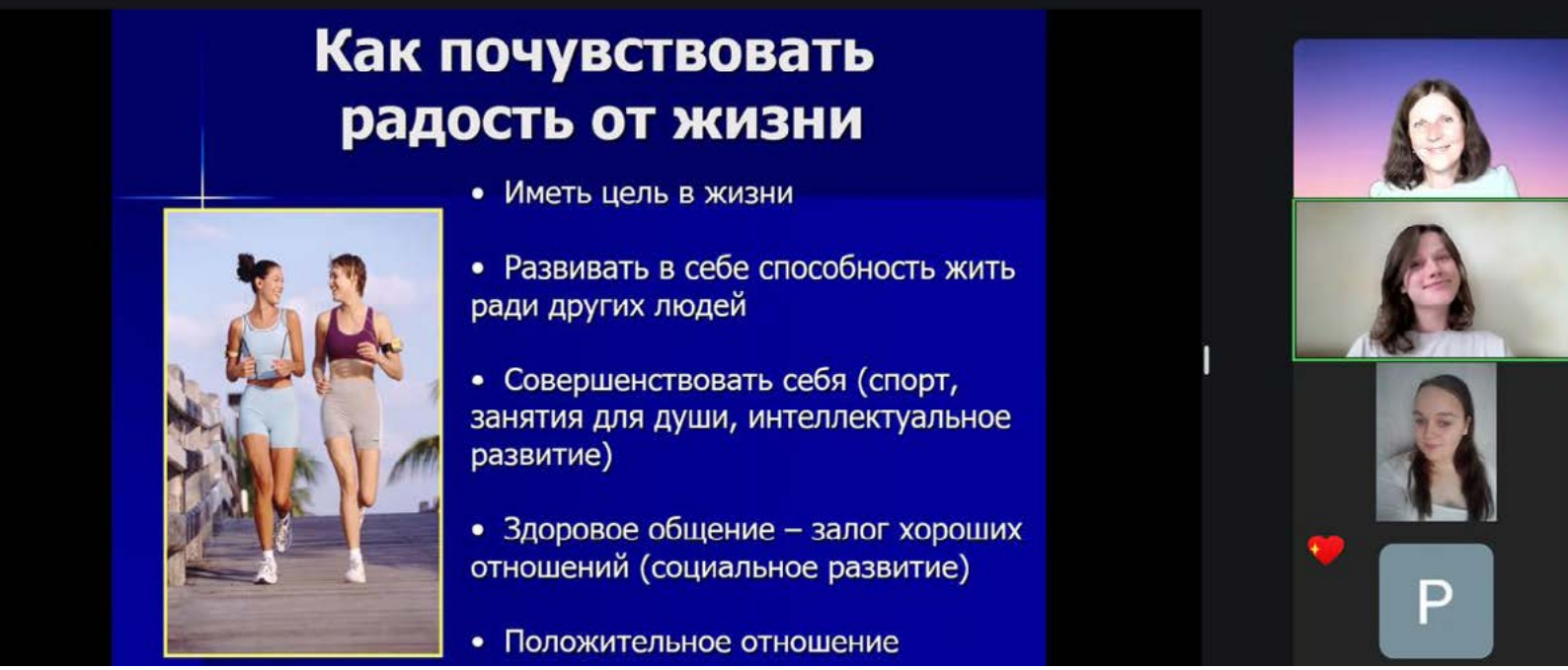
Youth Education Project Empowers Cambodian Students with Social Skills and Leadership Values (SDG 4, 16, 3, 17)

WFWP Cambodia, in partnership with the Royal School of Administration under the Ministry of Civil Service and with support from WFWP Japan, conducted a two-day youth education project for middle and high school students in Kratie province, reaching 1,150 students across three schools. The initiative provided lectures on social skills, character development and group discussions addressing key issues in Cambodia. In alignment with government efforts to promote capacity building, the lectures emphasized the importance of ownership in one's actions, critical thinking and teamwork. Participants were encouraged to reflect on living purposefully and developing beliefs that guide their decisions. The event addressed six major issues affecting Cambodia, such as energy drink consumption and smartphone addiction, with students exploring solutions through group discussions. Despite initial challenges in critical thinking, the project fostered a sense of responsibility and initiative, equipping young people with the confidence and skills needed to contribute positively to their communities and their nation's future.

- ***Youth Engagement: Engaged 1,150 students in discussions on real-world issues and fostered critical thinking.***
- ***Community Awareness: Raised awareness about common challenges such as health and technology habits.***

Second Foster Visit to Kratie: Creative Crafting and Resilience (SDG 4, 10, 3, 17)

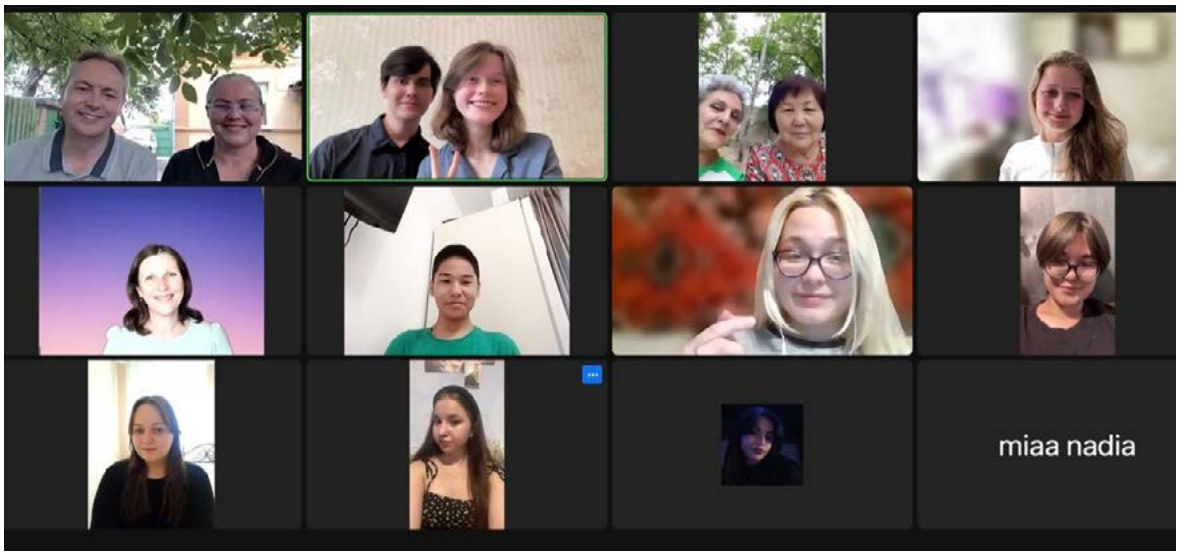
In mid-September, WFWP volunteers made their second visit of the year to meet foster children living on an island surrounded by the Mekong River in Kratie. Despite significant flooding from the rainy season, the program was safely completed due to favorable weather and local support. This visit featured a paper craft activity where children created pen holders from triangular prisms, with tasks tailored to different age groups. For many, working with geometry nets, glue tabs and compasses was a new challenge. While some struggled with the instructions, they demonstrated perseverance, restarting when necessary and finding creative solutions. The children decorated their pen holders with colorful paper, expressing pride and creativity—one child added her name, while others created intricate collages. The program fostered a sense of accomplishment and joy, with volunteers heartened by the children's resilience, creativity and growth.



Eastern Europe

Master Class on Moral Education for Aspiring Young Lecturers (SDG 4, 3, 16, 17)

On July 8 and August 14, WFWP Russia conducted two educational programs designed to train high school students and university students who aspire to become lecturers on moral education for younger pupils. A school director from the Kalmykiya region has shown full support for the initiative, offering students the opportunity to practice and deliver lectures at her school. The program has so far helped the young participants prepare for two key presentations: “The Consequences of Using Bad Words” and “My Choice is a Healthy Lifestyle.” The students are currently working on recording their video lectures and upon successful completion, they will begin delivering these lessons in schools this autumn, further fostering moral education and leadership among youth.



WFWP Russia Hosts Unique Masterclass on Moral Education for Schoolchildren (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

On April 18, WFWP Russia held a unique and inspiring masterclass on moral education for schoolchildren, attended by 150 students. What made this session special was the active participation of four young volunteers—two high school students and two university students—who co-presented alongside the WFWP lecturer. The program featured two impactful lectures: “Consequences of Using Obscene Words” and “Preparation for Building a Happy Family.” The presence of the school director, along with invited directors and teachers from other schools, further emphasized the significance of the event. During a post-lecture meeting, the school director expressed her support for the continuation of such sessions led by young volunteers and proposed organizing a future parents’ meeting on moral education. The young volunteers’ efforts resonated strongly with the students, as many reflected on their newfound desire to become volunteers themselves. Students shared heartfelt feedback, highlighting lessons on true love, mutual trust and the importance of character in building happy families.

“I could remember that what we achieve in real life is much more important than any results on a computer.”

“It is terrible when life is wasted.”

“Your presentation today changed my opinion about family. I was moved that you explained true love based on a real example.”

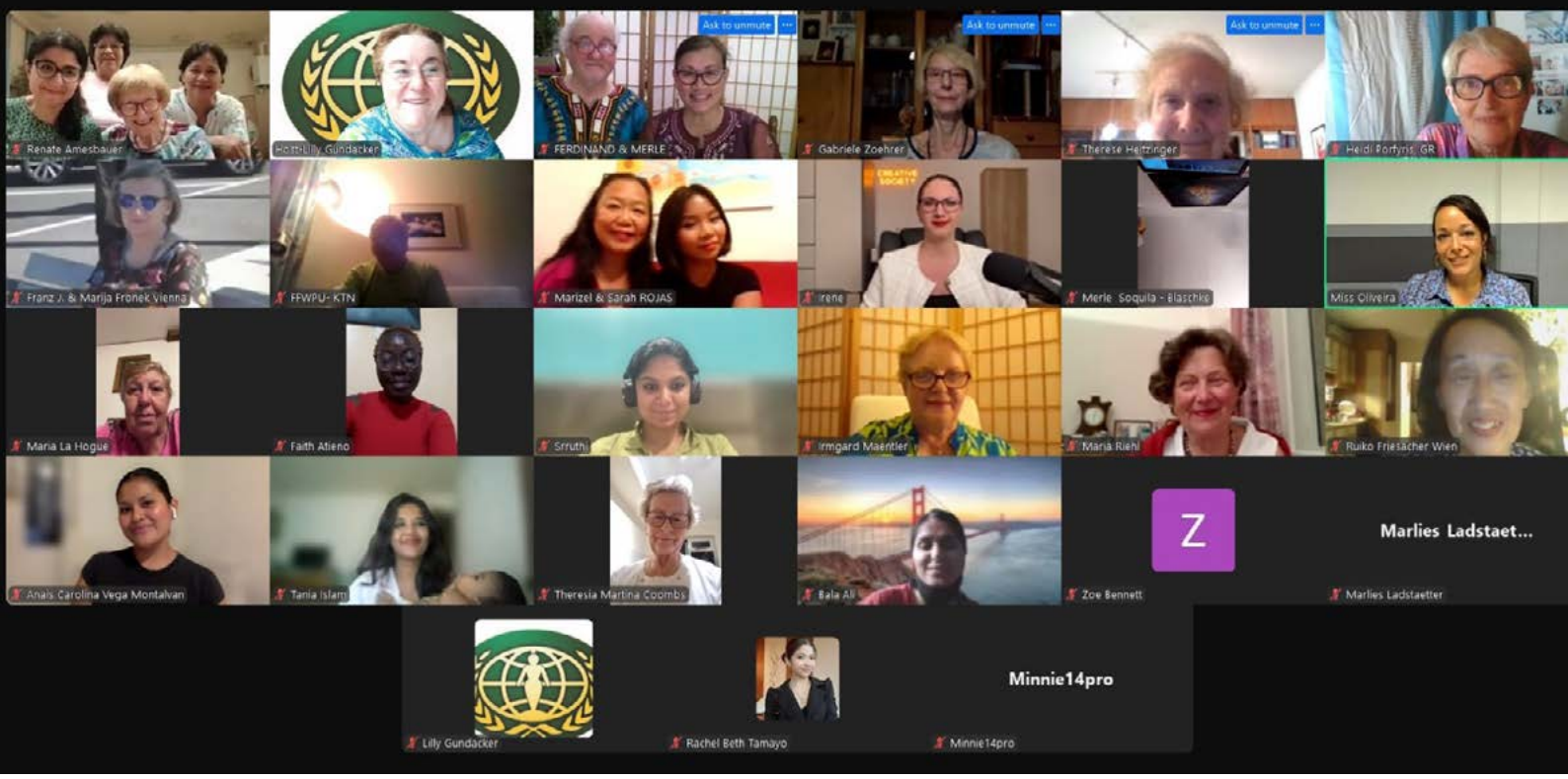
“It was important for me to hear that true love exists and can last.”

“I am grateful you explained the importance of keeping sexual integrity before marriage.”

Europe

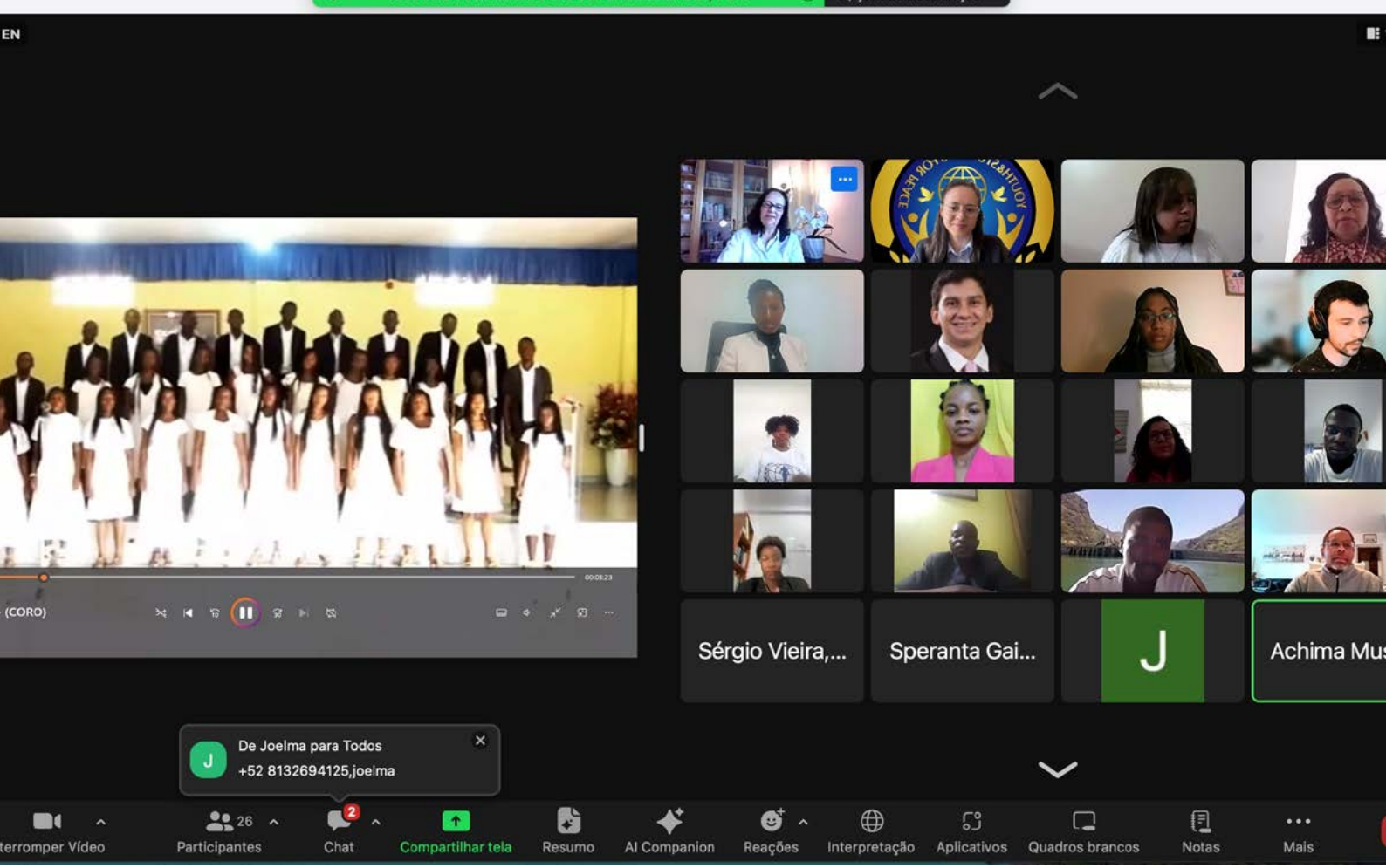
Young Women's Speech Contest: Celebrating Creativity and Leadership (SDG 5, 4, 10, 17)

WFWP in South London held its annual Young Women's Speech Contest, providing a platform for young women to express their values and opinions through public speaking. Since its inception in 2015, the contest has fostered leadership and communication skills, offering participants the chance to compete for monetary prizes. This year's theme, "Women Leading with Creativity - Encouraging Innovative Leadership and Governance," inspired three exceptional speeches. Chantelle Kaaria, a film producer, highlighted the role of emotional intelligence and storytelling in leadership, using examples such as Angela Merkel's refugee crisis response and the Dove Real Beauty campaign. Bernice Siguio celebrated historical examples of women's resilience and creativity, sharing stories like that of Madam C.J. Walker. Asho Musse, a Health and Social Care student, shared her experience as a family practitioner, emphasizing the importance of emotional intelligence in building connections and fostering intuitive leadership. The event concluded with feedback from the judges, who commended the participants for their passion and insight. Chantelle Kaaria won first prize, securing direct entry to the National Speech Contest in Central London, followed by Asho Musse and Bernice Siguio in second and third place, respectively. The event showcased the significance of empowering young women to develop their leadership and public speaking abilities.



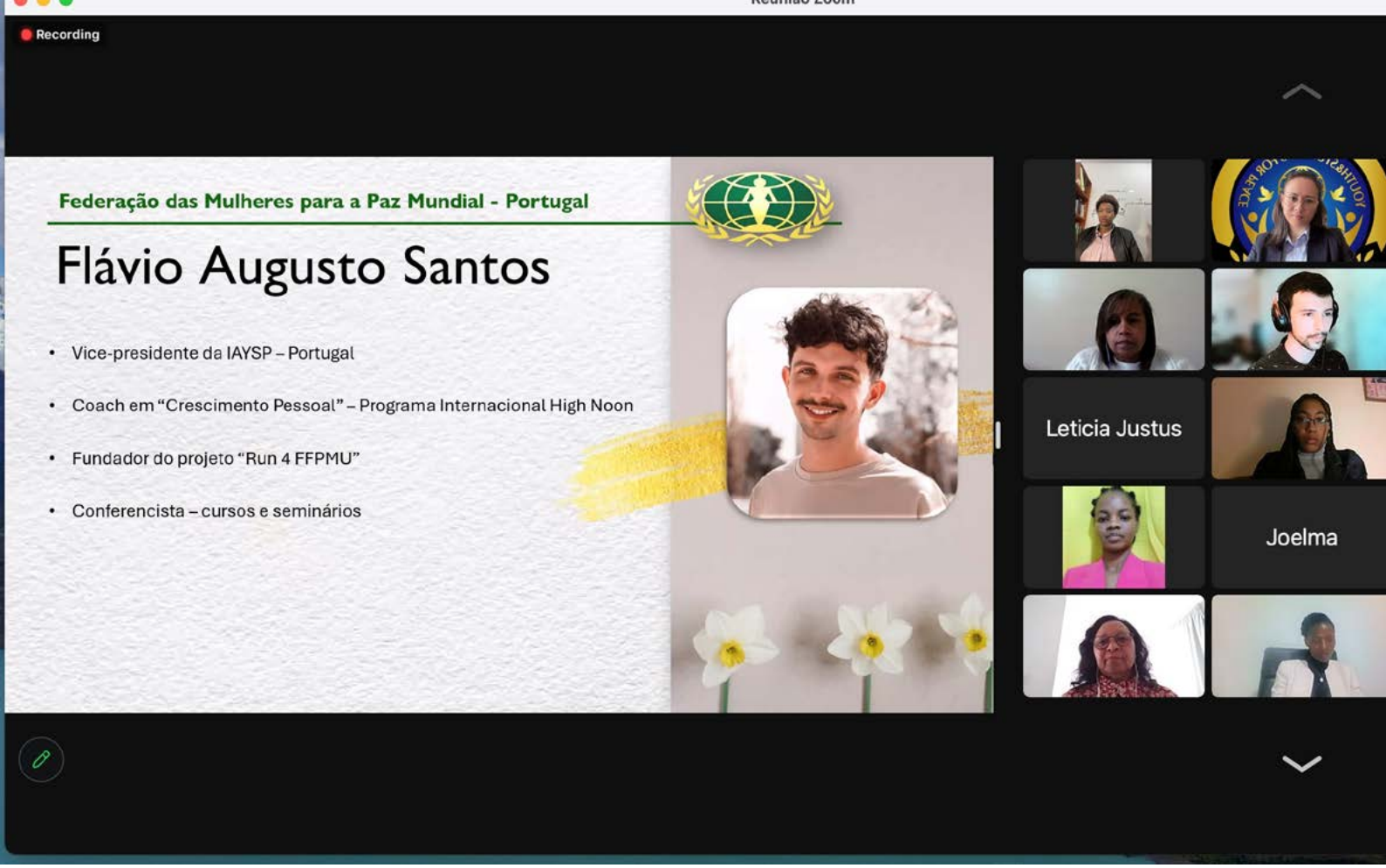
Global Meet & Greet: Women and Youth Collaborating for a Resilient Future (SDG 4, 5, 13, 16, 17)

Centered upon the theme, "Women and Youth Working Together for a More Resilient and Sustainable Future for Generations to Come," the 6th Meet & Greet event organized by WFWP brought together 40 participants in a dynamic hybrid format featuring distinguished speakers from around the world. Dr. Maria Riehl, Director of WFWP's UN Vienna Office, delivered the keynote and Ambassador Evangelina Lourdes A. Bernas of the Philippines shared her experiences in international relations. WFWP International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori, emphasized the importance of supportive networks and cross-generational mentorship, with her message read by Ms. Merle Soquila-Blaschke. Presentations spanned vital topics, including mental health (by Marizel and Sarah Jozelle Rojas), youth engagement in political discussions (by Sruuthi Lekha Raaja Elango), women in leadership (by Tania Islam), climate action (by Christine Rose Bulayo) and environmental interconnectedness (by Anais Carolina Vega Montalvan). The event was expertly moderated by Ms. Kyung In Van de Ven Oliveira, ensuring seamless discussions and engagement. The Meet & Greet highlighted the power of collaboration between women and youth in addressing global challenges, with closing remarks from Ms. Renate Amesbauer encouraging further partnerships on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This inspiring platform magnified global efforts for sustainability and resilience, reflecting WFWP's commitment to fostering cross-generational initiatives that build a more peaceful and sustainable future.



