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OUR MISSION
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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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Beloved WFWP Family,

Warmest holiday greetings from WFWP International!

As 2025 comes to a close, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each of you—our leaders, members, volunteers, partners, and friends—who have faithfully walked this path of peace and service throughout the year.

This year has not been easy. Yet in the face of challenges, your steady devotion, creativity, and sacrificial heart have shone even more brightly. Because of you, WFWP has continued to plant seeds of peace where hope was scarce, and to strengthen communities where the need was great.

Over the last five years, WFWP's global programs have reached an estimated 552,000 people—77,188 women, 62,576 youth, and 412,106 children—across 128 countries. Together, we have advanced peacebuilding, poverty eradication, education, health, women's empowerment, environmental stewardship, and the building of peaceful institutions in partnership with local and national governments.

This year, our Global Women Peace Ambassadors have reached 192. Once again, we witnessed the quiet strength and transformative power of "women's heart of peace." Among the many beautiful initiatives, I would like to highlight just a few:

- WFWPI Funding Project 2025 supported eight meaningful grassroots projects across the world, educational programs for children, income-generating initiatives for women, character education for youth, support for families in crisis, and activities that healed divisions in local communities. Your heartfelt reports, testimonies, and photos moved us deeply and showed how even modest resources, combined with great love, can change lives.

- With the completion of the construction of the Asia Pacific Peace Education Center: Permaculture Education Hub in the Philippines, our model advocacy in mainstreaming permaculture education to achieve a clean, healthy and sustainable environment around the world can now be replicated. WFWP is not just planting seeds of regeneration, we are also transforming food systems for food security, environmental stewardship, as well as health and well-being of people and the planet.

- The IAFLP session held in conjunction with the WFWPI 33rd Anniversary became a historic milestone. Gathering First Ladies, former First Ladies, and distinguished women leaders to celebrate this anniversary reminded us how far WFWP has come in its 33 years, and how powerfully we can serve as a platform for moral, compassionate leadership at the highest levels. Their presence and messages gave new dignity and visibility to the voice of women for peace and family.

- The Bridge of Peace ceremonies between the First Ladies sent a powerful message and living example of how beautiful and inspiring true reconciliation and healing can be. It reminds us that lasting peace is not only written in documents, but woven through tears, prayers, and the courage to embrace "the other" as a sister.

- In Europe, the GWPN EUME conference in Albania offered a dynamic space where women leaders, experts, and partners could share strategies for peacebuilding, reconciliation, and cooperation across national and religious lines.

- Through global webinars and leadership gatherings, including the sessions on the “Role of Youth in Family and Society,” “Women Entrepreneurship,” and our continued “Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World” series, we could listen to one another’s realities, share best practices, and encourage the next generation of leaders.

- Our WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2025 brought many of us together around the theme of technology, empowerment, and next-generation leadership. It was inspiring to see women, men, and youth exploring how to use new tools and digital platforms with a moral compass, to serve humanity and protect the dignity of every person.

- Through our new relationship with Catalyst Now, a major network of global entrepreneurs, WFWP is developing the Creative Solution Lab methodology to deliver fresh, collaborative approaches to social problems that connect business, civil society, and the heart of mothers.

- In many chapters, humanitarian and peace-building activities quietly continued: visiting the lonely and elderly, supporting refugees and migrants, mentoring girls and young women, organizing interfaith and intercultural programs, greening local communities, and standing up for families and moral values. Although not all of these stories reach the headlines, they are precious works that quietly move hearts across nations and touch countless lives around the world.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your love, your sacrifices, your patience, and your unshakable faith in the mission of WFWP. Thank you for every report you prepared, every Zoom meeting you joined late at night or early in the morning, every visit you made to someone in need, and every prayer you offered for peace. These acts—seen and unseen—are the quiet foundation of our global family and the living proof that peace is built by hearts that refuse to give up.

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you can find a quiet moment to reflect on this year and recognize how much you have grown in heart, wisdom, and capacity. You are not walking this path alone. We stand together as one family of women and allies, strengthening each other and lifting the next generation.

Looking toward 2026, I pray we will deepen our unity, sharpen our vision, and continue raising capable leaders—especially among our youth—who will stand for peace, integrity, and true family values. May this season bring you and your loved ones warmth, protection, and joy. May the new year be filled with renewed hope, good health, and new opportunities to expand the work of peace you are already doing so beautifully.

With Deepest Gratitude and Love,



Moriko Hori
President

PREFACE

Looking back on 2025, I want to first say thank you. To every member, partner, and friend who gave their time and heart this year—this report is because of you.

We faced real challenges this year, and at times, the path was not easy. But together, we kept moving forward. This document tells that story. It is a record of your hard work in local communities, your commitment to helping others, and the quiet, powerful difference we make when we unite.
I am especially proud of how we grew our community through virtual spaces. Our Virtual Café book clubs became a welcoming home online—a place where friends could gather, learn, and find encouragement. These connections have become a vital part of who we are.

This Annual Report highlights our activities through the lens of our four core pillars: first, advancing Women, Peace and Security; second, fostering Women's Leadership through the Global Women's Peace Network; third, promoting Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability; and fourth, supporting Global Development, Aid and Service.

Within these pages, you will find featured stories from our headquarters, highlights from funded projects, and snapshots of the incredible work happening across our global network. Due to the sheer volume of activities worldwide, we are unable to include every initiative in this printed report. For a more complete picture of our work and to explore additional stories, we invite you to visit our website at wfwp.org and follow us on social media. The global accomplishments are presented in the following order: Korea, North America, Africa, EUME (Europe and Middle East), Asia Pacific, and Latin America.

The heart of our work, as always, is found in our projects. I invite you to read about initiatives like the WFWPI Funding Project in South Africa: "More Love - Less Waste: Reusable Baby Nappy Project." Supported by our sisters in WFWP Korea, this project shows how simple, loving solutions can change lives. It is one of many stories here that highlight your creativity and care.

As you turn these pages—through the Global Impact Stories, the Major Accomplishments, and the Highlights—I hope you see your own efforts reflected. You will see the leadership training that empowers women, the grassroots service that meets immediate needs, and the collective spirit that defines our mission.

May the journey of WFWP International's work in 2025 bring you joy and inspiration.

Thank you for a year of perseverance, compassion, and tangible grace.

With Deep Gratitude,

Dr. Paris Moon
Secretary General

WHERE WE WORK



WFWPI GLOBAL THEMES 2025

Since 2022, WFWPI has implemented annual Global Themes to strengthen unity and alignment among leaders and members worldwide. Grounded in the Co-founders' vision, these themes provide a shared direction for our international and regional initiatives, helping chapters coordinate priorities, develop meaningful programs, and advance common strategies through events, projects, and campaigns.

For 2025, WFWP's work was guided by the following four Global Themes:
Women, Peace and Security
Women's Leadership through the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN)
Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability
Global Development, Aid and Service

These pillars served as a practical framework across regions, encouraging collaboration, innovation, and locally grounded action. With these themes as our compass, WFWP continued moving forward together toward our shared vision: one global family rooted in a culture of sustainable peace.



GLOBAL IMPACT STORY

“For me, peace begins when I am able to maintain peace within myself and create peace around me, even in difficult situations.”

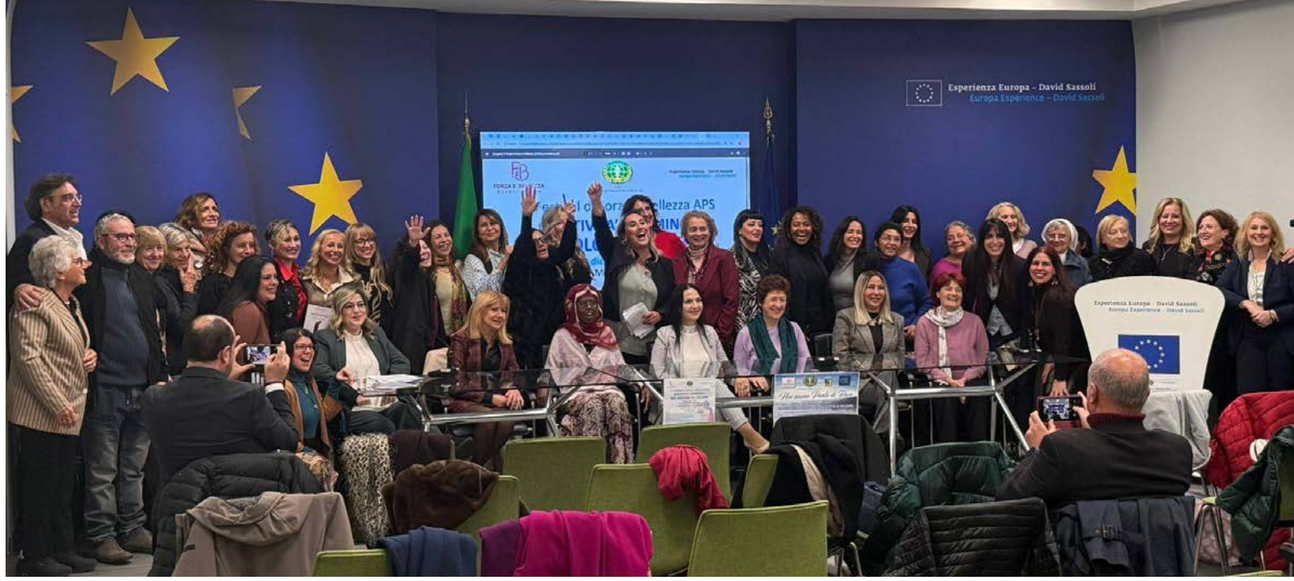
Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri
National President for WFWP Italy