Celebrating Integrity and Contribution: International Women's Day Lusophone Youth Webinar (SDG 4, 5, 10, 17)

On March 29, WFWP Portugal, in partnership with International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) Portugal, hosted a Lusophone Youth Webinar themed "Integrity and Contribution of Young People in the Family and in Society" to celebrate International Women's Day. The event aimed to inspire young people to reflect on their integrity and explore ways they can contribute to their families and positively impact society through education and leadership. The webinar featured diverse young speakers from Angola, Brazil, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and São Tomé and Príncipe, embodying gender complementarity and ranging in age from 18 to 38. The contributions from Africa, Latin America and Europe fostered a spirit of global connection, with approximately 100 participants, including VIPs and the general public. The speakers' insightful perspectives enriched the discussion, promoting respect, friendship and shared values across continents. The event was a resounding success, highlighting the importance of youth leadership in building inclusive and harmonious communities.



- *Countries Represented: 6 (Angola, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe)*
- *Participants: Approximately 100 attendees*
- *Speaker Age Range: 18 to 38 years old*

"This webinar has shown how young people, regardless of their cultural backgrounds, can come together and make a difference."

"The diversity of speakers added depth to the discussions and inspired a sense of global community."

Latin America and the Caribbean

WFWP Argentina Educational Outreach and FEMPAZ Recognition Visits (SDG 4, 5, 17, 16)

In early August, International Vice President for WFWP Latin America, Mrs. Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano, joined Mieko Iketo, a WFWP volunteer, in a series of impactful events across Argentina. On August 2, they visited La Banda School in Santiago del Estero, where Gerardo M. Alcaraz delivered a lecture on “Sexual Education in Values” to over 70 students and teachers. The school’s principal, Fernando Ramiro Godoy, expressed gratitude and welcomed future visits. On August 4, they met with former mayor, Gustavo Solis, in Rosario de la Frontera, strengthening ties with local leaders. On August 5, in General Güemes, they were warmly welcomed by Mayor Carlos Rosso, where Mrs. Giuliano presented FEMPAZ awards to 11 outstanding women in front of 30 attendees. The day concluded with a luncheon and an afternoon meeting with current Rosario de la Frontera mayor, Kuldeep Singh, and 40 social organization representatives, where WFWP’s mission and values-based education initiatives were highlighted.

Oceania and Southeast Asia

Youth Community Service: "Giving Back!" Cleaning for a Better Tomorrow (SDG 3, 6, 11, 17)

On November 16, 70 volunteers joined the Giving Back! Youth Community Service project along Rantau Panjang Road, Selangor. Organized by WFWP Malaysia and the Kuala Langat Constituency Service Center, the event united students from University Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) and Universiti Malaya (UM) with local villagers to clean and beautify the village. Mr. Haridass Ramasamy, Kuala Langat Parliament Coordinating Officer, praised WFWP for fostering unity through service. Mrs. Lina Cheng, President of WFWP Malaysia, highlighted the importance of volunteerism as a platform for learning and community building. Village Chief, Mr. Badrul Idzman bin Ahmad Latipi, assigned cleaning tasks to four teams, who cleared drains, removed trash and cleaned 12 compounds. Volunteers shared reflections on teamwork, environmental responsibility and the positive impact of small actions. The event concluded with a shared sense of accomplishment, demonstrating how collaboration can foster a cleaner, healthier community.

- ***Community Cleanliness: 12 village areas were cleaned, contributing to a healthier and safer environment.***
- ***Waste Reduction: 15 bags of collected waste, including plastics and other debris.***
- ***Awareness Raised: Volunteers gained a deeper understanding of the importance of environmental responsibility and community service.***
- ***Stronger Bonds: The event fostered stronger connections between 40 students and 30 local community members.***

WFWP Malaysia Supports "Giving Back" Community Service Project (SDG 4, 11, 13, 17)

On April 20, WFWP Malaysia was proud to support the "Giving Back" community service project organized by Ajar-ajar Malaysia at Sungai Manggis Tamil School, Selangor. The event brought together 70 youths and students, including 16 beneficiaries of WFWP's "Give Me a Chance" Refurbished Laptop and Education Assistance Fund Project. The project, supported by the Kuala Langat Parliamentary Service Center, State Assembly of Banting, UPF Malaysia and local community organizations, aimed to foster leadership and volunteerism among young participants. Special guests included Mr. Haridass Ramasamy, Kuala Langat Parliamentary Coordinator and Counselor Mr. Tan Wee King, who commended the program for empowering youth through service. During the morning session, participants beautified the school grounds by planting mulberry saplings, painting used tires and refreshing the school fence. In the afternoon, youth trainer Ms. Goh Ping In led a group discussion on local social issues, such as cyberbullying and flash floods, encouraging creative solutions. The event concluded with a closing ceremony where participants received certificates and food baskets were distributed to 20 disadvantaged families by community leaders, including Mrs. Lina Cheng, President of WFWP Malaysia. The program not only enhanced the school's environment but also strengthened the students' sense of purpose and community responsibility.

- ***Youth Engagement: 70 participants gained valuable experience in volunteer service and leadership.***
- ***Community Service Impact: The beautification efforts improved the school's environment and strengthened community ties.***
- ***Feedback: 90% of participants expressed satisfaction with the program and a desire to join similar initiatives in the future.***

Fostering Joy and Connection: WFWP Malaysia and UKM Students' Outreach at Openhands Fellowship Orphanage (SDG 3, 4, 10, 17)

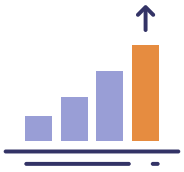
On May 4, WFWP Malaysia collaborated with the Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA) and the United Nations (UN) chapter of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) to organize a meaningful outreach visit to Pusat Jagaan Kanak-Kanak Openhands Fellowship in Kajang, Selangor. The home, which shelters 13 children from broken families, welcomed 32 volunteers with warmth and gratitude, as expressed by the home's principal, Aunty Rajesh. President of WFWP Malaysia, Mrs. Lina Cheng, commended ALSA for involving WFWP and encouraged youth participation in volunteer service for personal growth and community engagement. The program featured an inspiring storytelling session, "I'm the Best," by counselor Mr. Simon Teo, promoting self-confidence and self-discovery. Creative activities, such as painting brick bears and crafting magic beads, fostered teamwork and joy among the children and volunteers. The event concluded with gift distributions, joyful songs and a special birthday celebration for May-born children. The collaboration successfully created a day filled with hope, connection and lasting memories for all involved.

- *Community Support: Provided educational and recreational activities for 13 children from vulnerable backgrounds.*
- *Youth Volunteer Engagement: 100% of the volunteers participated actively, reporting that the experience deepened their empathy and leadership skills.*

Literacy Empowerment Initiative: Free Book Distribution by WFWP South Africa

- **Increased Literacy Access:** Distributed over **2,000** books to children from underserved communities.
- **Community Collaboration:** Strengthened partnerships with **20** educational institutions.
- **Positive Feedback: 95%** of educators reported that children showed increased interest in reading after receiving the books.
- **Parent and Educator Engagement: 85%** of caregivers expressed a desire for continued literacy programs.

7-Day Youth Leadership Training Empowers Future Leaders in Cape Town



- **Leadership Development: 90%** of participants reported increased confidence in their leadership abilities.
- **Community Engagement:** Participants collectively impacted **200+** community members through service projects.
- **Positive Feedback: 95%** of attendees expressed that the workshop exceeded their expectations in fostering leadership growth.

Youth Education Project Empowers Cambodian Students with Social Skills and Leadership Values

- **Youth Engagement: Engaged 1,150** students in discussions on real-world issues and fostered critical thinking.
- **Community Awareness:** Raised awareness about common challenges such as health and technology habits.

Celebrating Integrity and Contribution: International Women's Day Lusophone Youth Webinar

- **Countries Represented: 6** (Angola, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe)
- **Participants:** Approximately **100** attendees
- **Speaker Age Range: 18** to **38** years old

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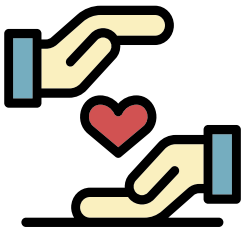

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PEACE AND RECONCILIATION - BRIDGE OF PEACE

This year, our “Bridge of Peace” initiative has continued to serve as a powerful platform for fostering peace and reconciliation across divides. By uniting individuals and communities through dialogue, cultural exchange and collaborative action, we have worked to build bridges of understanding and trust in regions affected by conflict and division. Our efforts have focused on promoting mutual respect, healing historical grievances and creating pathways for lasting harmony.

Europe

"Where is Peace?" – A Gathering for Reflection and Empowerment (SDG 16, 5, 10, 17)

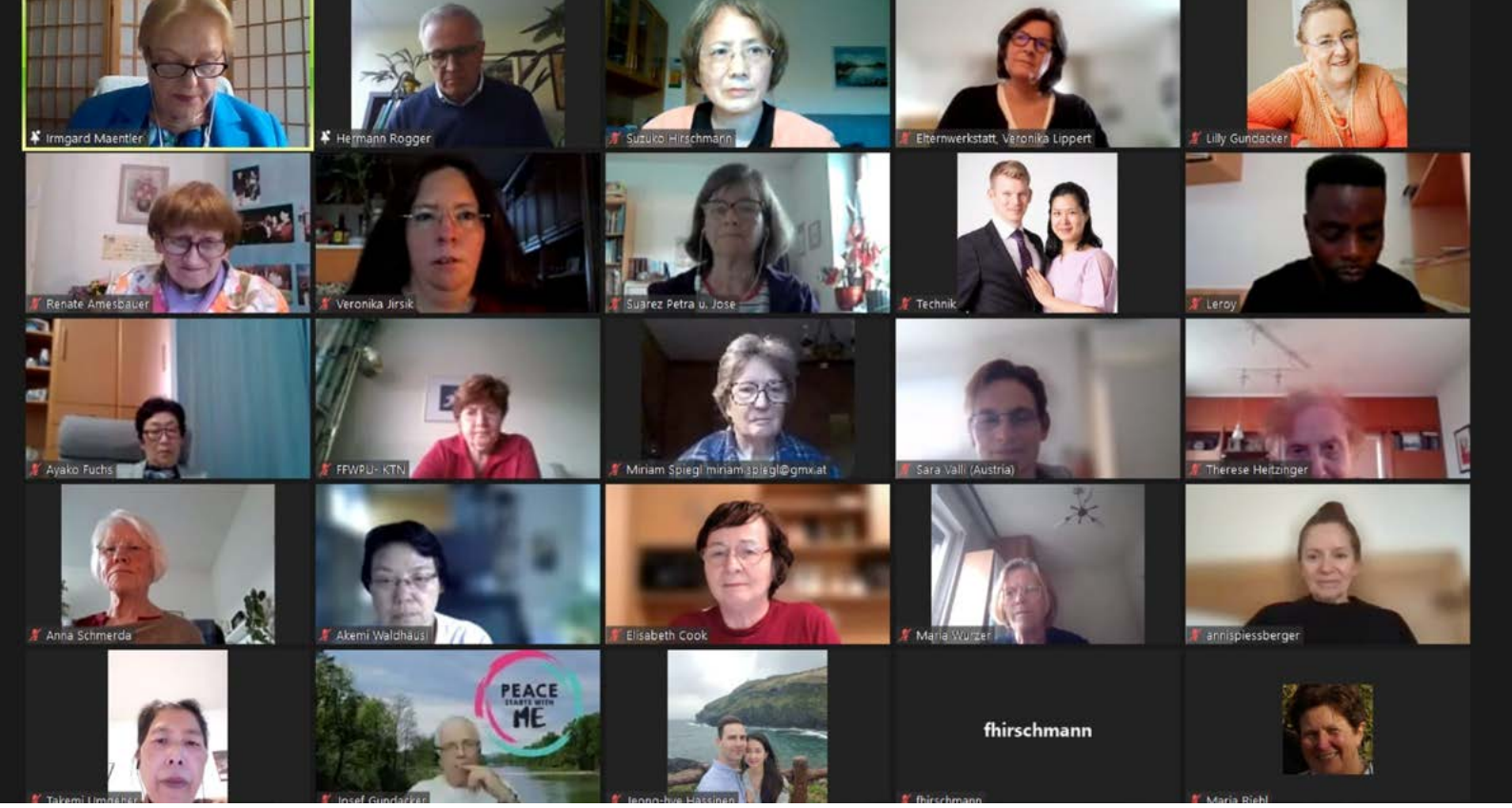
The "Where is Peace?" event brought together around 80 participants of WFWP UK to reflect on peace within ourselves, our families and the wider world. Following several religious festivals, the gathering aimed to share our women's and peace initiatives, explore principles of peace and empower one another as peacemakers. The event began with a 15-minute overview of WFWP's peace activities, followed by an inspiring presentation on cultivating inner and collective peace. Participants engaged in heartfelt discussions, sharing their personal challenges and experiences. A moving talk by Reem highlighted the struggles of women and children in Gaza, followed by a silent prayer for those affected by conflict worldwide. The event concluded with a shared meal and lively conversations, reinforcing the powerful energy of women uniting for peace. Gratitude was expressed to all who contributed, demonstrating the healing power of community and faith in these challenging times.

"The gathering was filled with healing energy and the hope that women's unity can truly bring peace to our hearts and communities."

Seminar: “Steps Towards Peace” – Inspiring Individual and Social Transformation (SDG 16, 5, 10, 17)

The “Steps Towards Peace” seminar highlighted the importance of individual transformation as a foundation for societal progress, featuring three thematic sessions: Rights and Obligations in a Global Society, The Relevance of Women for Social Transformation and The Role of Spirituality in Building Peace. Esteemed speakers from politics, education, NGOs and international organizations delivered thought-provoking presentations, encouraging meaningful audience engagement. President of WFWP Spain, Marcia de Abreu, opened the event, emphasizing that embodying values is key to societal change. Discussions explored human rights, women’s leadership and spirituality as vital components of peacebuilding. Highlights included talks by former Senator Carmen Quintanilla on gender equality and Rafael Monzó on interreligious dialogue. The seminar concluded with a networking lunch, fostering deeper connections and reflection. With 45 participants, the event served as a powerful platform for dialogue and collaboration toward a more harmonious society.

“The seminar provided a meaningful platform for discussing how personal growth can influence social change.”



Series: Peace Through Education – “Freedom and Responsibility” (SDG 4, 5, 10, 17)

As part of the “Peace Through Education” series, the session on “Freedom and Responsibility” featured insightful presentations from two esteemed speakers, attracting 33 participants, including teachers, parents and grandparents. Mrs. Veronika Lippert, Director of “Elternwerkstatt”-Parent Training, emphasized the role of parents in guiding children to gradually take responsibility for their actions, illustrating where decisions can be made by the child, jointly with parents, or solely by the parents due to the child’s age and understanding. Mr. Hermann Rogger, a veteran teacher with a background in nurturing creativity and talent, showcased inspiring international projects led by his students, demonstrating the exceptional potential children can reach when given the right opportunities. The session fostered meaningful discussions on balancing freedom and responsibility in education, empowering participants with practical approaches to support children’s growth and creativity.

“Debate for Peace” Youth Group Visits WFWP Vienna (SDG 16, 4, 10, 17)

On June 26, the WFWP Vienna welcomed a group of 22 young participants (ages 13 to 17) from the “Debate for Peace” youth group, founded by Mr. Steven Aiello in Israel. The visit aimed to introduce the group to WFWP’s peacebuilding initiatives. Comprising youth from Jewish, Druze, Arab and Christian backgrounds, the group participates in “MUN” (Model United Nations) programs, where they engage in debates representing various countries to discuss global issues. This visit, part of their third trip to Vienna, provided a valuable opportunity for mutual learning and discussions about fostering peace through dialogue and mutual respect.

“I learned how important it is to listen and understand different viewpoints when working toward peace.”

“This visit helped me realize how dialogue can create connections between people from different backgrounds.”