In 2025, I made a clear decision: to bring WFWP into stronger, more visible spaces. By organizing events at the European Parliament Office in Italy, together with other prestigious organizations, I expanded WFWP’s network significantly and helped elevate the organization’s credibility and public presence.

One moment I will never forget happened on November 29, when I was invited to Assisi to receive the Dove of Peace Award, presented in honor of Pope Francis on behalf of WFWP Italy’s work. For years, my hope has been to build sincere bridges with the Catholic community. I had already formed meaningful relationships with nuns and priests, but receiving an official recognition in such a symbolic place was truly a step forward. I was also given the opportunity to introduce WFWP’s mission and speak openly about the difficult situation currently facing our Co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, in the presence of Franciscan friars, priests, and a bishop.

That day was not easy emotionally. None of my members were available to travel with me, and Assisi is far from Rome. I also arrived with uncertainty, I knew only the organizer and feared the event might be “empty,” like others I had seen before. Still, I chose to go. Once there, I focused on building connection: I introduced myself warmly, spoke with people around me, and even asked the woman next to me to take photos (because I know how important documentation is). We exchanged roles, and through that simple gesture, I met remarkable people, some of whom I remain in contact with today.

My work this year also showed me the power of trusted communication. Thanks to my relationship with journalists and the care I take in working with them, major events I organize are typically shared by three or four journalists through their online magazines, and sometimes followed by full articles afterward. I was also







invited for an interview on a national radio channel, expanding the reach of WFWP’s message even further.

Lesson to Share: Even when you feel alone or unsure of the outcome, show up with sincerity. Take initiative, document the moment, and build relationships one conversation at a time.

My 2026 Priorities:

- Educate Global Women Peace Ambassador (GWPA) members.
- Encourage stronger collaboration and active participation among members.

Message to WFWPI Global Leadership and Supporters: I feel we are truly sisters part of a large, beautiful family because of the commitment and support of people around the world.





“Raising my Baby Healthier and Sustainably”

Mrs. Victoria Leballo
Beneficiary of WFWPI Funding Project 2025, South Africa
More Love - Less Waste: Reusable Baby Nappy Project

I have an 11-month-old baby; at the time of the reusable nappy project, she was 5 months old. As we all know, disposable nappies are very pricey. I find myself buying 2-3 packs of nappies every month, which can amount to almost R900 (~56 USD) per month on nappies alone. From the project, I received three reusable nappies, along with guidance on how to use them, wash them, and education on the environmental benefits of the reusable nappies.

From the time I received the nappies, I have reduced the number of packets of disposable nappies I buy in a month. I use the reusable nappies when we are home and only use the disposables at night and when we go outside.

I really love the fact that the nappies are adjustable and that I can use them until my baby is potty training. This means that once I buy a set of reusable nappies, I won’t need to worry about buying nappies again. For my next child, I will use the reusable nappies from birth.

I recommend the reusable nappies to any new mom that I know because of how economical they have been. In the next year, I would like to invest in at least 3 more of the reusable nappies so that I can continue to reduce costs and eventually stop using disposable nappies.

This was a very good project that reached many families and made a positive difference. It will be great to see the project grow and reach more mothers in South Africa.