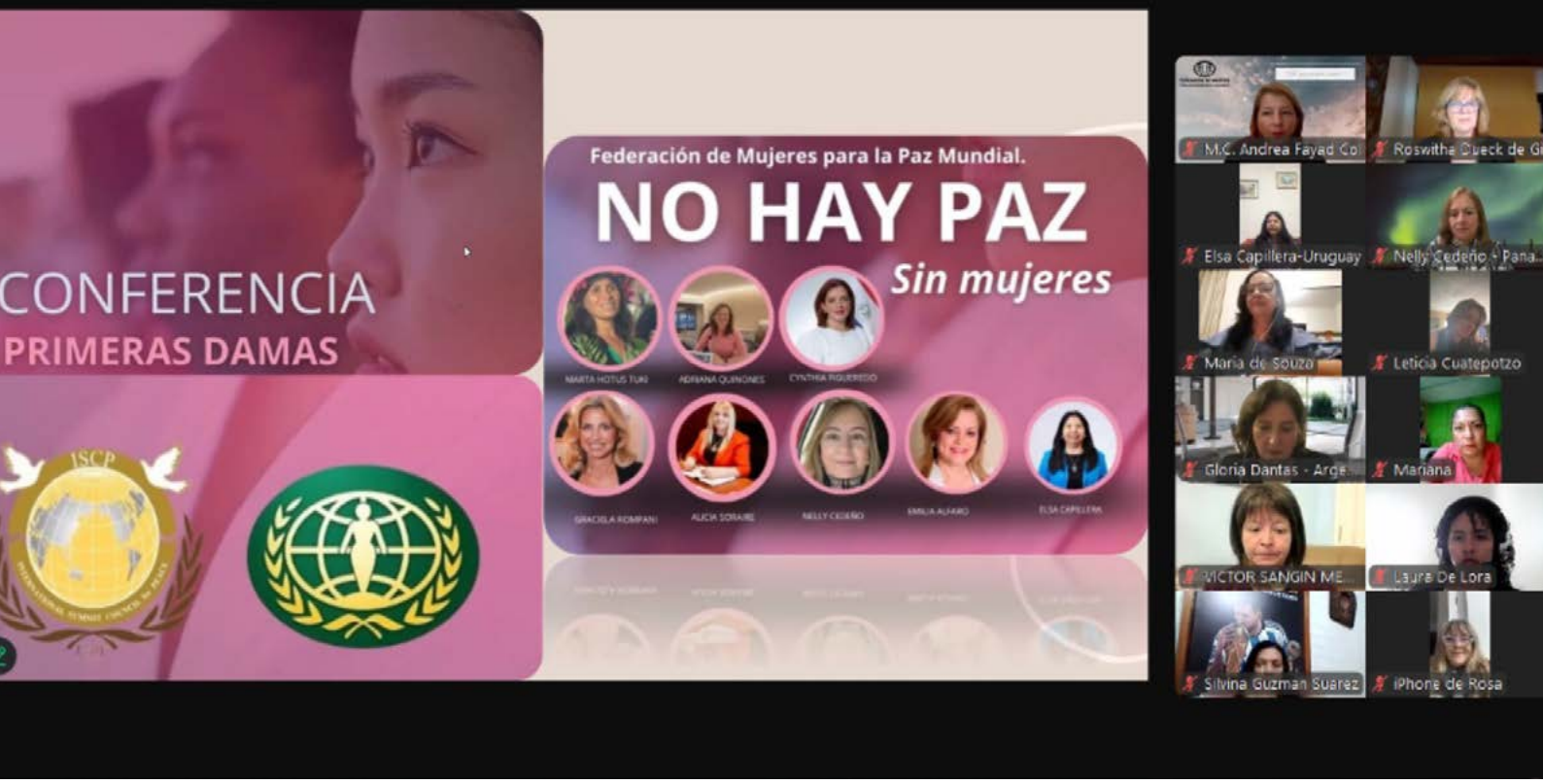
Nordic Conference on Women, Peaceand Security (SDG 5, 16, 10, 17)

On August 3, WFWP Finland, with the support of WFWP Sweden, hosted the Nordic Conference on "Women, Peace and Security" at Backby Manor in Espoo, Finland, bringing together 40 participants from Nordic countries, the UK and Ireland. The conference featured inspiring talks by esteemed speakers, including President of WFWP Europe, Mitty Tohma, who highlighted the impactful roles of grassroots women leaders like Leymah Gbowee and Nobel Peace laureates Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan Maguire. Participants explored the importance of fostering peace through education, advocacy and community initiatives, with notable contributions from activists such as Britta Houston of Sweden's Mamma United and Finnish-Syrian friendship advocate Nosaiba Ahmad. Artistic presentations, including Irish and French songs by talented vocalists, uplifted the gathering, while a Bridge of Peace ceremony fostered cross-cultural friendship and unity. The event, held at a historically significant venue known for women's empowerment, emphasized collaboration across borders to promote healing, peace and mutual support in today's complex world.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Unity and Reconciliation: Historic WFWP Peace Gathering in Paraguay (SDG 16, 17, 13, 4)

From September 5-7, WFWP hosted a historic event in Paraguay, uniting representatives from Argentina, Chile, Paraguay And Uruguay for three days of diplomatic exchanges, cultural celebrations and a powerful reconciliation ceremony. The program began with a welcome dinner in Asunción, fostering collaboration among participants. On September 6, 125 attendees gathered at the National Congress for the appointment of Ambassadors for Peace and the Bridge of Peace Sisterhood Ceremony, featuring stirring performances and impactful speeches. Honorees included Favio Chávez Morán, known for his Cateura recycled orchestra and Tamara Denis Pereira from UNIGRAN. The Bridge of Peace ceremony, introduced by President of WFWP Paraguay, Marisa Chilavert, symbolized unity as women leaders shared personal stories on environmental protection and social justice. A poignant moment occurred when Uruguayan Corporal, Audry Loreley Olivera Blanco, offered an emotional apology for the historical wounds of the War of the Triple Alliance, prompting tears and reflections on forgiveness. The event concluded with a celebration at the Del Paraguay Hotel and a serene excursion to Iguazú Falls, reinforcing bonds of friendship and shared commitment to peace. The gathering left a profound impact, strengthening cross-border cooperation and advancing the vision of lasting peace and unity in Latin America.



Webinar: "No Peace Without Women" in Latin America (SDG 5, 16, 10, 17)

On July 25, the International Association of First Ladies for Peace and the WFWP Latin America and the Caribbean co-hosted a highly engaging online event, attended by over 100 participants via Zoom and 120 viewers on YouTube. The webinar showcased the pivotal role of women in peacebuilding, featuring distinguished speakers from across Latin America, including Alicia Soraire (Argentina), Emilia Alfaro de Franco (Paraguay), Elsa Capillera (Uruguay), Graciela Rompani de Pacheco Areco (Uruguay), Cynthia Figueredo (Paraguay) and Marta Hotus Tuki (Rapa Nui, Chile). These esteemed leaders shared their experiences and insights, captivating the audience with their expertise and dedication to fostering peace and gender equality. The event brought together leaders, Peace Ambassadors and attendees from across the region, highlighting ongoing collaborative efforts to strengthen women's contributions to peacebuilding and social harmony.

"The speakers' insights have deepened my understanding of how women's leadership can create real change."

"This webinar was a reminder of the incredible potential women have in peacebuilding."

North America

Building Bridges of Peace and Unity: Highlights from South Gate's Bridge of Peace Ceremony (SDG 16, 5, 10, 17)

On May 26, the South Gate Multicultural Women's Club and South Gate Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the Bridge of Peace Ceremony in South Gate, California, drawing 80 attendees to a heartfelt celebration of unity and world peace. The event, supported by generous contributions from local businesses and community members, featured a catered Mexican lunch and a keynote address by Vice Mayor, Maria Davila, who emphasized the vital role of women in fostering peace and encouraged individual efforts to build a more harmonious world. Entertainment was provided by "The Pure Water Family Singers," whose rendition of "Love Can Build A Bridge" deeply moved the audience. WFWP representative and organizer, Mrs. Susan Felsenthal Janer, shared the history of the Bridge of Peace, highlighting the symbolic significance of the ceremony, where participants crossed the bridge, exchanged flowers, embraced in friendship and received certificates as peace partners. The event concluded with a raffle, including a sailboat rides and heartfelt acknowledgments to key contributors, including volunteers, organizers for making the day a meaningful success.

Oceania and Southeast Asia

WFWP NCR and TUP-CLA Host "Digital Bridges for Peace" Symposium (SDG 16, 17, 4, 9)

On September 28, the WFWP NCR Chapter, in partnership with the Technological University of the Philippines' College of Liberal Arts (TUP-CLA), hosted the "Digital Bridges for Peace: A Symposium on Global Peace and Reconciliation" at TUP-Manila's IRTC Conference Hall. The symposium gathered representatives from local government, academia and youth organizations to foster collaboration and launch a 21-Day Peace Advocacy Campaign promoting the reunification of North and South Korea via social media. TUP-CLA Dean, Dr. Michael Bhobet B. Baluyot, and President of WFWP NCR, Prof. Juvy V. Delmonte, opened the event with messages emphasizing the power of digital advocacy for unity. Key speakers included President of WFWP Australia, Mrs. Anne Bellavance, who highlighted visionary leadership; Ms. Sua Han from Seoul's Gangdong-gu Council, who discussed the global significance of Korean unification; and DICT's Head Executive Assistant, Patricia Nicole G. Uy, who emphasized the role of youth in digital peacebuilding. Additional presentations by ICT expert, Christine Miles Laberinto-Miranda and Dr. Florida C. Labuguen underscored the importance of digital platforms and community collaboration in fostering global harmony. Musical interludes by artist Woo Ahan added inspiration and closing remarks by International Vice President of WFWP NCR, Prof. Bernadette L. Alavazo, reinforced the symposium's message of hope and action. The event concluded with the official launch of the 21-Day Peace Advocacy Campaign, furthering WFWP NCR's commitment to local and international peace efforts.

- *Campaign Launch: The 21-Day Peace Advocacy Campaign launched, aiming to reach **10,000** engagement across social media platforms.*
- *Networking and Collaboration: Strengthened partnerships with **3** organizations (CIGTV, Coffai, Digitribe Innovations Philippines), enhancing resource sharing and project support.*
- *Youth Empowerment: Provided a platform for **20** youth leaders to share ideas and assume active peace advocacy roles.*
- *Lecture Participation: **85%** of attendees reported gaining valuable insights into peacebuilding.*
- *Feedback: **90%** of attendees expressed a commitment to future collaboration efforts.*

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATION

WFWPI has made significant strides in promoting cultural exchange and fostering collaboration across diverse countries. Through vibrant programs, partnerships and events, we have celebrated the richness of cultural diversity while encouraging mutual understanding and respect. These efforts have created opportunities for meaningful dialogue, artistic expression and shared learning, breaking down barriers and building connections on a global scale. The following section highlights our key achievements in cultural exchange and collaboration, showcasing how these initiatives have strengthened relationships and enriched the lives of individuals and communities worldwide.

Europe

Japanese Cultural Event Raises Funds for 1% Love Share Project (SDG 4, 10, 17, 16)

A Japanese cultural event was held to support the 1% Love Share project, raising over 900 euros through a 10-euro admission fee from 60 attendees. The proceeds will be sent to WFWP Korea to support educational programs for North Korean refugees. Organized by a group of Japanese women, the event showcased various cultural traditions, beginning with a warm welcome and project introduction by President of WFWP France, Brigitte Wada. The program featured a performance by a Japanese women's choir, followed by an elegant tea ceremony led by Ritsuko Carlier. The second part included interactive calligraphy and origami workshops, both of which attracted enthusiastic participation. The event concluded with a tasting of Japanese delicacies, fostering a sense of community while promoting a meaningful cause.

“The tea ceremony was such a peaceful and meaningful experience—it felt like stepping into Japanese culture.”

“I enjoyed learning calligraphy and making origami—it was a fun and educational event for the whole family.”

WFWP Portugal Strengthens Diplomatic Ties at International Portuguese Language Day Celebration (SDG 17, 4, 10, 16)

On May 14, Dr. Marta de Carvalho, President of WFWP Portugal, attended the International Portuguese Language Day celebration hosted by the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) in Lisbon. Despite her busy schedule, Dr. de Carvalho prioritized this event, viewing it as an opportunity to foster meaningful connections and promote WFWP's mission. Held at the CPLP headquarters, the event featured a full-day program, including lunch and gathered 45 distinguished VIP guests. Dr. de Carvalho actively networked with ambassadors and diplomats, including representatives from the Philippines and Mozambique, where she connected on a personal level due to shared cultural ties. She introduced WFWP to the CPLP Secretary-General and Director of Culture, who expressed interest in a formal meeting to discuss potential partnerships in character education and citizenship training. Additionally, she laid the groundwork for collaboration with Dr. Paulo Pinto from Universidade Nova de Lisboa, who showed interest in supporting CARP outreach activities and facilitating connections with the South Korean Ambassador. The event concluded with a cultural performance by Romanian singer, Madalina Petre and Portuguese artist, Gonçalo Pires, where Dr. de Carvalho further introduced WFWP's initiatives, sparking interest in future collaboration.

"The connections made during this event have laid a foundation for impactful partnerships in education and cultural programs."

Eastern Europe

Poetry and Peace: WFWP Event Celebrates Art, Leadership and New Ambassadors for Peace (SDG 16, 5, 10, 17)

A heartfelt gathering brought together 60 attendees, including poets, writers and community leaders from WFWP Albania, to celebrate the power of poetry and honor the values of peace. The meeting, moderated by Mrs. Marjeta Rroshi, opened with an inspiring poetry video by Mrs. Meri Mezini, depicting a woman's journey for dignity and the value of motherhood. Young Peace Academy graduate, Ms. Megi Dukeli, recited a stirring fragment from Albanian poet Gjergj Fishta, highlighting the strength of Albanian women. Mrs. Drita Rexhepi gave a brief lecture on the Five Principles of Peace, introducing the next round of Ambassador for Peace (AfP) nominations. Seven new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed, including educators, poets and community activists, such as the spirited 81-year-old Mrs. Violeta Mita and Mrs. Flora Agolli, who shared her admiration for Co-founder's autobiography. The event concluded with a musical performance by Ms. Luiza Ruci and refreshments, with many male attendees expressing interest in joining WFWP, making the gathering a true celebration of art, inspiration and unity.

Japan and Taiwan

Forging Bonds of Peace: WFWP Japan's Visit to Jordan (SDG 5, 4, 16, 17)

From September 1 to 9, a delegation of young WFWP Japan members, led by the International President, embarked on a fact-finding tour in Jordan to witness the impactful work of local volunteers over the past 30 years and strengthen bonds of peace and collaboration. The program included meetings with key leaders, such as the Minister of Social Development, who highlighted the vital role of women in Jordanian society and reaffirmed her support for WFWP's initiatives. The group experienced exceptional hospitality during visits to community leaders' homes and participated in a reception organized by a Global Women's Peace Ambassador, where 100 attendees joined a sisterhood ceremony, traditional tea-making demonstrationand cultural exchanges. They also bonded with 100 children from WFWP's after-school programs during a lively picnic, gaining insight into the children's admirable character development. The visit offered a deeper understanding of Jordanian family life through shared meals and conversations with teachers' families, fostering cross-cultural friendships. The tour concluded with awe-inspiring visits to Petra, the Dead Sea and the desert, enriching the delegation's appreciation for Jordan's natural wonders. This memorable journey strengthened ties between the WFWP chapters and reaffirmed the importance of unity, service and cultural exchange.

A Jordanian volunteer shared, "Among us, we were friends, but now we have become sisters. WFWP taught us how to give to others."

Celebrating 30 Years of Service: Japanese Global Volunteers Visit the Solomon Islands (SDG 4, 17, 10, 16)

From May 17 to 30, three Japanese Global Volunteers visited the WFWP Solomon Islands to commemorate the 30th anniversary of WFWP Japan's global initiative, which began in 1994 with the dispatch of 1,600 volunteers to 160 countries. During their two-week stay in Honiara, the volunteers participated in workshops, training sessions and community visits, supporting the WFWP Solomon Islands team in launching the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) event on May 25. Their program included visits to New Hope Academy School, St. John Community High School and the Honiara National Library, where they proposed the Read Aloud project, emphasizing the importance of fostering early literacy in children as a counterbalance to excessive screen time. The volunteers also paid respects at the Japanese and American War Monuments and contributed educational resources, such as reading books and a portable camera, to support local initiatives. The visit concluded with a heartfelt celebration of WFWP Japan's 30 years of dedication to peace in the Solomon Islands, with President of WFWP Solomon Islands, Monica Ilala, expressing profound gratitude for their enduring partnership and commitment to educational and community development.

"We are deeply grateful for WFWP Japan's unwavering commitment to supporting the growth of WFWP Solomon Islands over the past 30 years. Their dedication continues to inspire our mission to build stronger, educated and harmonious communities."

Korea

Friendship and Cultural Exchange Program with WFWP Korea Incheon Chapter (SDG 17, 4, 10, 16)

On January 12, WFWP Malaysia, in collaboration with Women's Holistic Leadership (WHOLE) Malaysia and Grooville Group, hosted a Friendship and Cultural Exchange Program in Kuala Lumpur to welcome 10 members of WFWP Korea Incheon Chapter. The event aimed to foster unity and cross-cultural friendship through shared experiences. President of WFWP Malaysia, Mrs. Lina Cheng, warmly welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of cultural exchange in building bonds that transcend borders. The program began with a hands-on food and culinary experience at Groovitiam Café, where 30 participants learned to brew Teh Tarik (hand-pulled milk tea), decorate curry puffs and wrap Nasi Lemak. Ms. Khadijatul Azada, President of WHOLE Malaysia, introduced the significance of Malaysian cuisine and small groups bonded through interactive cooking sessions led by experienced instructors. The morning concluded with cultural performances of Malaysian folk songs, K-pop dance and Korean songs, as well as a memorable gift exchange. In the afternoon, the group visited the Jadi Batek factory for a traditional batik coloring class, where participants explored the art of batik making and expressed their creativity by painting vibrant flower motifs. The day's activities strengthened friendships and showcased the rich cultural heritage of both nations.

- *Over 80% of participants reported gaining new insights into Malaysian and Korean culture based on post-event feedback.*
- *100% of attendees expressed increased appreciation for cross-cultural dialogue.*
- *Strengthened partnerships between WFWP Malaysia and WFWP Korea, leading to discussions of future joint initiatives.*
- *A 20% increase in membership interest for WFWP Malaysia reported in the following months.*
- *More than 70% of participants expressed interest in attending future creative and cultural workshops.*

North America

WFWP Canada's Annual Retreat: Awakening Spirituality and Strengthening Bonds (SDG 3, 4, 10, 17)

From September 21 to 22, WFWP Canada held its annual retreat at Clearstone Lodge in Roseneath, Ontario, bringing together 21 participants from cities such as Ottawa, Brockville and Toronto. The retreat began with a visit to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, where attendees gained a deeper appreciation for Indigenous heritage and environmental stewardship. Upon arrival at the lodge, the group shared a meal and explored the retreat's theme, "Awakening Our Spirituality, Impacting Our Society." Facilitated by Eveline Stewart, the session featured guest speaker Pierrette Scarr's presentation on Reiki, inspiring reflection on the principle of releasing what no longer serves us. Evening activities included a lively karaoke session and a heartfelt presentation on angels by Blandine Stringer, fostering meaningful discussions and connections. Sunday's program featured an inspirational reading by Saphia Samson, a review of WFWP Canada's achievements by President of WFWP Canada, Lilly Tadin, and a moving musical performance by Mee Young Gabriel. Participants expressed gratitude for the spiritual renewal, connections and insights shared, with many describing the retreat as a time of deep bonding, relaxation and personal growth. The diverse group included young women under 25, community leaders and attendees from as far as Winnipeg, reinforcing WFWP's mission of fostering unity, empowerment and peace.

"Thank you WFWP for hosting this retreat. I am grateful I could attend and spend some time learning, laughing and growing together."
– Monica Halenko

"We formed such deep bonds by really listening and respecting everyone."
– Eveline Stewart

"The consensus was that even though the organization was a bit lacking, the spirit and atmosphere were wonderful. Pierrette's presentation really set the tone and there was a lot of time to chat and connect with sisters."
– Leonie, Ingrid and Blandine from Ottawa

Oceania and Southeast Asia

Strengthening Civil Society in the Solomon Islands: Tok Stori Conference (SDG 16, 13, 5, 10, 17)

The Strengthening Solomon Islands Civil Society Conference provided a vital platform for inclusive dialogue and shared learning among civil society organizations (CSOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies and development partners. Using the Tok Stori approach, which emphasizes informal yet impactful discussions, the event addressed critical societal challenges, including climate change, sustainability, domestic violence and women's education. The conference aimed to strengthen partnerships, amplify local voices, build capacity and foster action-oriented strategies to achieve sustainable development goals. Participants engaged in meaningful exchanges to develop grassroots solutions and expand networks. The conference's emphasis on gender equality, disability inclusion and environmental resilience laid the foundation for enhanced community-driven progress in the Solomon Islands.

"It was truly a great event where various civil society organizations, NGOs, community-based organizations (CBOs), church faith organizations (CFOs), people with disabilities and youth from different fields came together. We learned from each other's success stories and challenges."

WFWP INTERNATIONAL

This year, WFWP International has continued its vital work of empowering women, fostering peace and building strong, inclusive communities worldwide. Guided by our core principles of service, education and advocacy, we have implemented impactful initiatives that address pressing global challenges while promoting gender equity and sustainable development. Through collaboration with partners and grassroots efforts, we have expanded our reach and deepened our impact in key areas such as peacebuilding, education and humanitarian support.

WFWP IHQ

WFWPI New Year General Assembly: A New Year with Continued Dedication

In Eastern philosophy, the year 2024 is known as the "Year of the Blue Dragon," which symbolizes courage and signifies new beginnings. In the spirit of the Blue Dragon, WFWP hopes that all members, friends and volunteers will embody courage and creativity and demonstrate the ability to focus and grow together as a community," stated Dr. Paris Moon, International Secretary General, at the 2024 WFWPI New Year General Assembly.

The year 2024 kicked off with a special virtual gathering that brought together 230 WFWP leaders, members and guests from around the world. Mrs. Jacqueline Sou Aber, a WFWPI Global Committee member from Burkina Faso, presided over the event and welcomed all participants with heartwarming words, wished them a great start to the yearand hoped that this time would be informative and beneficial for them as they work in their respective fields throughout the year.

Opening remarks were made by Dr. Paris Moon, who said, "Last year was a challenging year, but our dedicated members and volunteers have been working on a variety of projects and assisting individuals in need. We are looking ahead to the rest of 2024. I hope that you will take away value and insight from today's General Assembly and apply the learnings to practice within your own reach."

In her welcoming remarks, Mrs. Moriko Hori, WFWP International President, said "At the beginning of my term, I met with the Co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who was concerned about the world's situation, including conflicts and natural disasters. As a mothers' organization, she asked WFWP to foster mothers who can educate their families to become peace-loving global citizens. Mothers are the ones who bring harmony and unity to their families with their unconditional love. When the mind and body are at peace, the family will be at peace and society and the nation will be at peace. So this year, let us join forces and use our talents to bring peace to this chaotic world." She also mentioned WFWPI's four global themes for 2024: women's peace and security, women's leadership through the Global Women's Peace Network and climate change action and environmental sustainability.

A special video was then shown to thank the seven great women who had retired in 2023 for their deep dedication and love as peacemakers and respected leaders. The International President, Mrs. Hori also thanked each leader and announced a special request for raising young generation of leaders: “I would like to emphasize the importance of raising a new generation of young leaders who can inherit and carry on the missions of elder leaders in our organization. Commencing in 2024 WFWP International Headquarters seeks your valuable support and cooperation in fostering a culture of a graceful and smooth integrational transition for WFWP Leaders in your regions and nations with guidance, mentoring and teachings.”