“Small Change, Lasting Impact”

Ms. Mohammed
Beneficiary of WFWPI Funding Project 2025, South Africa
More Love - Less Waste: Reusable Baby Nappy Project

I first learned about the project through a women’s group in my community. I was curious but unsure, as I had never used reusable nappies before. When I attended the session, I felt welcomed and supported from the start.

During the project, we received training on how to use and wash reusable nappies properly. We also learned about the environmental impact of disposable nappies and how reusable nappies can be used repeatedly over time. Each mother received a set of reusable nappies, which I am truly grateful for. While the set was not enough to fully replace disposables, it has significantly reduced how many disposable nappies I need to buy.

The biggest difference in my life now is a peace of mind. I no longer worry as much about buying nappies every week. The money I save helps me buy food and baby milk. My baby is more comfortable, and I have noticed fewer skin irritations.

What touched me most was the education and encouragement we received. This project showed me that even small support can make a big difference. I will continue using reusable nappies and share what I learned with others.

Capricorn Township, Cape Town Reusable Baby Nappies Distribution and Environmental Awareness Program, July 16, 2025





Beneficiaries of the WFWP Funding Project 2025, Malaysia

Participant 1: Jen Ping

Before joining the workshop, I saw used packaging as nothing more than trash. I would throw it away without thinking much about it. During the workshop, what really struck me was the trainers' creativity and their earnest effort in turning what is perceived as waste into beautiful and useful objects. It completely changed the way I see everyday packaging.

Since then, I've become more conscious about my daily choices. I now try to reduce buying items with individual packaging. When I don't have a choice, I pay more attention to the size and material of the packaging, choosing those that are more suitable for upcycling.

What was most meaningful for me was discovering that there are communities who genuinely care about the future of Mother Earth. Being part of such a group made me feel hopeful and motivated to continue making small but meaningful changes.

Participant 2: Ms. Dina

Before this workshop, used packaging meant one thing to me — the waste bin. I never thought much beyond throwing things away. What stood out to me most during the workshop was the connection I felt with the team and the other participants. Learning together made the experience warm and meaningful.

After joining the workshop, I started saving recyclable items instead of discarding them immediately. I now see value in materials that I once considered useless.

The workshop helped me understand the benefits of having items that are recyclable and how simple actions can make a difference. It was eye-opening to realise that sustainability can begin with small changes in our everyday habits.

Participant 3: Amy Wong

Previously, I saw used sachets and packaging as something that belonged straight in the waste bin. Through this workshop, my perspective began to change. One of the most memorable parts for me was the strong connection with the team and fellow participants throughout the sessions.

The supportive and collaborative environment made learning enjoyable and meaningful. Since the workshop, I've made a conscious effort to save recyclable items at home rather than throwing them away.

I now better understand the benefits of recyclable materials and how they can be reused in practical and creative ways. This experience helped me see that sustainability is something achievable in daily life.

Participant 4: Mary Ann

Before attending the workshop, I saw discarded packaging as not a useful thing — something with no value once its purpose was served. During the workshop, the helpful guidance and encouragement I received allowed me to discover my own creativity.

As I learned and practiced, my perspective changed. I realised that with creativity, even recycled materials can be transformed into something meaningful and beautiful.

The biggest lesson for me was understanding that recycled things are precious too. This realization has stayed with me and changed the way I look at materials and waste in my daily life.

Participant 5: Ms. Quinn

Before joining the workshop, I viewed waste as something unfriendly to the Earth — something harmful that simply needed to be thrown away. After participating in the upcycling workshop, my perspective changed. I now see upcycling as one of the practical ways to reduce waste that harms the Earth.

What really stood out to me was the creativity behind the process. I give a big thumbs up to the creator of this amazing concept, which showed how waste materials can be transformed into something meaningful and useful.

After the workshop, I practiced the new skill I learned with primary school children. Sharing the activity with them was rewarding and showed me how this skill can be passed on and enjoyed by others.

I feel grateful and content to have had the chance to learn a new skill that is not only a healthy activity but also friendly to the Earth. I hope that in the future, I will have more opportunities to share this skill with elderly people, retirees, or anyone who is interested.



"Peace is possible when innovation is guided by empathy, ethics, and human dignity."