The 10-minute Meet & Greet Breakout Session provided time and networking opportunities for WFWP colleagues from around the world to share their goals and New Year’s resolutions with each other. This time was a very powerful encouragement to audience members, bringing a spirit of unity and friendship.

Two speakers then presented the WFWP educational curriculum developed by WFWP Europe and WFWP Portugal: Mrs. Kefilwe Lebepe, leader of the WFWPI Young Professionals Team, presented “Building a World of Peace - The Woman’s Way.” Mrs. Lebepe read through a three-module curriculum divided into chapters on “Empowering the Self,” “Empowering the Family,” and “Empowering Society.” She concluded by saying, “Every action has to take into consideration the environmental impact! Don’t make it a burden, or a judgment on others, but a service to humanity and our planet.”

Dr. Isabel Costa of WFWP Portugal presented the “Teachers for World Peace” project developed for Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa and Brazil. The objective was to introduce a peace curriculum and literacy program into the training sessions so that members would be equipped with tools to help them in their personal and professional lives, to practice and embody the values of the WFWP Co-founders, to become teachers of peace by being role models in their lives and to pass these values on to others. She shared the testimonies from the participants and added “It is evident from these testimonies that the course has truly borne wonderful fruit. Starting with our own peace is what the Co-founders have been teaching us for years and from there we can truly bring the ideal family into a world of beautiful peace for all.”

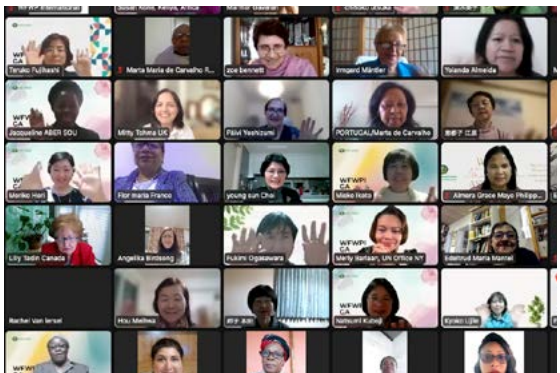
Before the next program, WFWP IHQ had prepared a special video featuring

WFWP's activities from 2023 to see activities and projects in various fields that affect the lives of millions of people around the world and the steps that WFWP volunteers are taking to achieve a peaceful world.

A unique aspect of this assembly was the special education on "Empowering Women in the Generation Gap" given by Taiwanese Professor, Lih-Rong Wang. She explained the importance of empowering women to reduce the generation gap from a gender perspective and how NGOs can achieve this goal. Based on the best practices of the Taiwan WFWP, she highlighted four pillars, with a particular focus on empowering young women. She said it is essential to support women of different ages and backgrounds to reach their full potential and overcome the barriers they face due to gender inequality, as well as to promote intergenerational dialogue and solidarity among women and recognize the diverse experiences and contributions of intergenerational women. She explained "The benefits of women's empowerment are not only for women themselves, but also for everyone. It bridges generational gaps in education, health, economic participation and political representation; enhances the well-being and resilience of women, their families, communities and society; and fosters innovation and creativity as women of different generations."

After a break, the 2024 International and Regional Action Plans were presented. The regional plan focused on the 2024 global themes and detailed plans for projects to reach more people and families in need this year. The International Secretary General presented plans for the WFWP International Headquarters, including educational sessions and administrative support for leaders in their respective fields. The WFWP UN Action Plan and goals of the three main offices in Geneva, New York and Vienna, were presented by Ms. Srruthi Lekha, WFWP UN Representative in Geneva.

The event concluded with closing remarks from the International President, who summarized the event and encouraged the participants to collect data from each project and follow up to achieve more effective results and develop the organization. She said, "Thank you for your great work and dedication. Let's work together and change the world and make it a better place!"



“The Light of Love to Never Stop Glowing” Celebrating 32 Years of Unity: WFWPI Virtual Anniversary Celebration

On April 6, WFWPI marked a significant milestone with its 32nd Anniversary Celebration, held virtually. This special occasion brought together members, supporters and leaders from around the world to honor the vision of peace and unity fostered by the organization’s Co-founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

Under the theme “The Light of Love to Never Stop Glowing,” the anniversary celebration resonated with warmth and unity. Participants gathered virtually to partake in a series of enriching programs designed to commemorate this auspicious event and celebrate the enduring spirit of love and harmony that defines WFWPI’s global mission.

The evening commenced with an uplifting opening statement by Dr. Paris Moon, International Secretary General of WFWP IHQ, setting the tone for an evening of reflection and celebration. International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori, delivered heartfelt congratulatory remarks, acknowledging the achievements and dedication of WFWPI members worldwide.

A highlight of the celebration was a mesmerizing dance performance titled “Soeng kratip,” presented by WFWP Thailand. This traditional folk dance, organized by the Bachelor of Fine Arts Folk Music and Performance Art from Khon Kaen University, captivated viewers with its cultural richness and artistic expression, symbolizing unity and community spirit.

Participants also engaged in a lively and interactive “Meet and Greet” breakout session, fostering personal connections and exchanging warm congratulations with international colleagues and friends. This session exemplified the global reach and inclusive spirit of WFWPI, bringing together individuals committed to advancing peace and social harmony.

A touching moment of the event was the screening of a compilation of congratulatory videos sent by WFWP chapters and members from around the world. These heartfelt messages, filled with love and blessings, highlighted the international solidarity under our shared commitment to WFWPI’s mission of peace and empowerment.

In recognition of exemplary service, the WFWPI Outstanding Volunteer Awards honored dedicated volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization’s mission. Awards were presented in categories recognizing years of service, ranging from 30 to 10 years, highlighting the commitment and passion of volunteers worldwide. Each recipient was celebrated for their tireless efforts and unwavering dedication to promoting peace and empowerment in their communities.

The celebration took a poignant turn as attendees honored the memories of ascended WFWP leaders who made lasting impacts globally. A special video tribute paid homage to these remarkable individuals, reflecting on their contributions and legacy within the WFWP community. Their inspiring stories served as a reminder of the profound influence of leadership and dedication in advancing the organization’s goals.

Acknowledging the invaluable support of partners and sponsors, the celebration extended heartfelt gratitude to longstanding collaborators whose unwavering support has enabled WFWPI to expand its reach and impact across continents. These partnerships have been instrumental in driving initiatives that promote

education, women's empowerment and sustainable development, fostering positive change in communities worldwide.

In her closing remarks, International President, Mrs. Hori, expressed profound gratitude to all participants, emphasizing the collective efforts and shared commitment to realizing a peaceful world envisioned by the Co-founders of WFWP. She highlighted the resilience and determination of WFWPI members in overcoming challenges and embracing opportunities for growth and collaboration.

As WFWPI celebrates its 32nd anniversary, the organization reaffirms its commitment to fostering peace, unity and empowerment globally. Through continued collaboration and dedication, WFWPI strives to illuminate the path towards a brighter, more harmonious future for all. The anniversary celebration not only commemorated past achievements but also inspired renewed efforts to address current global challenges with compassion and solidarity.

Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World: Meet WFWP Latin America

At the beginning of 2023, the Women's Federation for World Peace International launched a new initiative inviting WFWP leaders to speak about their remarkable activities and projects. This new initiative's primary objective was to provide a unique opportunity to strengthen the connection between WFWP leaders and members across the globe. In that regard, the event fostered a deep understanding of the organization, its workand raised awareness about the impact of WFWP on the world in general.

On January 26, Mrs. Roswitha Giuliano, WFWP International Vice President of Latin America, was invited to present her personal story related to her work in the organization. When she shared her life story, one can notice that it is all about unwavering dedication to her work. Mrs. Giuliano was born in Paraguay in a Mennonite family. In 1989 she married Mr. Gustavo Giuliano from Argentina and together they were blessed with five children, four of whom have embarked on their marital journeys, bringing three cherished grandchildren into their close-knit family.

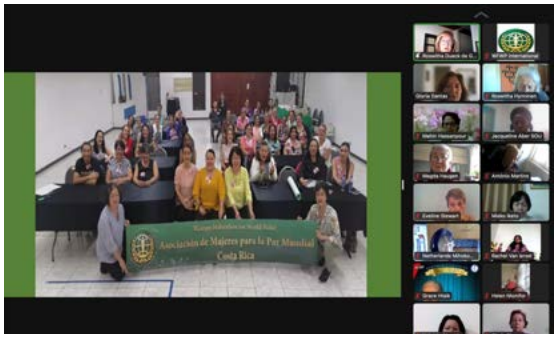
From a professional perspective, Mrs. Giuliano has always been an active advocate for family values and unity. From 1994 to 2009, she played an important role in supporting pro-family rallies and events of FFWPU Argentina/ Venezuela. Her leadership skills led her to becoming the President of WFWP Argentina from 2000 to 2009, where she continued to empower women in various spheres.

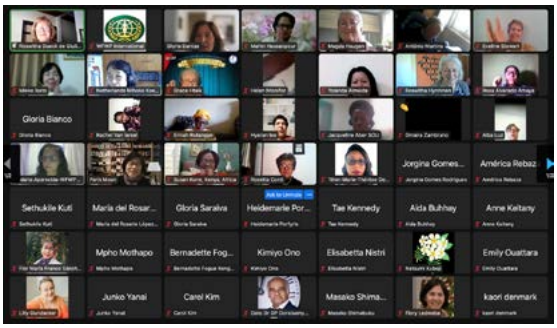
From 2003 to 2019 she served as an International Secretary General of WFWP Latin America, leaving an indelible mark on the organization's mission in the region. In addition, she also has great passion for literature and multitasked as a freelance translator for Sunghwa Publishing Co., Ltd from 2013 to 2015, translating essential works from English to Spanish. In 2019 she assumed the role of WFWP International Vice President of Latin America and the Caribbean, thus expanding her impact globally. Her true dedication and hard work leveled up her career path to serving as the President of WFWP Paraguay from 2011 to 2023, where she continued to champion the principles of peace, empowerment and unity.

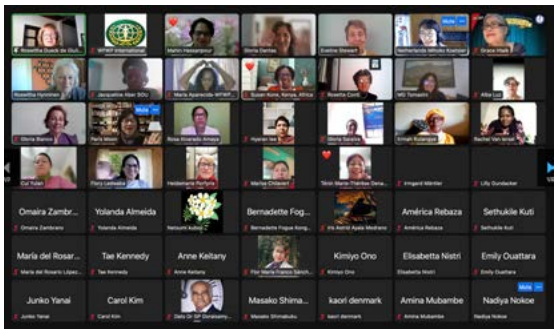
Mrs. Giuliano was always eager to share each of WFWP Latin America's projects and activities, as well as the impact of those activities on families and communities. One of the key projects in the region was "Towards Pink October", which aimed to raise awareness about breast cancer in the community. The project has provided a great opportunity to build new partnerships with different organizations and NGOs in Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Another signature project, which WFWP Latin America actively supported, was the "Giving for Good" project. This campaign worked on Regeneration School's climate action project to educate 1,000 students in Colombia to raise environmental awareness.

Last but not least, WFWP Brazil hosted its annual "Festival of Nations" - one of the main national events that brings together 15,000 people every year to celebrate the diversity of nations in unity. During the Q&A session, participants asked detailed questions about the methods and challenges of project development. Mrs. Giuliano shared with the audience about overcoming challenges and highlighted the financial aspect as the most difficult one. She also expressed her gratitude to the current sponsors who support and provide their assistance and thus, help the organization to implement various projects in the region. In conclusion, Mrs. Giuliano emphasized the importance of social media in spreading the word about WFWP's good activities for people worldwide.







Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World: Meet WFWP North America

On March 22, Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt, WFWP International Vice President of North America and National President of WFWP USA, was invited to present her personal story related to her work in the organization. Her leadership journey began when, as a teen, she organized youth service opportunities in her middle and high school and soon after became a youth pastor for her church at 16.

In 2014, she began working with youth education nationally with FFWPU. In 2019 she became the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for FFWPU and the Founding Director of the Young Christian Leadership Conference. In 2021, she joined the Universal Peace Federation USA in the position of Congressional Liaison, focusing on Indo-Pacific security concerns and religious freedom. Now, Mrs. Moffitt serves as the President of WFWP USA. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Operations Management and Family Science from the University of Maryland as well as a Master's Degree in Peace Studies from the HJ International School for Peace and Public Leadership.

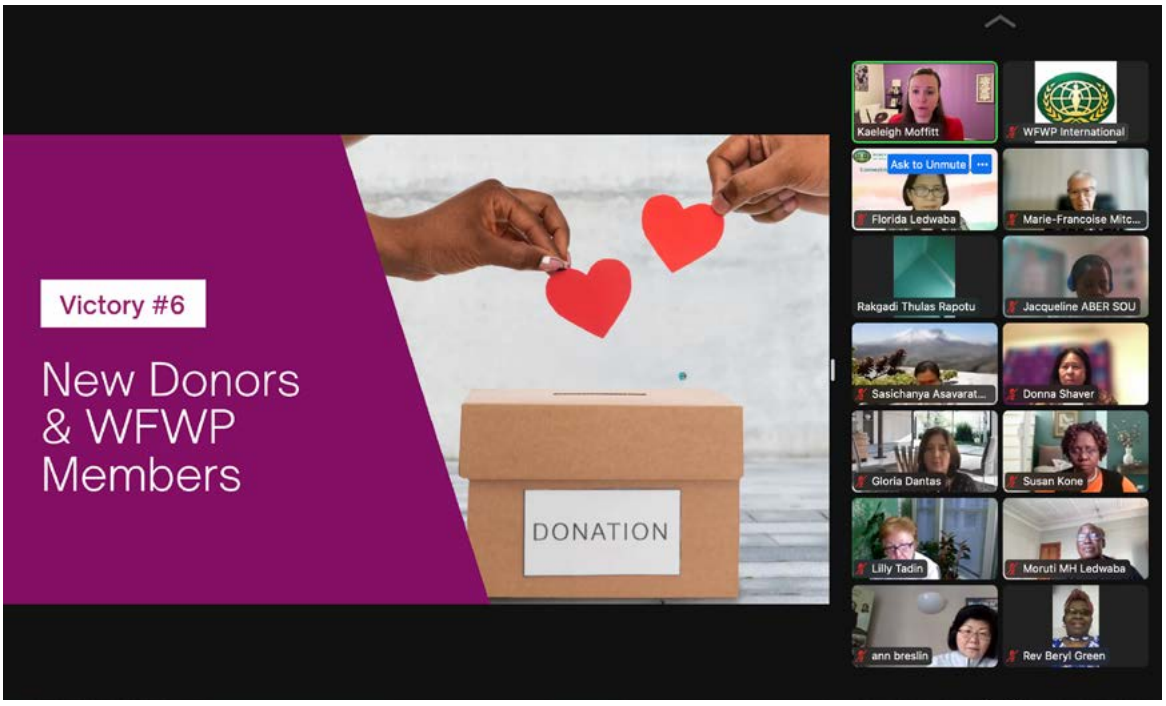
Mrs. Moffitt is a proud wife and mother of three young children. She counts this as her highest achievement and feels if she can be successful in this area of her life, she will have contributed to making a better world.

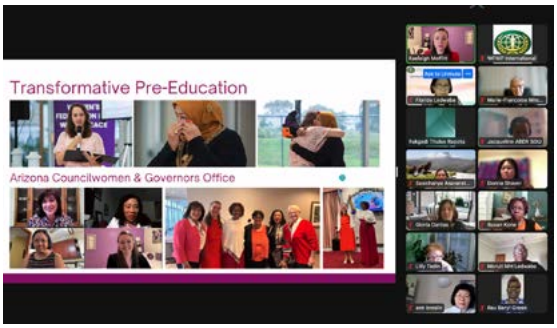
Mrs. Moffitt also shared details about each of WFWP North America's projects and activities. While her leadership journey with WFWP has only just begun, the impact she has already had on the community and the nation is tremendous. With her humble personality and bright, energetic leadership, she has helped to build a generation of young women into the organization by spreading the vision of the Co-founders and sharing with others her own life experiences gained through her work with the organization. Mrs. Moffitt has also built a strong platform and creative network of influential women professionals and women leaders in various fields through the development of the Global Women's Peace Network and regular nominations for the HerStory Awards. She created a safe and harmonious environment for women to live in peace together by organizing "Bridges for Peace" ceremonies throughout the United States to change hearts and minds to live for each other with unconditional love.

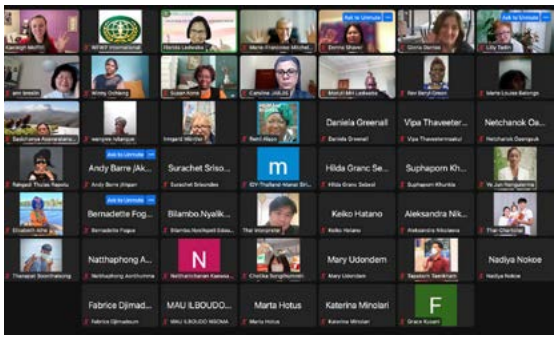
Mrs. Moffitt's vision is to create communities that support women in their

journey of womanhood and bring together women leaders to transform the local communities. After the presentation, many in the audience couldn't help but become fans of the new leadership and thanked the presenter for bringing a new concept and wave to WFWP.

*Starting in 2023, the Women's Federation for World Peace International launched a new initiative "Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World" to provide a unique opportunity to strengthen the connection between WFWP leaders and members from across the globe. This initiative invites WFWP leaders to speak about their remarkable activities and projects, to foster a deeper understanding of our organization, its work and most importantly, the global impact WFWP has on the world.







Exploring the World of Children's Art: WFWPI Virtual Cafe with Ms. Olga Borodkina

On March 29, WFWPI brought a burst of creativity to screens around the globe with its lively Virtual Cafe on Zoom. The Virtual Cafe series, initiated in 2020, serves as a casual online gathering where WFWP leaders, members and friends explore meaningful issues, share perspectives and connect through shared interests and passions.

This session featured Ms. Olga Borodkina, a talented children's book illustrator based in Moscow. With a background in teaching English and a deep-seated love for art, Ms. Borodkina transitioned from education to pursue her passion for illustration. Her journey into the world of children's books began with self-taught techniques learned from watching artists on social media platforms like YouTube and Instagram.

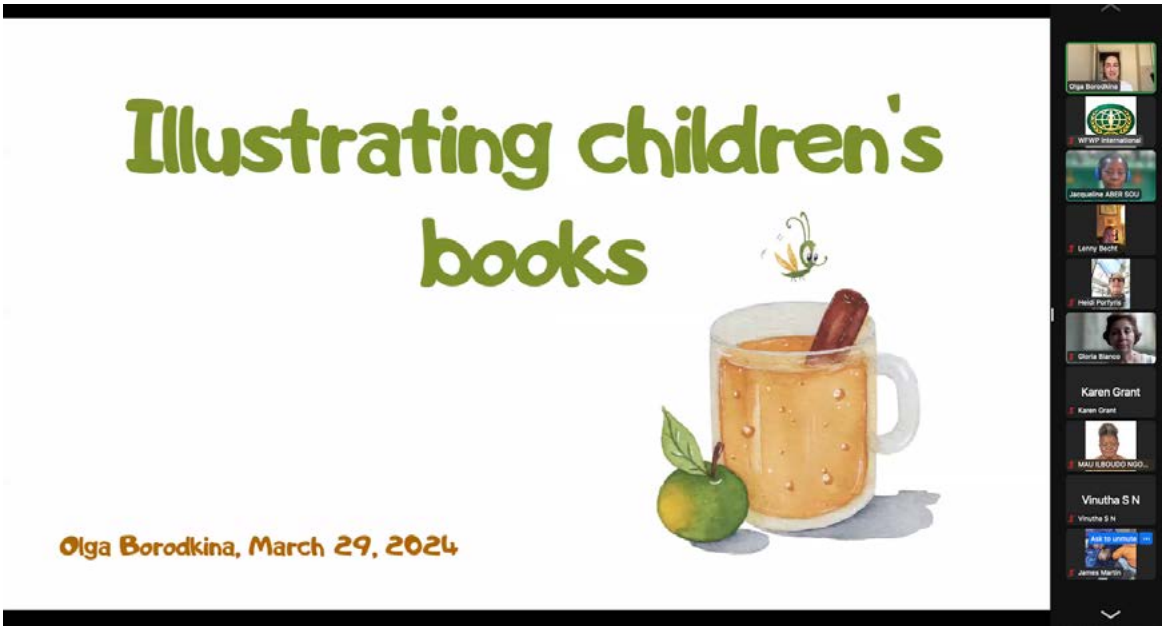
During the Virtual Cafe, Ms. Borodkina captivated participants with insights into her artistic process and the joys of creating children's books. She shared her creative inspirations, which often stem from childhood memories and observations of the world around her. Central to her artwork are vibrant watercolor paints that bring characters to life in enchanting, cozy environments. She generously shared her expertise on the intricacies of publishing children's books, offering practical tips and know-how garnered from her own experience. Having successfully published three children's books available on platforms like Amazon, she emphasized the importance of storytelling through illustrations and creating captivating characters that resonate with young readers.