Guiding AI with Humanity: A Values-Based Vision for Technology

Prof. Dr. Hayal Köksal, Speaker for WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2025

- Its Impact On Me

Istanbul Kent University Association for Innovative Collaboration (YİMEDER), Founding President World Council for Total Quality & Excellence in Education (WCTQEE), Director General (TR)

The central message I hoped participants would take away from the session is that technology — particularly artificial intelligence — must remain a servant of humanity, not its master. While AI holds significant potential to advance education, healthcare, and social inclusion, without ethical guidance it can deepen inequalities and weaken human dignity. My aim was to emphasize a human-centered and values-based approach to AI, grounded in empathy, justice, peace, and responsibility. I invited participants to reflect not only on what AI can do, but on what it should do, highlighting education as the primary space where ethical technology can genuinely uplift humanity. As I emphasized during the session: "Technology is a tool; humanity is the purpose."

What stood out most after the webinar was feedback from participants who shared that the session helped them rethink technology through a values-based

leadership lens, especially in education and community work. Women educators and youth leaders were particularly inspired by the ICT Seagulls projects, which demonstrated that ethical AI is practical, accessible, and achievable. The concept of intergenerational learning — where young people contribute digital skills and elders share wisdom and values — resonated strongly. Many participants expressed renewed hope that technology, when guided by peace-oriented values, can unite rather than divide.

As we move into 2026, I believe women and youth leaders most need ethical clarity, digital confidence, and strong global networks. Rather than becoming technical experts, they need to be ethically informed leaders who can guide innovation with wisdom rather than fear. Equally vital is solidarity — knowing they are part of a global community. Organizations such as WFWPI play a crucial role in strengthening these connections and amplifying women's leadership for sustainable peace. My leadership approach has consistently focused on offering hope rather than fear.

One simple habit I recommend for busy leaders is to pause before using any digital or AI-based tool and ask a single ethical question: "Does this uplift human dignity?" This practice requires no technical expertise, yet it powerfully reframes decision-making.

I am inspired to support WFWPI because its commitment to peace through women's leadership, education, and values-based action closely aligns with my lifelong work in peace education, nonviolence, and ethical innovation. I would welcome further collaboration with WFWPI on AI ethics, digital citizenship, and peace-centered education initiatives,including international projects such as ICT Seagulls (www.bilisimcimartilar.com/english).





The Most Distinguished Educator Award for Community Leadership given for the memory of Dr. Jagdish Gandhi who was the President of WCTQEE & Founding manager of City Montessori School, Lucknow, India. The school was a 2002 UNESCO Peace-Education Awardee.

I attended 2013 Paris Conference and conducted a workshop there for the peace of Middle East Women.

Mrs. Refet Angın is the first woman teacher of the Turkish Republic who was recommended by the great leader Atatürk to be a teacher. She was one of the supporters of Dr. Hayal Köksal. The photo was taken on January 22, 2005 during the opening Ceremony of the Turkish Center for Schools of Quality.

ICT Seagulls Project was awarded by the Türkiye ICT Society on 21 Now. 2025. Scutari Science Center, Istanbul.



Pasifika Scholarship Mid-Year, Solomon Islands

Ms. Andrea Derby

My name is Andrea Derby, a nursing student at Solomon Islands National University and a proud recipient of the Pasifika Scholarship supported by the WFWP Australia. This report highlights the practical training I received while fulfilling the mid-year requirements of my nursing program. In the first semester of 2025, I was selected to join a cohort of students assigned to complete our rural practical training at Munda Goldie Hospital in the Western Province of the Solomon Islands. This 10 week clinical placement ran from early April to June 2025. During this period, I was involved in a variety of clinical activities, such as:

- Participating in hospital shift duties
- Assisting at the Diabetes Clinic- Feeding a very sick child who was unable to breastfeed using NGT tube
- Conducting school-based immunization programs
- Providing care in the Children's Ward This hands-on experience significantly enriched my learning and deepened my understanding of rural healthcare challenges and practices.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my sincere gratitude for the Pasifika Scholarship. Your support has enabled me not only to participate in this valuable academic experience but also to continue pursuing my studies in nursing at SINU continuously without interruption. Thank you very much for your continued support.





Pasifika Scholarship Semester 1, Solomon Islands

Ms. Janitha Imurade

My name is Janitha Imurade, and I am a first-year student pursuing a Diploma in Tropical Forestry at Solomon Islands National University. I am honoured to be a recipient of the WFWP Pasifika Scholarship. This support has lifted a great financial burden from my shoulders, allowing me to focus on my studies, assignments, and research without worry. Thanks to this scholarship, I've been able to participate fully in school programs such as field trips, class projects, and access essential materials like books and modules. In our first semester, we studied four key units:

1. Dendrology – This unit introduced us to the study of trees, shrubs, lianas, and other woody plants, covering eleven essential topics.
2. Mathematics & Computer Applications – This course builds foundational math and Planting an Eleaocarpus Tree computer skills vital for our forestry studies. So far, we've completed thirteen topics.
3. Marketing & Economics – We explored how forestry connects with economics and marketing, focusing on applications in the Solomon Islands. This unit covered twelve practical topics.
4. Forest Survey & Mapping – With fourteen topics, this course taught us how to correctly use surveying instruments within the forestry industry.

These units have sparked even more interest in my chosen field. I find forestry to be a fascinating and essential discipline, especially in the context of conservation and sustainable development in tropical regions.

Growing up in the Solomon Islands, I witnessed firsthand the environmental and community challenges our country faces. These experiences motivated me to pursue a career in forestry, where I can make a real difference. My passion began when I was a young girl—I've always dreamed of becoming a forester. This scholarship is not just financial assistance—it is a powerful encouragement. It allows me to pursue my passion with determination and confidence, and I know it will help me contribute positively to my family, my community, and my country. Thankyou once again for your generosity and belief in my potential. I am truly grateful and excited for what lies ahead.







Pasifika Scholarship Recipient, University of the South Pacific, Samoa

Ms. Norma Matatia

From Silence to Strength: My Journey to Justice

My name is Norma Matatia, and I am a proud recipient of the WFWP Australia Scholarship, currently studying law at the University of the South Pacific in beautiful Samoa. This scholarship has not only opened the doors to further education but has also given me the strength to transform my past into a purpose-driven future.
A Story of Survival and Purpose

I got married at a young age, full of hope and dreams. But what followed was 13 years of silence, fear, and pain. I was a battered wife, enduring emotional and physical abuse in a home that was supposed to be my safe haven. For over a decade, I lived in survival mode—until the day my ex-husband agreed to a divorce. That moment marked the beginning of my healing and the reclaiming of my voice.

The Role of Faith and Family

Throughout this journey, my faith in God has been my anchor. My late father, a pastor, instilled in me a deep trust in God's purpose, even in the darkest times. It was this faith that carried me and my children through the most painful chapter of our lives. During the year both of my daughters were in Form 7, my father was diagnosed with cancer, so we were supporting my mother as his caregiver. At the time, none of us knew that my mother was also silently battling cancer. She passed away later that same year, and just a couple of months after, my father also passed. Losing both in such a short time was devastating. Their home had been our only safe place, and their loss left a deep void for my children and I. But even in that darkness, God's favor never left us. After two years of working and waiting, both of my daughters were awarded scholarships to study International Business in Japan. My youngest 14-year-old son, is now studying at Samoa College and dreams of becoming a civil engineer. Their strength and determination inspire me every day.

Why I Chose Law

My personal experience opened my eyes to a painful reality, the pattern of domestic violence that affects so many women and children in our nation. I realized that the root of this issue often lies in the collapse of the family unit and the lack of affirmation that sons and daughters receive from their parents. I chose to study law because I want to be part of the solution. I want to advocate for those who are still trapped in silence and help build systems that protect and empower.

Academic Journey: Last Semester

Last semester was both challenging and rewarding. I was enrolled in fourth year Level Courses (Legal Ethics, Foreign Investment Law, Law of the Sea, Property Law 1) and successfully passed all of them—while working full-time to support my family. Balancing the demands of full-time work, parenting, and academic study was not easy, but every lecture, every case study, and every late-night reading session reminded me of my mission. The experience taught me discipline, resilience, and the power of purpose. I've grown not just academically, but emotionally and spiritually.

Dreams and Goals

My dream is to become a family and human rights lawyer, focusing on domestic violence prevention and family restoration. But more than that, I want to help build systems that support women and children who are victims of such cruelty. The systems that offer not just legal aid, but spiritual, emotional, psychological, and practical support. I believe in the importance of promoting safe families and good mental health as a foundation for a healthy society. I also see the need to ensure that donor support is channelled to the right organizations-those that are truly making a difference in the lives of survivors and vulnerable families. Ultimately, I want to be part of the law-making process, influencing policies that protect the vulnerable and promote healing and justice. My goal is to help shape a society where no one has to suffer in silence, and where all persons especially women and children can live with dignity, safety, and hope.