Beyond her personal achievements, Ms. Borodkina highlighted the supportive community of children's book illustrators and authors she has cultivated globally. This network serves as a source of encouragement, where creators exchange ideas, share resources and celebrate each other's successes in the competitive world of publishing.

The Virtual Cafe participants actively engaged with Ms. Borodkina, asking questions about her artistic techniques, publishing process and advice for aspiring illustrators. The interactive nature of the session fostered a sense of community among attendees, united by their passion for children's literature and visual storytelling.

The WFWPI Virtual Cafe is a testament to the power of creativity and community-building across borders. Through platforms like these, WFWPI continues to foster dialogue, share knowledge and inspire individuals to pursue their passions and make meaningful contributions to society.

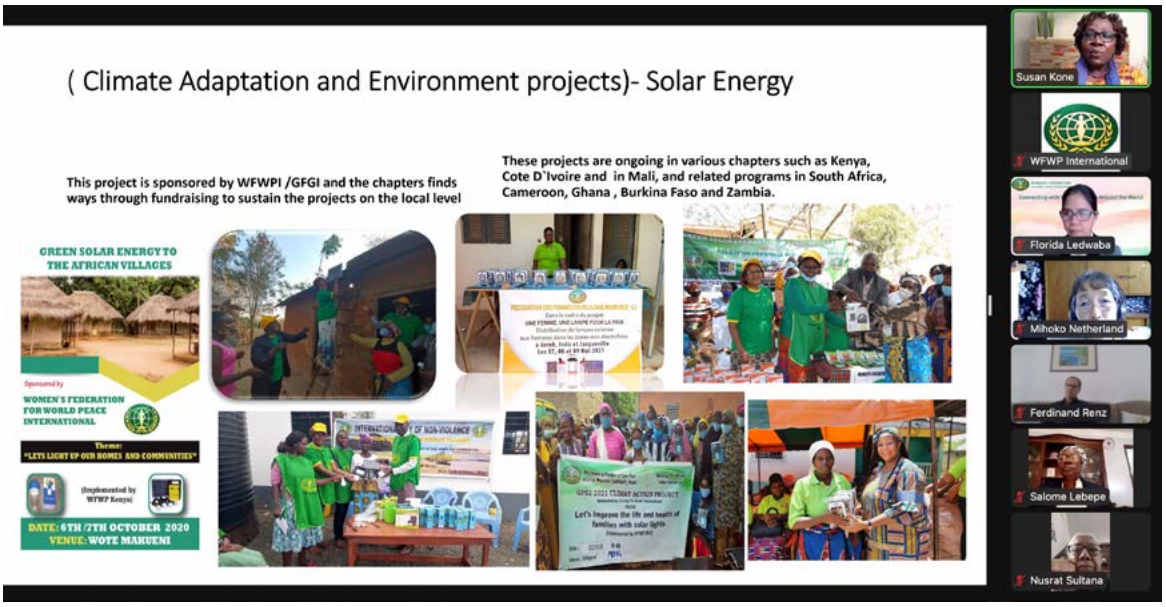
As WFWPI looks forward to future Virtual Cafe gatherings, we remain committed to providing spaces where diverse voices can converge, ideas can flourish and connections can thrive.



Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World: Insights from Dr. Susan Kone

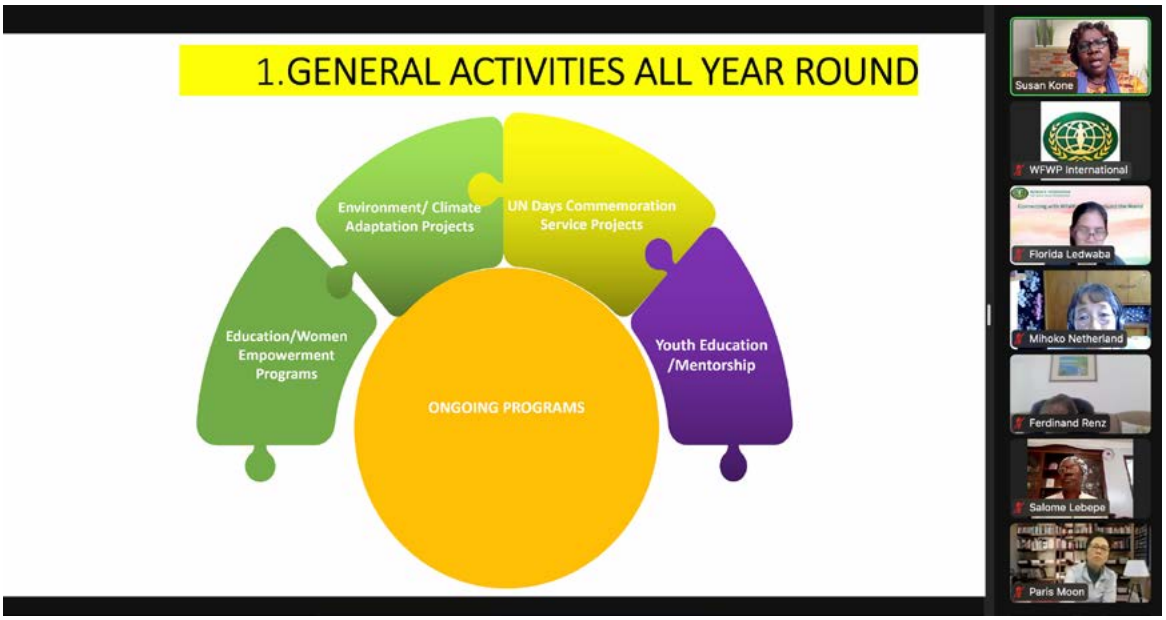
On May 24, WFWPI hosted a special event titled “Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World,” featuring Dr. Susan Kone as the distinguished speaker. The virtual gathering provided a unique opportunity for participants to engage directly with WFWP leaders and members from across the globe and gain valuable insights into the organization’s initiatives and impactful projects. Dr. Susan Kone, a certified mediator and social worker, embodies a passion for fostering positive change, particularly in the lives of women and families. Currently serving as President of WFWP Kenya and WFWP International Vice President of Africa, Dr. Kone is dedicated to women’s leadership development, empowerment projects and promoting peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts. Her advocacy spans women’s rights, gender equality, youth mentorship and initiatives promoting women’s health and wellness, including teaching Unified Martial Arts for self-defense.

The event attracted a diverse audience of 50 participants globally, eager to learn about WFWP’s activities and projects, particularly those spearheaded under Dr. Kone’s leadership in Africa. She shed light on WFWP Africa’s impactful projects, such as environmental and climate adaptation efforts, women’s empowerment programs, youth education on character development and initiatives promoting family values. “Mother’s Heart Peace Network” supports women in promoting



peace and prosperity within their communities, emphasizing the pivotal role of women in fostering societal harmony. Finally, the membership program introduced in 2023, aims to enhance self-sufficiency and sustainability in development projects across the region, reflecting WFWP Africa's commitment to long-term community empowerment.

The interactive nature of the event facilitated meaningful dialogue and cross-cultural exchange among attendees. Participants expressed appreciation for Dr. Kone's comprehensive overview of WFWP Africa's initiatives and her inspiring leadership in advancing women's empowerment and peacebuilding efforts.
The "Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World" event displayed WFWPI's commitment to fostering global networking and collaboration among its members. Dr. Susan Kone's role as a visionary leader within WFWP Africa exemplifies the organization's dedication to empowering women, promoting sustainable development and advocating for peace on a global scale.



WFWPI Webinar for Young Professionals "Role of Youth in Family and Society"

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) held an educational webinar on May 25, featuring young professionals from Canada, Colombia, Ghana and Korea. The webinar was broadcast on Zoom and translated into French, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Korean, with a total of 70 participants. Ms. Lia Raquel Tavares Vieira, a young professional from Portugal and moderator of the webinar, started the webinar by welcoming the audience and introducing each panelist.

The first speaker, Ms. Adriana Muños Blanco, is a journalist, presenter and specialist in strategic communication with 12 years of experience in political and institutional journalism at the national level. She is a dreamer, inspirational speaker, entrepreneur and representative of the beauty of Santander women. She created the social movement Reina El Corazón to spread solidarity among people through her social networks and thus provide support to different foundations in the country because, as she says, "We all have something to donate: from time onwards." Now, she is a professional model and dedicates herself every day to working in this new profession, with the message that dreams come true regardless of age. Ms. Blanco shared her life journey as she continues to challenge new opportunities to show the youth of her country the importance of believing in what you believe in and realizing what you are

passionate about. “Don’t compete with others, only [with] yourself and remember to smile every day.” Her Reina El Corazón movement works tirelessly to weave threads of hope and create the social fabric of the country, influencing not only individuals but also the media, foundations, scholarships and support for those in need.

The second speaker, Dr. Jerry Adjei Nmai, is a medical officer at the Upper East Regional Hospital in Bolgatanga, Ghana. A dedicated family man, he is driven by a deep desire to make a difference in society, particularly in the lives of orphans and disadvantaged children, by providing them with food, clothing and education. Dr. Nmai’s journey is a testament to the transformative power of the Women’s Federation for World Peace’s sponsorship, of which he is a proud beneficiary. He emphasized the importance of the role of youth in the family and society. “The youth are called upon to renew and refresh the current state of society, including leadership, innovation, skills, etc. The youth should push forward modern technology, education, politics and peace in the country.” Dr. Nmai shared his story and initiative to share the love he received from those around him by celebrating his birthday with special donations for the children at the orphanage in Ghana and doing this as a tradition every year. He said the act is his own way of giving back to the community and believes that if most young people do the same, it will help improve society.

Ms. Lindsay Hampejsková is a former eye imaging specialist from The Hospital

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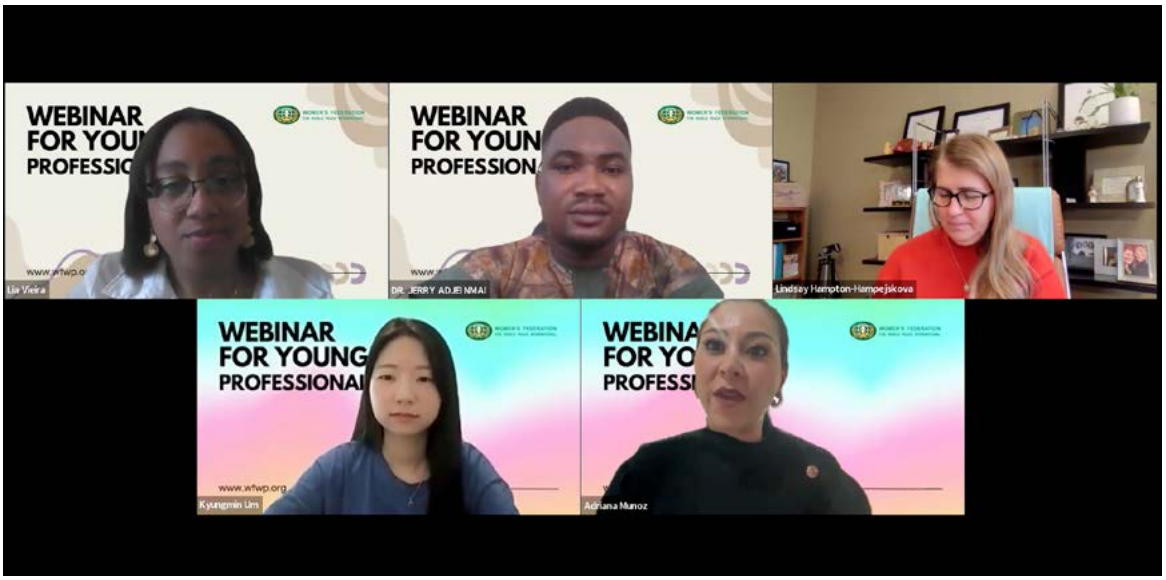
for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. Her impressive academic background includes an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where she specialized in the prevention of global blindness. Her work has taken her to various continents, including Asia, Africa, South and North America and the Middle East. Notably, she spent over two years in Kenya and Pakistan, where she developed a national program for retinopathy of prematurity in Bangladesh. Currently, she oversees infection control in five Canadian hospitals while actively contributing to the development of international healthcare systems. Ms. Hampeyskova is one of those who changed her life 180 degrees by following her heart, starting out as a photojournalist but ending up working in the medical field and founding So Children Can See, an organization that helps children with eye problems to see a brighter future and live happier and more fulfilling lives. She shared her challenges and successes as a volunteer, missionary and entrepreneur and how daily encounters with people in different countries have shaped her outlook on life. She said, “The roles of youth in family and society are to bring adults back to God, communicate and connect without language, boundless dreams and thinking big, influence with altruism, help us remain adaptable, share God’s divine love, resilience, take over from where adults left off and provide an opportunity for peace on Earth.” Ms. Kyung Min Um is a full-time, full-stack software engineer at Goldman Sachs. She graduated from a university in Korea and the University of Bridgeport with a degree in Computer Science in the US. She worked as an Android developer (software engineer) from 2018 to 2020. She is also a development leader for KEA

and belongs to the KEA vocal group. Ms. Um explained what agile methodology is and how to work more effectively with a team in project management. She described several tools that she and her team use to achieve long and short-term goals and how they promote continuous improvement and boost team morale. “The retrospective meeting is important for team bonding, to socialize and create an open safe space to share and discuss as a team how to do better in future projects.”

The Q&A session was also one of the highlights of the webinar, allowing the presenters more time to share their personal life experiences and insights. All participants were asked the question, “What words would you like to say to the youth participating in today’s webinar?” Each of the speakers agreed that everyone will have their challenges, but encouraged the audience to have passion, keep moving and don’t give up. Learn to fall and get back up, enjoy the process and research how to do a better job.

The webinar concluded with an invitation to join the WFWPI Young Professionals Team, a dynamic group that meets bi-monthly every third Wednesday at 12 PM GMT. This team serves as a creative think tank internationally, practicing cultural diplomacy through the exchange of ideas, information, art, language and other cultural aspects to foster mutual understanding. By joining this team, everyone can actively contribute to this effort and make real impact on the world.

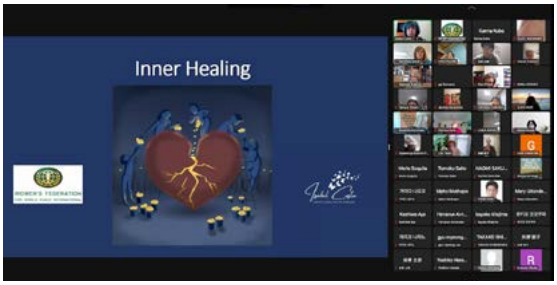


WFWPI Sessions with Dr. Isabel Costa “Inner Healing”

Dr. Isabel Costa’s sessions, “Inner Healing,” are becoming increasingly popular with WFWP members and guests worldwide. She offers reliable and helpful advice, supporting many families through free sessions provided by WFWP. Recently, there was a request to run sessions in different languages and WFWP decided to conduct sessions in three languages with the most members: Spanish, French and Japanese. From December 2023 to May 2024, 50 to 100 people worldwide participate weekly in the online sessions.

These sessions are designed to help families, especially couples, heal their inner child and improve relationships between spouses, ultimately benefiting their children. Participants feel comfortable and free as they are warmly welcomed into a community of like-minded individuals with shared goals. WFWP plans to continue organizing such sessions to give as many families as possible the opportunity to share their insights and receive professional support in their daily lives.

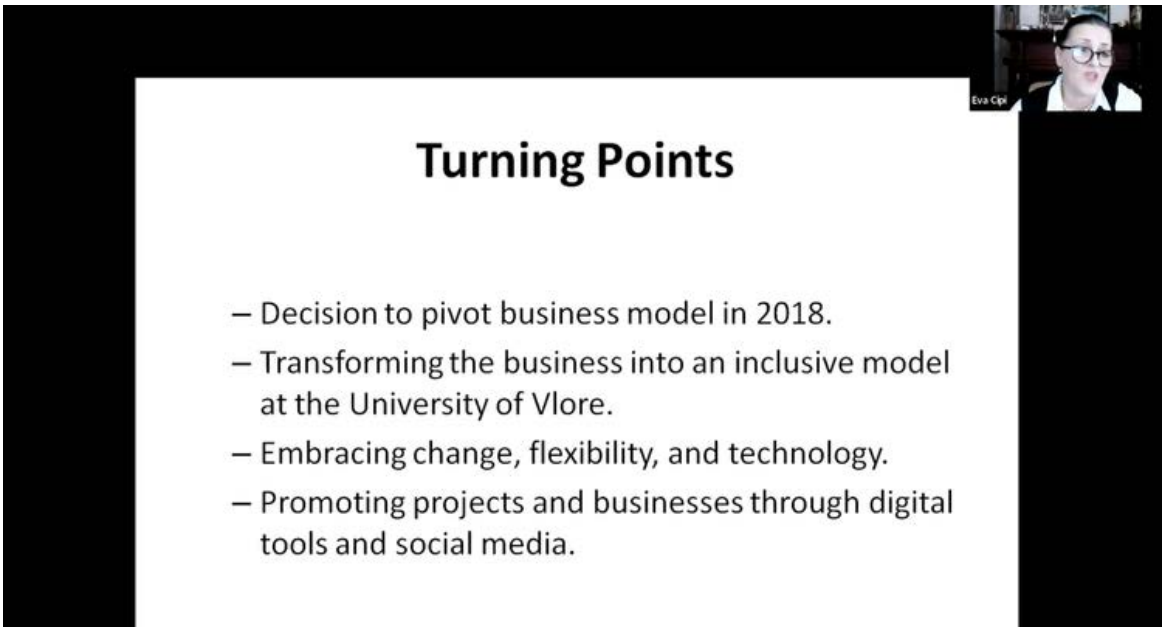
Dr. Isabel Costa is a professional therapist with degrees in Naturopathy from Escola Superior de Biologia e Saúde (Portugal) and Hypnotherapy from IACT (USA). She authored two books on healthy eating and co-organized the Multidisciplinary Congress on Healthy Eating, held annually for six years in partnership with ComMedida. She created and teaches the Holistic Nutrition Course at the Institute of Traditional Medicine since 2014. Additionally, she holds a postgraduate degree in “People’s Management and Organizational Happiness” from Universidade Atlântica. Currently, she serves as a Happiness Consultant, providing consultations for individuals and online training for groups and organizations.



WFWPI Webinar on Women Entrepreneurship: A Transformative Dialogue

On July 27, WFWPI hosted an insightful webinar focusing on women's entrepreneurship, featuring a diverse panel of accomplished speakers who shared their expertise and experiences. The event was moderated by Ms. Hayong Wonderlik, a young professional and Secretary General of WFWP South Africa. The event was a resounding success, attracting participants eager to delve deeper into entrepreneurship, empowerment and leadership.

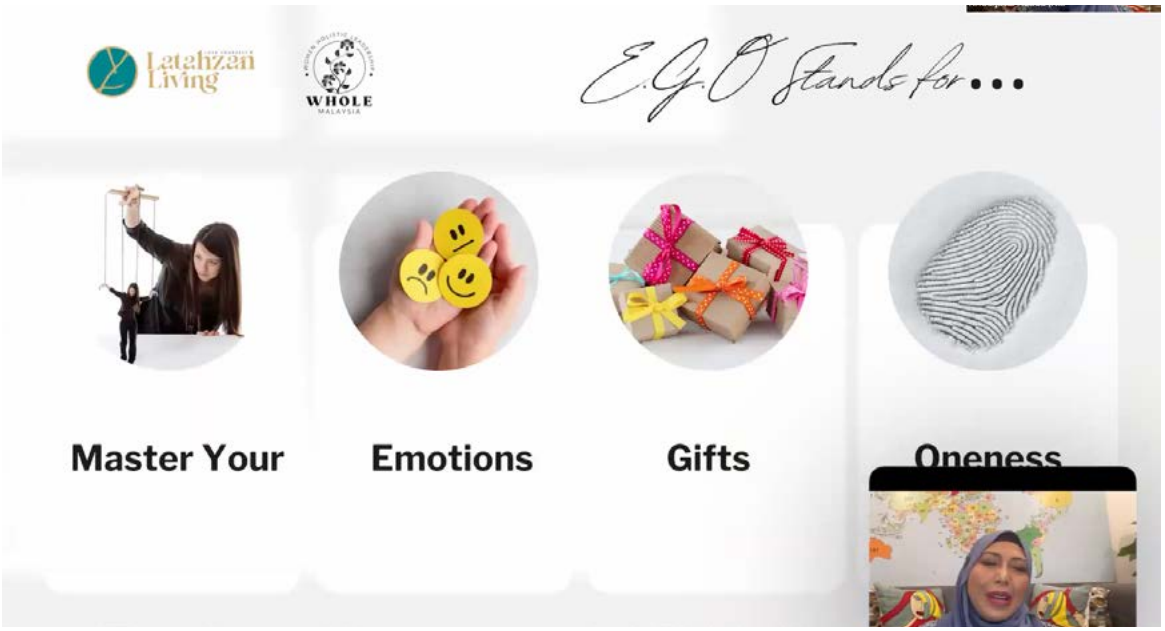
There were four main speakers: (1) Mme. Gladys Ashitey, a distinguished Ghanaian politician and member of the Fourth Parliament, led the discussions with her profound insights gained from her extensive political career. Her academic achievements include a Doctor of Medicine degree from the American University of the Caribbean and a Bachelor of Science in Medicine from the University of Ghana. She has been a dedicated advocate for her constituency, exemplifying strong leadership and commitment. (2) Dr. Eva Çipi, renowned for her academic prowess and commitment to education, brought her expertise as Chairwoman of the Universal Peace Federation Albania to the webinar. With a Doctor of Science degree in Informatics Engineering, she has been instrumental in driving innovation and social engagement in the Vlora Region. Her contributions to digital education and inclusive methodologies underscore her dedication to societal advancement and peacebuilding. (3) Ms.