There's Hope in the Breaking

To anyone reading this who may be going through a dark time—please know that your past does not define your future. With faith, support, and determination, you can rise. This scholarship has helped fuel a dream that was once diminishing under the weight of life and hardship. It has reignited a sense of purpose and drive to be part of something meaningful. Something that impacts lives and creates lasting change. For me, it is not just about education or career—it is about legacy. A legacy that will live on through my children, through the families I hope to help, and through the laws I hope to shape for generations to come. I am deeply grateful to WFWP Australia and the scholarship committee for believing in me. Your support has empowered me to walk boldly in the direction of purpose and impact.



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the last five years, WFWP's global programs have reached an estimated ***552,000*** people (***77,188*** women, ***62,576*** youth, and ***412,106*** children) across ***128*** countries.



WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY









Korea

The 33rd Annual Prayer Ceremony for Korean Unification (SDG 16, 17, 11)

On January 3, WFWP Korea's Gapyeong branch hosted the 33rd Annual Prayer Ceremony for Korean Unification at the Korean War U.S. Memorial in Gapyeong, gathering 40+ WFWP members and local residents. Held every year since WFWP's founding, this ceremony honors the sacrifices of those who fought for peace and renews a shared commitment to the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula. This year carried added meaning as Gapyeong was newly designated a border area, strengthening the event's role as a community-led peace tradition in a sensitive region. The program included welcoming remarks, a moment of silence, flower offerings, a unification prayer, and a traditional peace ritual, calling participants to practice forgiveness, love, and unity as the foundation for lasting reconciliation.

Voices from Field:

"This annual event keeps the hope of unification alive. It's not just a ritual, but a reminder that peace must be actively pursued by the people of this land together, across regions and generations."

DMZ Peace Tour with GWPN (SDG 16, 5, 17, 15)

On April 11, WFWP Korea and WFWP USA hosted the "DMZ Peace Tour with GWPN" in Paju's DMZ area, gathering 65 women leaders from Korea and the United States to deepen peace awareness and expand the Global Women's Peace Network. The day opened with safety training at Camp Greaves, followed by an experiential visit to "Beautiful Greaves," an exhibition honoring Korean War veterans and exploring the history behind Korea's division. Participants then walked through the DMZ Forest, a former militarized zone now restored as a calm natural habitat, offering a powerful reflection on how places of conflict can transform into spaces of healing. Through a cross-cultural exchange, participants wrote peace messages for one another, strengthening connection, empathy, and renewed commitment to peacebuilding.

Voices from Field:

- ***"Walking through the DMZ Forest, I felt the past pain and future hope intertwined — nature is showing us the way forward."***
- ***"The exchange of peace messages helped me realize that peace starts from listening to each other's stories."***







9th Nationwide Simultaneous Volunteer Service (SDG 16, 5, 17, 15)

To mark Korea's Month of Patriots and Veterans, WFWP Korea organized the 9th Nationwide Simultaneous Volunteer Service from May 30 to June 1, mobilizing 2,612 participants across 211 branches nationwide. Local citizens and foreign members gathered at national cemeteries, war memorials, and community sites to honor fallen heroes and strengthen the spirit of peace and national unity. Activities combined remembrance with hands-on service, including silent tribute ceremonies, gravestone cleaning and weeding, Korean flag collection and respectful disposal, litter pick-up and public facility cleaning, and thank-you gifts delivered to veterans' families. By turning gratitude into action, the campaign renewed intergenerational remembrance and highlighted civic responsibility as a foundation for a more peaceful and united society.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Nationwide scale achieved: 211 branches acted together, creating a powerful "one Korea" moment of service.***
- ***Mass civic engagement: 2,612 participants, including foreign members, strengthened unity through shared action.***

Voices from Field:

- ***Mayumi Kurita, President of the Yangcheon branch: "The pre-education was very helpful for our foreign members. While bowing before the memorial, I felt my heart swell with emotion. As I cleaned the gravestones, I imagined the faces of young people who once defended this country."***
- ***Youngran Lim, volunteer leader in the Ansan branch: "Watching foreign members practice environmental care and even separate recyclables moved me. Their service inspired joy and renewed my own dedication."***
- ***Gawon Lee, youth member in Daejeon branch: "Seeing people in tears at the cemetery reminded me that behind each headstone is someone deeply loved. This service made me reflect again on the sacrifice made for our nation."***