KD, a multifaceted speaker, author and educator, shared her global expertise in personal growth and transformation. Her background spans diverse fields such as energy healing, clinical hypnotherapy, brand image consulting and corporate training. As the Founder of WHOLE Malaysia, she channels her passion for Malaysian cultural heritage into empowering women's leadership and community development, earning recognition for her transformative strategies. (4) Dr. Chioma Machebe, a lecturer at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and leader of WFWP Enugu State District, Nigeria, captivated the audience with her entrepreneurial initiatives and community leadership. Originating from humble beginnings in Obollo Eke, Nigeria, Dr. Chioma's journey includes founding TRINITAS FOUNDATION, an organization empowering youth and women in rural areas through skill-based programs.

The webinar explored several key themes essential to women's entrepreneurship. Speakers emphasized the critical role of leadership in fostering entrepreneurial success, particularly in advocating for gender equality and empowerment. Also, discussions highlighted the importance of innovation and adaptability in navigating challenges and seizing opportunities in entrepreneurship. Finally, the panelists highlighted the transformative impact of community engagement and empowerment initiatives, sharing practical examples and success stories from their respective fields.

Following the presentations, the webinar featured an engaging Q&A session.



The audience had the opportunity to pose questions to the speakers, seeking further insights and details on their presentations. Questions ranged from practical advice on starting entrepreneurial ventures to inquiries about overcoming specific challenges faced by women in various industries. Each speaker provided detailed responses, drawing from their vast experience and expertise. Mme. Ashitey shared the challenges of working as a woman in politics, illustrating resilience and strategic leadership. Dr. Çipi elaborated on the role of education in fostering innovation, emphasizing the need for inclusive approaches and the importance of good teamwork. Ms. KD offered practical tips and shared what skills are important for women to succeed in business. Dr. Chioma emphasized the importance of community-based entrepreneurship and the impact of grassroots initiatives.

The webinar was not only an opportunity for insightful dialogue but also a catalyst for inspiring action and fostering collaboration among participants globally. The diverse perspectives and experiences shared by the speakers underscored the immense potential of women in driving economic and societal change through entrepreneurship. Initiatives like these are crucial in advancing women's leadership and empowerment worldwide.

Stay tuned for more updates and initiatives from WFWP as we continue to empower women and promote peace through dialogue and action.

WFWP IVPs' Ethiopia Korean War Memorial Tribute in Chuncheon City

In 1994, the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) began its groundbreaking work by sending 1,600 women volunteers to 160 countries. This year marks the 30th anniversary of this remarkable effort and the WFWP International Vice Presidents (IVPs) from around the world, who have played a pivotal role in laying the foundation for WFWP's work globally, visited Korea for two days and three nights from June 19 to 21.

Accompanied by these volunteers, the Vice Presidents reflected on the significance of this milestone, thanked the volunteers for their hard work, discussed WFWP's progress and held meetings to plan future developments. Dr. Paris Moon (International Secretary General), Mrs. Vipa Thaveteermsakul (IVP of Asia Pacific 1), Mrs. Anne Bellavance (IVP of Asia Pacific 2), Mrs. Roswitha Giuliano (IVP of Latin America), Dr. Susan Kone (IVP of Africa) and Mrs. Mitty Tohma (IVP of Europe) visited Chuncheon city on June 22 to meet with the co-chairs of the WFWP Korea Chuncheon chapter, Mrs. Sung Ee Moon and Mrs. Harumi Tawaragi and held a meeting with the Chuncheon Women's Organizations Council.

The meeting was moderated by Mrs. Sung Ee Moon, followed by welcoming remarks from Mrs. Chu Young-yi, Chairperson of WFWP Gangwon Special Autonomous Region. Mrs. Ki Yeon-ok, Chairperson of the Chuncheon Women's Organization, gave a congratulatory speech, while Mrs. Choi Young-sun, President of WFWP Korea, delivered an encouraging speech. Dr. Paris Moon presented a report on international activities and Mrs. Harumi Tawaragi reported on activities in Chuncheon.

The meeting also included the participation of several chairpersons from women's organizations in Chuncheon, including Mrs. Lee Ok-hee (Chairperson of the Chuncheon Korea Freedom Federation), Jang Mi-hwa (Chairperson of the Chuncheon Korean Unification Women's Union) and Mrs. Kim Jin-ok (Chairperson of the Green Railway Volunteer Group). These leaders introduced their organizations and discussed their global solidarity activities with WFWP. After the meeting, the participants visited and toured the Ethiopian War Memorial in Gongjoseon, Chuncheon. They were welcomed by KFF officials and watched a film on the establishment and history of the Ethiopian War Memorial. A detailed

briefing by Mr. Cha David, Director of the Ethiopiabet Association, informed participants about the sacrifices made by Ethiopia's veterans and victims for freedom. The group paid tribute to these heroes.

The participants also visited the Chuncheon Daejeon Peace Memorial Park in Geunhwa-dong, where they laid wreaths, cleaned up the environment and honored the freedom-defending spirit of the heroes of the Chuncheon Daejeon War.

The visit of the WFWP International Vice Presidents to Korea, honoring the first WFWP volunteers, engaging with local women's organizations and honoring historical sites, underscored WFWP's enduring global impact over the past three decades. Celebrating this milestone reaffirmed their commitment to fostering global solidarity and peace, highlighting WFWP's ongoing dedication to building a more united world.

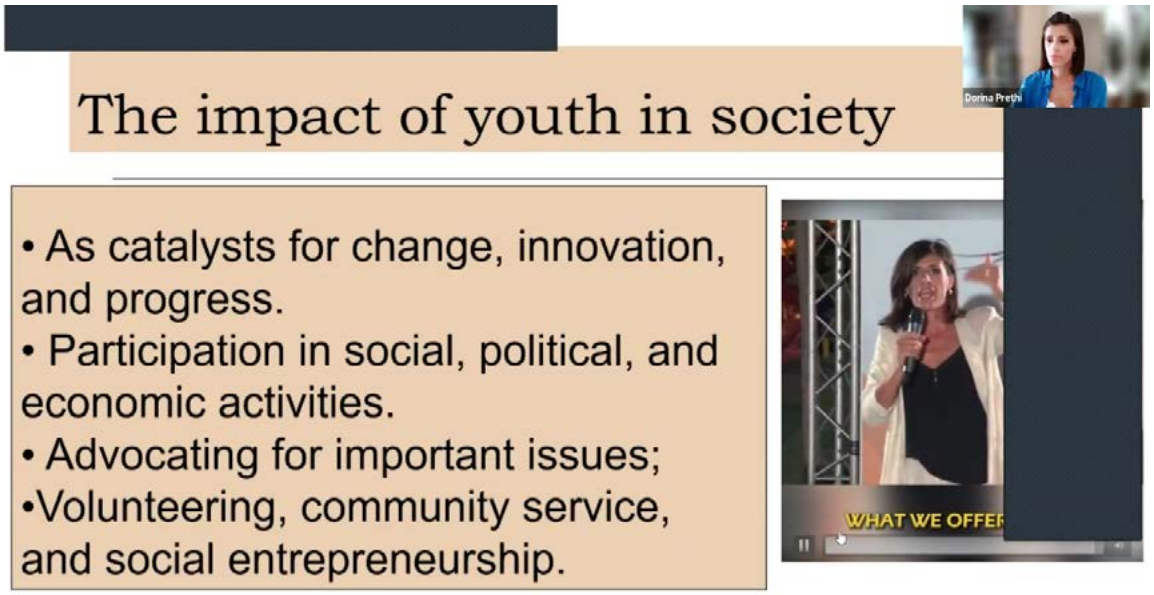
WFWPI Webinar for Young Professionals: A Global Exchange of Ideas and Expertise

On August 31, the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) hosted a highly engaging webinar for young professionals, broadcast via Zoom. The event saw participation from 70 individuals, bringing together speakers from diverse professional backgrounds and countries, including Korea, Jordan, Albania and Australia. The session was expertly moderated by Ms. Ritvania Barrica from Portugal, who ensured a seamless and comfortable experience for both the audience and the speakers.

Mrs. Kahee Kang from Korea, a distinguished art psychotherapist with an MA from Goldsmiths, University of London and CEO of Art Studio Festina, delivered an inspiring presentation. Mrs. Kang, who operates under the motto "Find your uniqueness, Draw your real dream," discussed how art psychotherapy can empower youth to overcome external pressures and explore their true passions. Her work at Art Studio Festina, a career experience center recognized by the Korean Ministry of Education and her art therapy counseling in Changwon, showcase her commitment to helping children articulate their dreams and navigate their futures. Her presentation highlighted how art therapy creates a nurturing environment for individuals to discover and express their true selves. Mrs. Dorina Prethi from Albania, a lawyer with extensive experience in civil law, discussed the intersection of family education and national development. With a background in law from the University of Tirana and a history of collaboration with WFWP Albania, Mrs. Prethi highlighted the impact of family dynamics on societal well-being. Recently, Mrs. Prethi joined a new political party focused on enhancing democracy, promoting meritocracy and fostering healthy competition among Albania's youth. This initiative seeks to address and dismantle systemic corruption that affects various facets of life in the country. Balancing her professional and societal contributions with her role as a devoted mother of three, Mrs. Prethi has consistently received strong support from her family. In her presentation, she underscored the critical role of family education in shaping the future and cultural development of a nation. She addressed contemporary challenges facing youth, such as unemployment, declining birth rates, divorce and housing issues, advocating for the creation of robust family traditions and cultural practices as a foundation for societal well-being.

Mr. Ata Alhaj from Jordan, is a distinguished online marketer and dedicated

community activist. His work focuses on youth development, where he leads initiatives aimed at fostering individual growth and addressing pressing societal challenges. Mr. Alhaj's programs offer engaging extracurricular training that equips young people with essential life skills, while promoting inclusion and acceptance. His efforts contribute to meaningful change and help build a more connected and resilient community. During his presentation, Mr. Alhaj highlighted the severe unemployment crisis affecting Jordanian youth. He noted that each year, approximately 100,000 young individuals enter the job market, with 32% of those aged 15 to 30 facing unemployment. Many are deterred from pursuing entrepreneurial ventures due to fear of failure, leading some to cope with their frustrations through unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, alcohol consumption and drug use, which result in additional health, psychological and social issues. Mr. Alhaj emphasized that his involvement with WFWP Jordan has enabled him to engage more deeply with the youth, allowing him to better understand their challenges and offer meaningful support. Through volunteering, he has been able to provide valuable opportunities that enhance their skills and capabilities. Ms. Preetah Bolaky from Australia, Director of Omnisen Consulting Limited and Mindset Coach at Kickass Buddy Coaching, concluded the webinar with a compelling talk on focus and personal transformation. With over a decade in the banking industry and a background as a global business strategist, Ms. Bolaky shared her journey of success and the importance of maintaining focus to achieve personal and professional goals. She also introduced the Kickass Buddy Movement, which supports individuals in their growth through



mentorship and encouragement. Beyond her business endeavors, Ms. Bolaky is actively involved with the WFWP Victoria Committee and serves as the UN Office Regional Representative for Oceania and Southeast Asia. During her presentation, she emphasized the critical importance of focus, beginning with the question, “What was your win this week?” She illustrated how shifting focus can significantly enhance the quality of one’s life and shared her personal journey of leveraging focus to successfully launch a new business and navigate life in a foreign country.

Following the presentations, an interactive Q&A session provided attendees with the opportunity to delve deeper into the speakers’ insights and experiences. Ms. Barrica facilitated this segment, posing questions that enriched the discussion and offered valuable advice to all participants.

The webinar concluded with an invitation for all attendees to join the WFWPI Young Professionals Team. Meetings are held bimonthly, every third Wednesday at 12 PM GMT, providing a platform for professionals across various fields and countries to connect, network and collaborate towards creating a peaceful society. This initiative aims to harness the skills and knowledge of motivated youth to contribute to global peace and development.

WFWPI General Assembly 2024 Recap

On September 14, WFWPI held its General Assembly virtually via Zoom and YouTube. Hosted by Mrs. Lorna Sabas, Regional Secretary General for the WFWP Asia Pacific 2 Region, the assembly brought together more than 400 WFWP leaders, members and friends from around the world for a day filled with inspiration, learning and collaboration.

The event kicked off with welcoming remarks from Dr. Paris Moon, International Secretary General of WFWP, who set an encouraging tone for the assembly. Next, Mrs. Moriko Hori, the WFWP International President, offered her own warm welcoming address, outlining the goals and vision for the event and encouraging the participants to continue educating women and children in every corner of the world.

A key highlight of the opening session was the announcement of Dr. Julia Moon becoming the newly appointed President Emerita. This prestigious role acknowledges Dr. Moon's exceptional leadership and contributions during her tenure as WFWP International President. Mrs. Hori elaborated on this honor and presented Dr. Moon with the official certificate, marking a significant moment for the organization.

Participants then engaged in a dynamic Meet & Greet session, where they were randomly grouped to connect with colleagues and friends from around the globe. This informal session provided a valuable opportunity for networking and sharing personal updates, enhancing the sense of global community among attendees.

The assembly continued with insightful presentations aimed at strengthening leadership and advocacy skills. Dr. Paris Moon delivered a compelling lecture on "Empowering Women in Leadership," offering valuable perspectives on fostering leadership among women.

Following Dr. Moon's lecture, attendees enjoyed a captivating piano performance titled "Dedication" by Sharon Chou. This piece, composed by Dr. Tzu-Chin Hsu and premiered by the talented Ms. Chiao-Han Liao, highlighted the rich artistic contributions within the WFWP community.

Mrs. Merly Barlaan, Chief Administrative Officer at the WFWPI Office for UN Relations in New York, then presented on “Implementing Impactful Advocacy,” providing practical strategies for effective advocacy work and a brief on the Summit of the Future and the 79th UN General Assembly.

A brief 10-minute break allowed participants to reflect on the presentations and refresh themselves before diving into the next segment of the program.

The second part of the assembly focused on “Best Practices from the Field,” where presidents from three WFWP chapters shared their experiences and insights. These presentations provided practical examples and inspired attendees with actionable ideas for their own local projects.

Mrs. Gwendoline Tshimbana from WFWP South Africa, presented innovative approaches from her chapter. WFWP South Africa’s project launched in 2022, and addresses COVID-19’s impact on education in underserved areas. Initially planned as a mobile library, it shifted to using local school classrooms due to logistical challenges. Achievements include book distribution, design with kids project where students build their play areas, boosting creativity and character education workshops, helping teens develop leadership skills. This initiative has improved student attendance and community engagement, aligning with SDGs on poverty eradication, zero hunger and good health.

Mrs. Mitty Tohma of WFWP UK, offered valuable lessons from her chapter’s activities, notably the Young Women’s Speech Contest. Originating from WFWP Japan, the speech contest has been a flagship educational program in the UK since 2015. The contest has grown significantly, with themes evolving each year from “Women and Their Role in Society” to “Women in Leadership Achieving Equality in a Post-COVID-19 World.” The program aims to build young women’s leadership skills, confidence and public speaking abilities while aligning with UN SDGs. Finalists participate in annual networking, mentorship and internship opportunities, and alumni are encouraged to become community leaders. One notable outcome from the 2023 contest is the partnership with the University of Greenwich International in London, following a contestant’s inspiration to incorporate her experience and the theme into her thesis.

Mrs. Rosetta Conti from WFWP Argentina, shared effective strategies and successful initiatives on climate action, “Environmental Guardians: A

Collaborative Initiative." From March to October 2022, WFWP Argentina and Chacras de Buenos Aires launched the project to promote sustainable living. The project included creating organic vegetable gardens, teaching healthy eating and recycling and empowering women with circular economy practices. Initially targeting mothers and later expanding to local school teachers, the project faced some delays but ultimately succeeded in engaging 26 mothers and 20 teachers. It fostered hands-on learning in organic farming, recycling and solar energy use, benefiting the community and promoting environmental stewardship.

The assembly concluded with closing remarks from Mrs. Moriko Hori, who reflected on the event's discussions and the collective progress made.
Excitingly, an announcement was made about the upcoming "WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2024," scheduled for September 27 and 28. This virtual summit will focus on promoting environmental awareness, empowering women in leadership and cultivating future leaders through a series of engaging sessions and workshops.

As the General Assembly drew to a close, Mrs. Lorna Sabas expressed gratitude to all participants for their involvement and contributions. The event was marked by a deep sense of unity and commitment to advancing the goals of the WFWP.

WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2024: A New Era of Collaboration and Inspiration "Together for a Greener, Equitable and Inspiring World"

From September 27-28, WFWPI hosted its inaugural Global Vision Summit virtually via Zoom. This groundbreaking event attracted 177 participants on the first day, with an additional 68 views on YouTube and 62 attendees on the second day, marking a significant milestone for the WFWPI Global Committee. The summit arose from the WFWPI Global Committee's commitment to inspire action, foster leadership and promote sustainable practices. Engaging panels featuring prominent speakers and interactive breakout sessions were designed to stimulate discussion and collaboration among attendees.

The event commenced on September 27 at 10 AM GMT with an Opening Ceremony moderated by Dr. Paris Moon, who welcomed participants from around the globe and highlighted the summit's innovative nature, rooted in the WFWPI Global Committee project initiated in 2021. Dr. Moon outlined three key objectives for the summit:

1) Promote Environmental Awareness: Educate participants on current environmental issues and sustainable practices.
2) Empower Women: Highlight the crucial role of women in environmental conservation and leadership.
3) Cultivate Future Leaders: Inspire and equip young professionals with the

WFWPI GLOBAL VISION SUMMIT 2024 AGREEMENT

Closing Ceremony - September 28, 2024

We, the participants of the WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2024, hereby reaffirm our collective commitment to the objectives and vision outlined during this transformative event. Together, we embrace the responsibility to inspire action, foster leadership, and advocate for sustainable practices that benefit our global community.

Objectives of the Summit:

1.Promote Environmental Awareness:
We commit to educating ourselves and others about current environmental issues and advocating for sustainable practices that protect our planet for future generations.

2. Empower Women:
We recognize and will actively highlight the pivotal role of women in environmental conservation and leadership. We pledge to support initiatives that promote gender equity in decision-making processes.

3. Cultivate Future Leaders:
We aim to inspire and equip young professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead future initiatives. We will create mentorship opportunities and platforms for collaboration that enable the next generation of leaders to thrive.

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knowledge and skills to lead future initiatives.

Following Dr. Moon's remarks, the International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori, shared the global works of WFWP and her inspiring vision for the summit, encouraging attendees to embrace the event's purpose.

The first session, "Innovative Solutions for Climate Change," featured Mrs. Jacqueline Aber, a WFWPI Global Committee member from Burkina Faso, as a moderator, alongside a distinguished lineup of speakers who shared their insights:

Ms. Vicki-Ann Assevero (Trinidad and Tobago) addressed severe climate challenges facing Caribbean communities, including rising sea levels, intensified hurricanes, coastal erosion and the impacts of shifting weather patterns on agriculture. She emphasized the importance of fostering community action, promoting sustainable practices such as renewable energy and regenerative agriculture and engaging governments for equitable solutions. Ms. Assevero stressed that education and local resilience are key to empowering communities to navigate climate threats and secure a sustainable future.

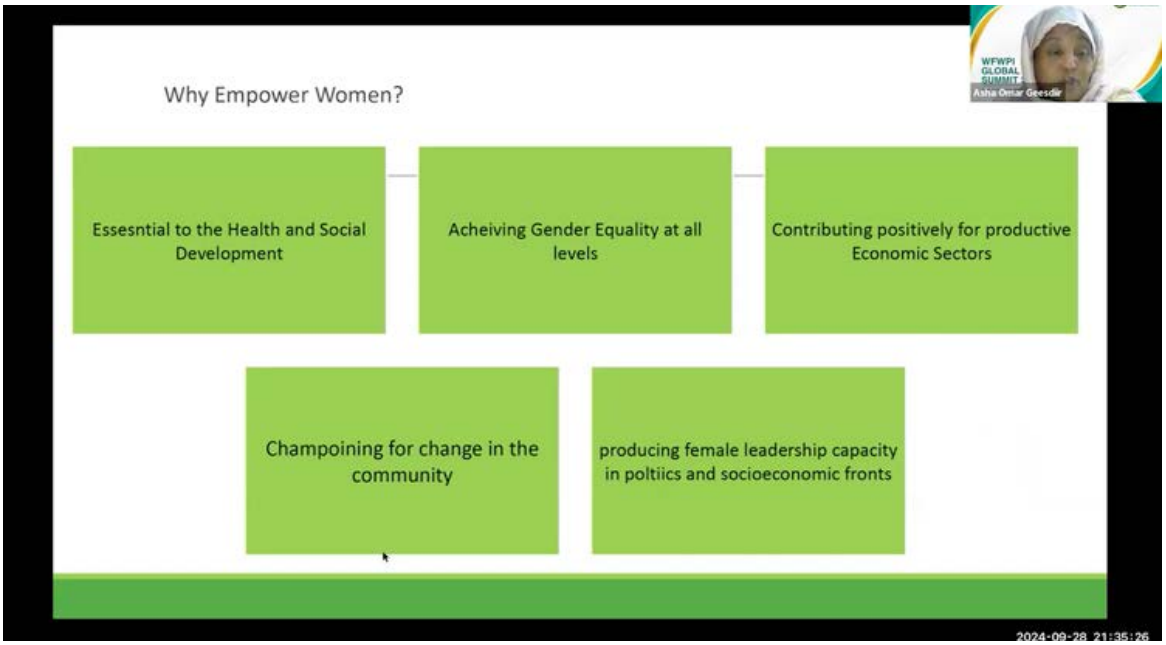
Ms. Nadiah Hanim Abdul Latif (Malaysia) highlighted the need to balance planetary boundaries with social foundations, drawing on the "Donut" economic model. She advocated for critical climate solutions, including transitioning from

fossil fuels to renewable energy, enhancing energy efficiency and leveraging technological innovation. Ms. Latif showcased successful projects such as urban farming in Kuala Lumpur and the transformation of a “trash island” into an educational tourism hub. She urged collaboration and collective action, cautioning against complacency in environmental efforts.

Dr. Monthip Sriratana (Thailand) emphasized the intersection of gender equality and climate change, detailing the unique challenges women face, particularly in the Global South. She noted that historical gender inequalities exacerbate the impacts of climate change on women’s health and livelihoods. Dr. Sriratana called for increased funding for female-led organizations and the integration of gender perspectives into climate policies, advocating for transformative change that includes all voices.

Dr. Antoaneta Letsoalo (South Africa) addressed the urgent need for action in the Anthropocene, emphasizing that humanity is living beyond its ecological means—requiring 1.7 Earths to meet current demands. She stressed the importance of understanding ecological impacts and fostering stewardship for the Earth, aligning actions with global sustainable development goals.

The second session, “The Role of Young Professionals in Shaping Our Future,” was moderated by WFWPI Young Professionals Team Leader, Mrs. Kefilwe Lebepe, aiming to empower attendees to cultivate future leaders and inspire

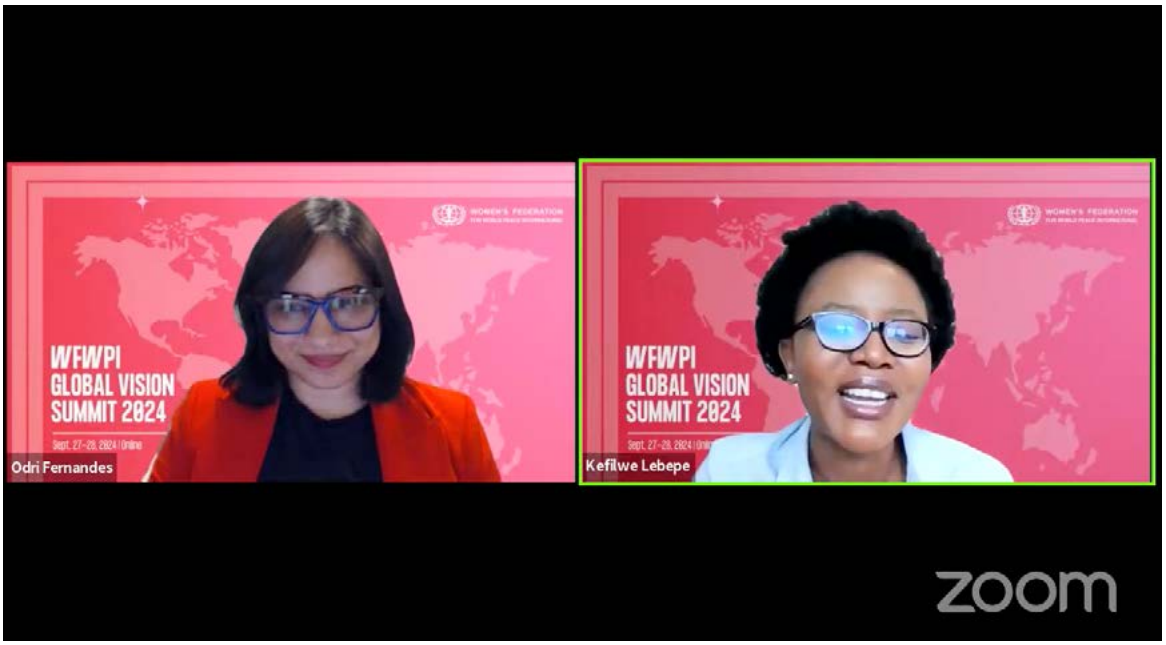


innovative initiatives:

Ms. Odri Fernandes (Australia) emphasized the importance of nurturing young professionals through the “Leading into the Future” mentorship program. This initiative pairs emerging leaders with experienced mentors to foster heart-centered leadership and personal growth. Over four years, 71 mentees have benefited from dedicated mentor coaches. Ms. Fernandes stressed that supporting young leaders is vital for driving innovation and social change.

Ms. Erica Ferreira Pina (Portugal), an Emergency Department nurse, shared her insights on love expressed through her work and community service, including volunteering with food banks and refugee integration. She argued that true happiness is often obscured by societal pressures for fame and wealth. Ms. Pina highlighted the challenges young people face in toxic work environments and inadequate support, advocating for active love, trust and unity as crucial for well-being.

Ms. Dilbar Kadyrkul (USA) emphasized the significant impact young professionals can have in driving change. A humanitarian worker and Community Engagement Exchange alumna, she shared her experiences with WFWP USA, highlighting projects that empower women. Ms. Kadyrkul urged young professionals to challenge the status quo and uplift others for a more hopeful future.



The second day of the summit began with an inspiring session focused on "Empowering Women for a Sustainable Future," moderated by Mrs. Florida Ledwaba, Regional Secretary General of WFWP South Africa. This session underscored the pivotal role women play in environmental conservation and leadership:

Dr. Ariana Ortet Vigelandzoon emphasized the critical role of women's empowerment in achieving sustainability and peace. She shared successful initiatives from Suriname that equipped young women with skills in gardening and ICT, calling for collaboration to strengthen these efforts.
Mrs. Siham Anies Kawar, an international trainer from Jordan, discussed the Jordanian Women's Village Association, which empowers women economically. Inspired by her students, she advocates for women to run for municipal councils and supports them in establishing home-based projects for financial independence.

Ms. Asha Omar Geesdiir highlighted key projects in Somalia that promote women's empowerment for health and gender equality. She emphasized the need for investment in women's leadership and collaboration among stakeholders to create a more sustainable future.

Ms. Tshepi Motloung (South Africa) stressed the importance of collaboration among women and shared initiatives aimed at reducing gender-based violence while mentoring young girls through education and entrepreneurship. She called for unity in advocating for women's rights.

Following the speakers' presentations, participants engaged in breakout sessions that facilitated deeper discussions and networking opportunities aligned with the summit's vision and objectives.

As the summit concluded, participants reflected on the collaborative Summit Agreement crafted during the event, which emphasizes collective commitments to promote environmental awareness, empower women and cultivate future leaders.

The agreement calls upon all participants to:

Take Action: Integrate sustainable practices into personal or professional spheres.

Advocate for Change: Promote environmental awareness and women's

leadership.

Connect and Collaborate: Foster networks to amplify impact on initiatives.

Share Knowledge: Continue dialogues initiated at the summit to maintain momentum.

With a shared commitment to these objectives, attendees were encouraged to act as leaders of tomorrow in creating a more sustainable and equitable world. Dr. Paris Moon, International Secretary General, concluded the session by expressing gratitude to all participants and speakers, highlighting the unity in the global mission to create a better future for humanity.

Overall, the WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2024 was a resounding success, igniting motivation and inspiration among participants. As WFWPI builds on this foundation, the organization looks forward to deepening its global impact and fostering significant change for a sustainable and equitable world. Together, we can create meaningful change for a brighter future!

Empowering Women for Peace: Elisabetta Nistri's Inspiring Leadership Journey Highlighted in WFWPI Webinar

On October 20, WFWPI hosted an inspiring webinar focused on women's empowerment and leadership, spotlighting the accomplishments of President of WFWP Italy, Elisabetta Nistri, and her impactful journey in promoting peace, women's rights and interfaith collaboration. The event was opened by Dr. Paris Moon, WFWPI Secretary General, who warmly greeted attendees and shared WFWPI's ongoing mission to foster leadership and empowerment for women worldwide. Elisabetta's commitment to women's issues, peacebuilding and community collaboration shined through as she recounted her experiences with WFWP Italy and other global organizations, motivating women to take up leadership roles for a more peaceful and just world.

Highlights from Elisabetta Nistri's Journey and Leadership in WFWP Italy

Elisabetta began by expressing gratitude to the committee members of WFWP Italy and the remarkable women she has encountered during her tenure. She noted that her leadership role not only allowed her to form lasting friendships with influential women from various NGOs but also provided opportunities to address critical issues faced by women worldwide. She discussed memorable conferences, including "From the Journey of Hope to Slavery: The Broken Dream of Young Women" held in March 2023, which shed light on human

trafficking and “Women of Faith and Their Commitment to Peace” in February 2024, where she emphasized the vital role of women of faith in fostering peace.

Advocacy for Women, Peace and Security

In her ongoing advocacy, Elisabetta frequently speaks to high school students about topics like Women, Peace and Security, drawing upon the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325. These interactions have allowed her to inspire young people, demonstrating the importance of empowering the next generation to work toward a peaceful and secure future for women globally.

Elisabetta has also addressed the public in various settings, including the Grottaferrata Public Library, where she delivered a presentation on Women and Their Contribution to Peace on October 9, 2024. She stressed that by educating youth and promoting peace, women leaders can catalyze social change and encourage a generation of peacemakers.

Connection with Interfaith and Vatican Leadership

Elisabetta shared memorable experiences working alongside women of faith as part of Religions for Peace, an international organization uniting religious leaders in the pursuit of peace. Through this collaboration, she has met many inspiring women who are dedicated to interfaith dialogue and societal unity. She noted the Vatican’s recent efforts to include more women’s voices, including hosting events with nuns and women leaders in the Vatican. In December 2022, she had a significant encounter with Pope Francis, where she introduced

WFWPI's mission and presented a book symbolizing WFWPI's work to him. The meeting highlighted the influence of faith-based organizations on global peace efforts and the Vatican's openness to supporting women-led initiatives.

Meeting High-Profile Leaders and Advocating for Change

Elisabetta's commitment to promoting women's voices has led her to meet with prominent leaders, including President Sergio Mattarella of Italy at the Quirinale on March 8, 2017. This encounter was an important milestone in her advocacy, as it symbolized her alignment with Italy's highest political authorities to uplift the status and contributions of women. She shared her interactions with President Mattarella as a testament to the value of leadership that listens, respects and collaborates across different sectors to create a more inclusive society.

Public Engagements on Peace and Women's Rights

Elisabetta has continued her advocacy in various settings, including economic forums and peace conferences, where she has inspired students, policymakers and fellow NGO leaders to reflect on women's critical role in social justice and peace. Her recent presentations at master courses in economics were particularly impactful, as they focused on how peace is a necessary foundation for prosperity and economic growth. Students and attendees were moved by the realities women face globally and left motivated to participate in social change efforts.

Empowering Unity Among Women of Diverse Backgrounds

A significant theme throughout Elisabetta's address was the importance of solidarity among women from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds. She shared personal stories of women working together across borders and faiths to achieve shared goals, despite differences in nationality or belief. Elisabetta encouraged webinar participants to see diversity as a strength and a source of unity, urging them to collaborate for a world where mutual respect and understanding drive action.

Global Participants and Engaging Q&A Session

The webinar attracted participants from various regions, who posed thoughtful questions and shared their personal experiences related to women's empowerment and peace. Elisabetta emphasized that women's leadership transcends borders and by connecting through shared challenges and

aspirations, women everywhere can build stronger, more resilient communities. The session concluded on a hopeful note, with attendees expressing appreciation for Elisabetta's insights and the connections fostered through the event. Many participants echoed her sentiment on the power of unity and left inspired to further their own contributions to women's rights and leadership within their communities.

Conclusion: Building a Legacy of Empowerment and Peace

This webinar underscored WFWPI's mission to empower women globally, highlighting the inspiring work of leaders like Elisabetta Nistri, who champion women's roles in peace and justice. Her story reminds us that women's leadership can transform society and is essential for building a sustainable future. Through events like these, WFWPI continues to connect, inspire and mobilize women leaders around the world to make a lasting impact on our communities and our world.

Virtual Cafe: How to Publish a Children's Book on Amazon Using ChatGPT

The Virtual Cafe session served as an interactive masterclass, guiding participants through the process of publishing a children's book using Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) platform. Jacqueline Aber, an experienced publisher and key member of the Global Committee and WFWP Burkina Faso, shared her insights and publishing journey. Paris Moon introduced Jacqueline, highlighting her valuable contributions to both the Global Committee and WFWP Burkina Faso.

Following the introductions, Jacqueline greeted the audience and began to share her publishing process, emphasizing tools like Canva for design and customization. Below are the key aspects of her presentation:

Publishing on Amazon KDP

Jacqueline shared her experience publishing her book on Amazon U.S.A. She explained that authors can either use their own ISBN or Amazon's free ISBN option.

Amazon accepts custom book covers as long as they meet the platform's formatting requirements. If the cover doesn't meet these standards, Amazon provides feedback and downloadable templates to assist with corrections.

Designing with Canva

Jacqueline demonstrated how to use Canva for designing a custom book cover and interior layout. She showed that Amazon KDP offers downloadable templates which can be easily customized in Canva, ensuring a smooth upload process.

She emphasized how Canva's design tools align with Amazon KDP's requirements, making the overall publishing process easier.

Importance of Personalization

Jacqueline highlighted the importance of personalizing AI-generated content. While tools and templates make the process more accessible, it's essential for authors to infuse their own creativity and unique voice into the final product.

Participant Engagement and Conclusion

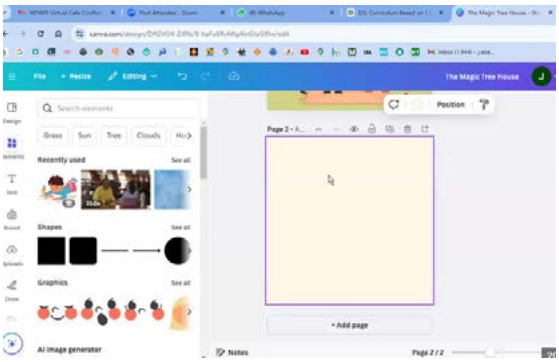
Throughout the session, participants actively engaged by posting questions and feedback in the chat. Jacqueline addressed these queries and suggested

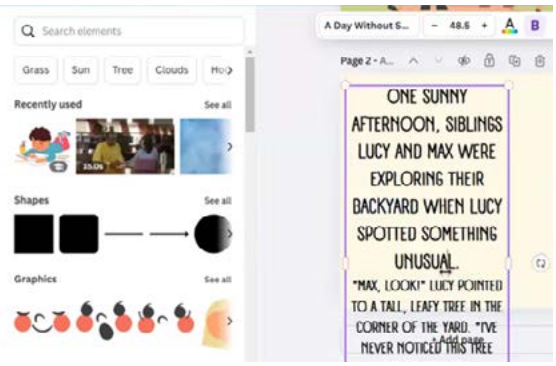
additional online resources for those interested in further enhancing their design and publishing skills.

The event ended with positive feedback, as many participants expressed enthusiasm for wanting to try publishing a book. Jacqueline's practical guidance and encouragement inspired attendees to explore Amazon KDP as a viable platform for bringing their children's book concepts to life.

Impact

The session successfully equipped participants with valuable tools and knowledge to start their publishing journey. Jacqueline's demonstration of Canva and Amazon KDP proved that anyone can publish a children's book with creativity and dedication. Jacqueline's own book, Tidy Turtles and Messy Mice is available on Amazon.





INSPIRING TESTIMONIALS AND SUCCESS STORIES

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Africa

Dr. Jerry Adjei Nmai
Medical Doctor, Upper East Regional Hospital, Bolgatanga

My name is Jerry Adjei Nmaiand I am 32 years old. I am a medical doctor at the Upper East Regional Hospital in Bolgatanga, Ghana. Born and raised in Teshie, a community in Accra, I am the first of six children in a family that faced significant financial challenges.

Seventeen years ago, when I was in primary six, my life changed in ways I could never have imagined. Growing up in a family with limited resources, affording even the basics for my education—school uniforms, books and fees—was a constant struggle for my parents. It was during this difficult time that I came in contact with the WFWP.

WFWP visited my school in search of students who academically excelled, but had financial difficulties. I was fortunate to be one of the two selected for sponsorship. With their support, I could attend school without the heavy burden of financial worries weighing on my family.

When I completed junior high school, a new challenge arose—my parents couldn't

afford to send me to senior high school. It was a devastating moment for me, as I felt my dreams slipping away. Once again, WFWP stepped in, restoring hope when I thought all was lost. Their timely intervention allowed me to continue my education and keep my dream of becoming a doctor alive.

Today, I stand as a proud medical doctor and I owe this achievement to WFWP. Without their support, I might have become a school dropout, struggling to survive. Instead, they laid a foundation that has enabled me to not only achieve my goals but also dream even bigger.

Now, I aspire to give back to my community. My dreams include establishing a foundation to support street children, orphans and underprivileged youth, ensuring they have access to education and the resources they need to succeed. I also hope to build a hospital that provides quality healthcare to underserved communities.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to my foster parents for their immense support. Thank you for always being there for me. Your unwavering support has made it possible for me to become who I am today.
To the executives and volunteers at WFWP, may God bless you for the incredible work you are doing around the world. You have truly changed my life.

Europe

Mrs. Kefilwe Lebepe
Leader, WFWPI Young Professionals' Team

My name is Kefilwe Lebepe and my journey with WFWP began when I moved to Johannesburg in my early twenties. I was warmly embraced by the members and though I didn't fully understand everything at first, I enjoyed participating in their activities. The positive emotional experience I had, inspired me to become more involved and I chose to work with WFWP to share that joy with others.

I started as an active member in South Africa, taking part in meaningful projects and advocacy work. Over time, I became the national treasurer and joined the leadership team. Later, when I moved to Germany, I joined the Global Committee and became the leader of WFWPI Young Professionals' Team. In this role, I not only support young professionals in Europe but also collaborate with African Young Professionals, who recently welcomed a new leader.

Experience
One of the most memorable experiences from my early days with WFWP was visiting a senior home with gifts. Upon arrival, we realized the staff needed help and without hesitation, our members stepped in to assist, helping residents clean and change. A week prior, we had visited a children's orthopedic ward in a public hospital, delivering gifts and extending a helping hand to everyone. These small acts of kindness showed me the relevance of our movement and the profound gratitude of those we served.

A more recent highlight was the WFWP Europe annual conference in November 2024. As a small team, we started preparing in February and after months of hard work, we hosted a world-class event that created beautiful memories. We laughed, cried and danced together in sisterhood. This spirit of camaraderie and impact has been a constant theme in all my WFWP activities.

Of course, challenges are inevitable. Working with people of diverse personalities, each with their own strong ideas, can sometimes be difficult. In those moments, I remind myself that everyone is doing their best and reflect on the Co-founders' vision for WFWP, which always puts things into perspective.

Another challenge we face is the temporary absence of young members who pause their involvement to focus on studies, work or personal matters. Supporting them during these times can stretch our resources, but as our community grows, these challenges become easier to manage. Thankfully, I've always had a supportive network of experienced members to help navigate these moments.

Impact

Whether managing a project or playing a small role in a WFWP activity, I know that my contributions are part of a larger effort to change lives. I've seen communities uplifted, women empowered and people educated through WFWP's initiatives.

One event that stands out was when we partnered with optometrists and government officials to provide free eye tests and spectacles to elderly community members. My role was to help collect food, but I felt immense pride in being part of a team that gave the gift of sight to so many.

Reflections and Future

I am motivated to continue supporting WFWP because I believe in its mission to change the world. I've had the privilege of working alongside founding members from around the globe and their knowledge and passion inspire me. I want young women to have the same enriching experiences and to inherit this remarkable legacy.

I'm particularly encouraged by the creativity and honesty of our younger members. Their fresh ideas and willingness to contribute, whether moderating events or lending a hand in emergencies, show that the future is bright.

Looking ahead, I hope WFWP continues to grow in membership, strength and influence. Our movement has incredible tools to address the challenges humanity faces and I believe those who have benefited from WFWP's support should help share its mission and resources.

I also see potential for collaboration with men's organizations that share our goals. During a recent European conference, a male participant poignantly asked, "Where are the men in your country when bad things are happening to women?" This highlighted the opportunity to work with allies who can help us reach places we cannot on our own. Together, we can make a real difference.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Mr. Wisner Dublanc
Student, Miragoane Literacy School, Haiti

My name is Wisner Dublanc. I am 60 years old, married and blessed with five children and three grandchildren. I live in Bequin, Haiti, a community where illiteracy is a significant challenge.

For many years, I struggled with the inability to read or write. Simple tasks that many take for granted—like signing important documents or assisting my children with their schoolwork—were beyond my reach. It pained me deeply that I couldn't even sign my name.

Everything changed when I heard about WFWP through a professor named Isidor, who introduced me to their literacy program at the Miragoane Literacy School. This program, along with an initiative called "Combite," where community members come together to support one another, gave me hope.

The WFWP team was incredibly patient and dedicated, not only teaching us to read and write but also empowering us to believe in ourselves.

Today, I can proudly say that I am a different person. I have gained confidence and self-worth. One of my proudest achievements is being able to read my Bible—something I never thought would be possible. Now, I can verify information for myself and no one can take advantage of me by misrepresenting the truth.

This transformation has inspired me to give back to my community. I dream of helping other illiterate people learn to read and write so that they, too, can experience the freedom and empowerment that literacy brings.

Without WFWP, my life would have felt incomplete, with an unfulfilled goal. But now, I see a brighter future. I plan to continue learning and even hope to join a professional school someday.
To the WFWP, I want to express my deepest gratitude. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to change my life and for bringing hope to communities like mine. Your work is truly making a difference in the world.

Mr. Nesly Valcy
Head of WFWP Literacy Center, Miragoane, Haiti

My name is Nesly Valcyand I serve as the Head of the WFWP Literacy Center in Miragoane, Haiti. My role as both a manager and teacher allows me to contribute to the mission of WFWP by supervising and educating groups of individuals who never had the chance to learn to read or write. This work aligns perfectly with my personal objectives as a citizen dedicated to the growth and development of my country.

I was drawn to WFWP because of the opportunities it offers—not only for personal growth but for advancing the lives of so many others. I admire the organization's mission and values and believe wholeheartedly in the transformative work we do in the community.

As a manager, I am responsible for implementing WFWP's strategic goals, supervising resources and ensuring our programs run effectively. My journey with WFWP began as a teacher at the organization's headquarters, but I was later transferred to another municipality to establish and lead a new literacy program. This transition was one of the greatest professional challenges I have faced. As a pioneer in this new area, I felt overwhelmed by the responsibility of managing everything on my own. The pressure was immense and I initially doubted my ability to meet the organization's goals. However, I quickly realized that success required collaboration. I reached out to local residents, enlisted the temporary support of neighborhood authorities and streamlined our team's processes. Together, we conducted door-to-door outreach and implemented an efficient system to support the program's objectives.

That experience taught me invaluable lessons about communication, problem-solving and resilience. It reminded me that even when challenges seem insurmountable, teamwork and determination can turn the tide.

The impact of our work is visible every day. Beyond teaching literacy, we foster mutual respect, ensure safe and clean learning spaces and promote self-confidence among our students. One story that profoundly affected me is that of a woman who spent most of her life unable to read or write. She felt isolated, inferior and disrespected—even within her own family. After joining WFWP's literacy program, her life changed completely. She found confidence, a sense of belonging and the

ability to participate fully in her community.

This is why I remain motivated to support WFWP. Being part of this organization makes me happy, expands my social framework and allows me to feel useful while acquiring new knowledge and experiences. It's deeply fulfilling to know that our efforts are making a tangible difference in people's lives.

I hope that WFWP will continue to grow and bring its programs to more communities in Haiti and beyond. My dream is for those who have benefited from this initiative to become ambassadors of its mission, helping to promote and expand its reach.

Mr. Lamarre Massily
Head of WFWP Literacy Center, Delmas, Haiti

My name is Lamarre Massily and I am the Head of the WFWP Literacy Center in Delmas, Haiti. It is an honor to share my journey and experiences as part of this impactful initiative.

I chose to work with WFWP because it is an inclusive organization that values and uplifts women while embracing the broader community. This approach resonated deeply with me. My journey with WFWP began in 2019, after attending a seminar on the importance of helping individuals who didn't have the chance to go to school during their childhood. That seminar inspired me to take on the role of leading the literacy center, a place where lives are transformed through education.

At the literacy center, we focus on helping individuals learn to read and write, providing them with the tools to navigate life with confidence and independence. One of the most memorable experiences in my journey was working with a woman in her forties who had never attended school. As the eldest of eight siblings, she faced humiliation when her father required urgent medical attention and her siblings asked her to sign for the procedure, knowing she couldn't write her name. To their surprise, she confidently signed her name—a skill she had just learned at the literacy school. The pride and joy she expressed afterward was unforgettableand it reminded me of the incredible impact of this work.

However, the journey hasn't been without challenges. The ongoing security issues in our country often discourage students from continuing their education. To combat this, I focus on motivating them, sharing stories of success and reminding them of the power of literacy.

Thanks to the WFWP literacy program, dozens of individuals in our community have overcome illiteracy, a significant barrier to personal and professional growth. I've seen women like a small trader in her fifties, who used to lose money due to poor calculations, completely transform her business and her life through the skills she gained. These stories inspire me to continue this work and to believe in the potential of every individual who walks through our doors.

My role with WFWP is more than a job—it is a mission. I am motivated by the enthusiasm of our students, the importance WFWP places on empowering women

and the opportunity to contribute to a more dynamic and educated community. Looking ahead, I hope WFWP can expand its reach to more people and inspire other organizations to join the fight against illiteracy. This is a challenge that requires collective effort, but I am confident that with continued dedication and support, we can make a lasting difference.

Mr. Hubert Pétion
Teacher, WFWP Literacy Center, Delmas, Haiti

My name is Hubert Pétion and I am 28 years old. I serve as a teacher in the WFWP Literacy Center in Delmas, Haiti. I teach the advanced class, where my students learn to read, write and perform calculations.

I chose to work with WFWP because of its commitment to helping older individuals become literate and contributing to the development of our country. Literacy is not just a skill; it's a key that opens doors to independence and confidence. Every day, I work with my students to encourage them to try harder and believe in their potential.

One of the most memorable moments in my teaching journey happened with a student who doubted his ability to ever learn how to read. He approached me, discouraged and said the lessons felt too difficult for him. I reassured him, telling him that giving up wasn't an option and that I would do everything I could to help him succeed. Together, we worked hard—spending extra time on lessons, assigning additional homework and celebrating small victories. It didn't take long before he could read with ease and the joy and pride he felt were unforgettable. Moments like these are why I do this work.

Of course, challenges come with the job. One of my students, for example, struggled greatly with math and often felt disheartened. At one point, he told me he wanted to quit school entirely. To address this, I began arriving early to spend extra time with him, helping him work through the difficulties step by step. Within a month, his understanding of math improved dramatically and he grew more confident in his abilities.

The work we do at the literacy center has a profound impact on the community. By teaching older adults to read, write and calculate, we empower them to be useful to themselves, their families and their community. Literacy fosters independence and opens the door to opportunities that contribute to personal and community development.

One of my most inspiring students exemplifies this spirit. He is always the first to arrive in class, regardless of weather or political turmoil. His dedication and resilience motivate me to give my best every day. He reminds me of the

transformative power of education and the strength of the human spirit.

Several factors motivate me to continue supporting WFWP. This organization provides life-changing opportunities for older adults to learn, grow and contribute to their communities. Beyond literacy, I hope WFWP can expand its efforts to include vocational training—such as sewing, crafting and soap-making—to further empower individuals with skills that generate income and self-reliance. Works of WFWP are not only transforming individuals but also uplifting entire communities. Together, we are building a brighter future, one lesson at a time.

Mrs. Janette Charles
Student, Miragoane Literacy Program, Haiti

My name is Janette Charles. I am 56 years old and live in the department of Nippes in Miragoane, Haiti. I am a widow and the proud mother of five children.

For much of my life, I faced challenges that left me feeling isolated and disrespected. One of the most difficult experiences was being unable to sign documents at the bank. The humiliation and mistreatment I endured because of my illiteracy were deeply painful.

My life began to change when my teacher, Nesly Valcy, introduced me to the WFWP literacy program. Through his encouragement, I realized the importance of literacy and decided to take the first steps toward changing my future.

The WFWP literacy program became a lifeline for me. The teachers were incredibly patient and dedicated, using methods that made learning accessible and enjoyable. Their support helped me overcome years of self-doubt and fear.

Today, I am proud to say that I have become an independent and confident person. One of the most profound moments in my journey was realizing I could now fully integrate into my family. For so long, I felt withdrawn and inferior because I couldn't read or write, but WFWP's program has transformed my life.

This achievement is something I never expected at my age and it's one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I now feel respected and valued, both within my family and my community.

Without WFWP, my life would have remained full of risks—risks of being deceived, mistreated, or taken advantage of. But thanks to this program, I feel empowered and hopeful.

Looking ahead, I hope to see our literacy center expanded so that more people like me can benefit. I also dream of working within the establishment to give back to the program that has given me so much.

To those who support WFWP, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your generosity and commitment to helping people like me. May God bless and protect you as you continue this important work.

Middle East and North Africa

Exceptional Achievement by a Student in Jordan

Mohammed Essa, an 8th-grade student (Middle High Class), has achieved a remarkable milestone by scoring full marks (100/100) on his English exam. Mohammed has been attending classes at the WFWP Center for a year. He is a bright and diligent student, known for his quiet demeanor, punctuality and eagerness to learn and grow academically.

Coming from a financially disadvantaged family, Mohammed could not afford paid after-school tutoring. Discovering the free classes at the WFWP Center was a turning point for him, providing the educational support he needed without the financial burden.

Unfortunately, Mohammed's story is not unique. Many talented students in similar circumstances yearn for access to free educational resources to overcome the challenges posed by low family incomes. Public schools in the region are often overcrowded, leaving teachers with little capacity to offer personalized attention. Only families with greater financial resources can afford private education, leaving many students like Mohammed reliant on centers like WFWP to pursue their academic dreams.

In the photo, Mohammed stands alongside his English teacher, Roa, a dedicated young educator of Palestinian origin, who played a key role in supporting him on his journey to success.

Empowering Women Through a Sewing Course in Jordan

This initiative was designed to equip women with both basic and advanced sewing skills, enabling them to utilize these abilities in their daily lives or transition into the labor market. The program lasted one to two weeks, offering five to six sessions per week. A total of 11 women from diverse backgrounds participated.

Each session was carefully structured to provide essential knowledge about sewing tools and equipment, laying a solid foundation in basic sewing techniques. As the course progressed, participants were introduced to advanced skills such as clothing detailing and embroidery. By the end of the program, the women were confidently completing both simple and complex sewing projects.

In addition to technical skills, the course empowered participants to explore opportunities for local tailoring services or start their own sewing businesses. This not only enhanced their self-confidence but also fostered creativity and innovation in the field of sewing.

A key highlight of the course was training in embroidery and the creation of traditional folkloric clothing for special occasions, a skill that holds significant value due to the community's appreciation for cultural attire.

Participant Success Stories

Story 1: A Journey of Resilience

One participant, a Syrian refugee, lost her husband during the war and now works as a washerwoman to provide for her four daughters. Determined to build a better future for her family, she eagerly joined the course to learn sewing. In the photo, she is seen mastering the basics, marking the beginning of a new chapter in her life.

Story 2: A Hopeful New Start

Another participant, also a Syrian refugee, shares a similar story of loss, having lost her husband to the war. She works tirelessly to support her children and viewed this course as an opportunity to gain a marketable skill. Learning the fundamentals of sewing has sparked hope for a brighter future, where she can leverage this new ability to improve her family's circumstances.

This sewing course not only provided practical skills but also served as a stepping stone for women to regain control over their lives, fostering hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

2024 WFWPI FUNDING PROJECT

Africa

Burkina Faso
Environmental Awareness Campaign “Call to Action”

The project aimed to raise environmental awareness and mobilize community action through cleanup initiatives conducted across five key locations in Burkina Faso, including the Health District of Boulmiougou, the Center for Aged People in Bobo Dioulasso, the Urban Medical Center of Gounghin and the Hôtel Maternal of Ouagadougou, on dates spanning June 29 to September 7. While the campaign aimed to engage 250 participants, it successfully mobilized 130 individuals who actively contributed to the cleanup efforts. Hospital officials praised the initiative and expressed interest in continued collaboration, while participants gained heightened awareness of environmental cleanliness. Notably, the project inspired an Ambassador for Peace to replicate similar initiatives and fostered community engagement, instilling a lasting sense of environmental responsibility.

South Africa
Launch of the Global Women Peace Network (GWPN)

The launch of the Global Women Peace Network in South Africa, held on August 10, at the June 16 Memorial Acre in Soweto, Johannesburg, aimed to unite women and organizations for grassroots peacebuilding, empower African women and honor the historical Women's March of 1956. The event welcomed 60 in-person and 20 virtual participants, featuring speeches by influential leaders, recognition of 10 women with Global Women Peace Ambassadors Awards and symbolic activities like the Bridge of Peace Ceremony and a commemorative tree planting. Participants praised the event's inspirational content and highlighted the significance of honoring women leaders and fostering unity. The program also empowered young professionals through active roles, reinforcing collaboration, awareness of women's challenges in peacebuilding and the importance of intergenerational engagement.

Zambia
Tree Planting Project)

The event held on September 28, in Chipata, aimed to promote environmental sustainability and community livelihood through the planting of fruit trees. The event engaged 23 participants who prepared the land and planted trees, including mangos, oranges, guavas and lemons, with the promise of generating income within six months of fruit sales. Funded by a $1,000 grant, the project also covered transportation, lodging and created a fundraising Facebook page. Participants expressed gratitude and enthusiasm, highlighting the initiative's potential to provide sustainable income and foster greater environmental awareness in the community.

Asia

Bangladesh
WEDP: Empowering Women Owned Micro Enterprises through Entrepreneurship Development Program

The workshop, held from September 22 to 26, aimed to empower 30 women by providing comprehensive training in entrepreneurship, management skills, marketing, networking, sales, business management, structural organization, documentation and support systems. Professional trainers conducted the program, ensuring high-quality instruction. The inauguration ceremony featured distinguished guests, including the UNDP Host Coordinator and a special guest from the United Nations. Participants responded enthusiastically, expressing newfound confidence and inspiration. They shared that the training equipped them with essential business knowledge and skills, enabling them to expand their ventures effectively, with proper documentation and streamlined processes.

Eastern Europe

Albania
Youth Public Speaking Competition "I am the Voice Bringing Change"

The project aimed to enhance public speaking skills among youth, foster meaningful dialogue and inspire societal change. Promotion efforts reached over 6,000 accounts on social media and informed 100 individuals directly through face-to-face engagements. Written speech evaluations shortlisted 24 participants, with 20 proceeding to Zoom interviews. A public speaking training session on September 14 engaged 15 participants, culminating in a final event on September 21 with 12 finalists and an audience of 60 people. Participants reported a positive and inclusive experience, expressed interest in future programs such as the proposed Youth Peace Academy and established meaningful connections, including with individuals from government institutions and active youth networks, laying the groundwork for future collaborations.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Haiti
3rd Sewing Classes Project for Vocational Training

The project aimed to provide vocational training in sewing, equipping participants with essential skills for employment and financial independence. Conducted over five months, Monday to Friday, the training covered pattern design, hand sewing, machine sewing and the production of assigned works, including dresses, a suit and a child's garment. Monthly attendance averaged around 10 participants, with 12 students successfully completing the program and earning certificates after submitting four completed works. Participants gained confidence through learning pattern-making and sewing techniques, laying a foundation for self-sufficiency. Expressing gratitude, they highlighted the program's potential to open job opportunities and provide hope for a better future, effectively meeting its vocational training objectives.

Oceania and Southeast Asia

Philippines
Digital Bridges for Peace: A Symposium on Global Peace and Reconciliation

The Digital Bridges for Peace Symposium aimed to foster dialogue and collaboration for global peace by leveraging digital platforms to unite communities and inspire reconciliation. Held on September 28, at the Technological University of the Philippines-Manila, the event exceeded expectations with 130 attendees and featured expert-led discussions on leadership, youth empowerment, digital harmony and Korean unification. Participants praised the symposium as enlightening, collaborative and impactful, highlighting its value in advancing digital learning and fostering peace-building efforts, while also enabling meaningful networking opportunities for future initiatives.

UN Geneva

UN Geneva - Youth Peace Conference

The Youth Peace Conference, held from February to August in Beirut, Lebanon and the UN Office Geneva, aimed to empower youth through education and dialogue, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration for peacebuilding with a focus on women's rights and gender equality. The three-day event in Beirut included training on attending UN conferences and open debates add ressing gender equality, cultural influences and women's roles in political stability, culminating in 50 actionable recommendations. With 54 participants, the conference successfully provided a platform for dialogue, equipped youth with valuable skills and facilitated collaboration, earning praise for its impact on raising awareness and fostering inclusion.

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Global Woman Peace Ambassador Award

Global Women Peace Ambassadors (GWPA) are leaders from all sectors of society and all walks of life dedicated to building a worldwide community of peace through applying the peace-building principles essential to WFWP, under the motto of “living for the sake of others.” The award honors the achievements and service of individuals who live for the benefit of others.

North America: 4
Latin America: 67
Middle East and North Africa: 57
Europe: 55

Global Partner Award

Global Partners are organizations that believe in and adhere to the core peace tenets of WFWP International. Global Partner awardees are recognized for contributing to the goals of the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN), to ensure lasting peace and prosperity for generations to come.
Global Partners are inclusive partners with the GWPN, a project of the Women's Federation for World Peace International and can become recipients of the prestigious Global Partner Award.

North America: 13
Latin America: 2
Europe: 11

Embracing Change, Strengthening Impact: Reflections on the 2024 WFWPI Annual Activity Report

Dear Readers,

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2024 WFWPI Annual Activity Report. With 128 chapters worldwide, bringing together the breadth of our activities into a single report was no small task. Despite operating within tight constraints, whether in manpower, time, or resources, we have made every effort to present a comprehensive account of our achievements and the unwavering dedication of our members and volunteers.

This year, WFWPI underwent an internal structural reorganization, bringing changes to our regional divisions. As you may notice, the classifications differ from previous years. WFWPI is now structured into ten regions: Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Europe (excluding Eastern Europe), Japan (including Taiwan), Korea, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa, North America, and Oceania and Southeast Asia.

Under the leadership of our International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori, and our Regional Presidents, 2024 has been a year of transformation and resilience. Their guidance, along with the dedication of countless volunteers and members, has strengthened our organization and expanded the impact of our initiatives worldwide.

A noteworthy addition to this year's report is the inclusion of educational and women's empowerment success stories—real-life testimonials of individuals whose lives have been transformed through the enduring support of WFWPI's volunteers and national chapters. These stories are a powerful reminder that even with limited means, the spirit of service and commitment can lead to lasting change.

Our UN activities have also been remarkable this year. Despite increasing global challenges and tensions, which affected some of our projects, our members and volunteers remained steadfast, continuing to provide aid and support to those in need. We encourage you to explore our UN Activity Report and Newsletter,

available on our website, for a deeper look into these efforts.

I am personally inspired by the commitment and resilience demonstrated by our volunteers and chapters worldwide in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Their dedication is a testament to the strength of our mission and the power of collective action. I am confident that as you read through this report, you will also be inspired to continue contributing to this journey of service and empowerment.

Finally, my sincere gratitude goes to our editorial team and our dedicated proofreader, whose careful attention to detail has helped refine this report and present WFWPI's work in the best possible light.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Women's Federation for World Peace International. Together, we will keep making a difference.

With appreciation,
Dr. Paris Moon
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