Peaceful Unification Program: Wellness Peace Journey (SDG 16, 3, 4, 17)

The "Peaceful Unification Program: Wellness Peace Journey" was held from June 11 to 12, in Paju, Korea, bringing together 80 participants for a two-day experiential peace program near the DMZ, supported by the Ministry of the Interior and Safety. More than a site visit, the journey combined reflection, dialogue, and embodied peacebuilding. Day 1 featured a "Unification Empathy Class" with a structured debate—"For or Against Unification?"—helping participants practice respectful persuasion and deep listening. Day 2 included visits to the Korean War Abductees Memorial Hall, Camp Greaves, and the DMZ Forest, where participants reflected on pain, memory, and healing. A signature wellness session inside a glass observatory offered walking meditation, yoga, and sound healing, reframing peace as a lived, quiet experience.

Voices from Field:

- ***"I learned that peace begins with emotion, and wellness helps us shape those emotions. Unification isn't something that arrives suddenly—it begins with inner peace and the willingness to listen and empathize with others."***
- ***"This journey was not just an event; it was a reflection of how peace and healing can take root in our everyday lives and the future of the Korean Peninsula."***







Unification Piggy Bank Campaign (SDG 16, 10, 4, 3, 17, 12)

From July 2 to December 24, WFWP Korea ran the Unification Piggy Bank Campaign in three phases as a nationwide online/offline participation drive to deepen peace and reunification awareness through everyday action. In Phase 1, individuals and families created personal piggy banks, saved small amounts consistently, and shared photos on social media as a symbolic pledge to support North Korean residents in a future unified Korea. Phase 2 transformed submitted images into a collective “Unification Tree,” showcasing entries by Design, Utilization, and Environment to amplify creativity, daily practice, and eco-friendly ideas. Phase 3 linked digital engagement to real impact by donating 1,000 KRW (~USD 0.69) per new follower/subscriber, with proceeds planned to support North Korean defectors through essential living, and emotional and educational assistance.







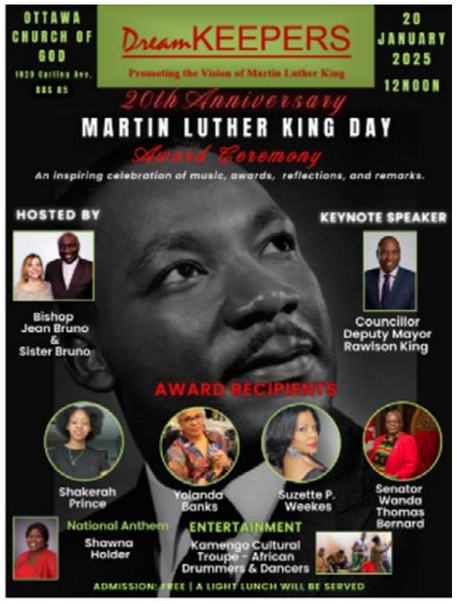
Canada

20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day (SDG 16, 10, 17)

On January 20, WFWP Canada’s Ottawa Chapter partnered with DreamKEEPERS to host the 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration at the Ottawa Church of God. The turnout reflected the deep community hunger for unity and moral leadership: the church was filled to capacity, with additional attendees standing in the hallway. The event carried strong civic recognition; each year, the Mayor of Ottawa issues an official proclamation declaring the day of the program “Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Ottawa.” Marking two decades of continuity, the gathering reaffirmed Dr. King’s legacy through community solidarity, shared values, and a renewed commitment to dignity, justice, and peaceful social change.

Margarett Best a distinguished lawyer and former Parliamentarian, Margarett Best was first elected in 2007 and appointed to the Cabinet as Minister of Health Promotion and Sport.





Families Walking in Nature & Rocking Chair Conversations (SDG 16, 11, 17)

On September 14, WFWP Canada's Ottawa Chapter partnered with grassroots peacebuilder, Mrs. Judith Matheson, for "Families Walking in Nature & Rocking Chair Conversations." Each September, families from Ottawa and Gatineau gather to walk together outdoors, then slow down for friendly, face-to-face conversations that build trust across everyday divides. More than a simple hike, the initiative intentionally bridges two cities, two provinces (Ontario and Quebec), and two languages (English and French). WFWP's support strengthened a monthly rhythm of connection that helps neighbors see one another not as "the other side," but as one community. In a world that often feels polarized, this gentle format: nature + dialogue, proved surprisingly powerful: peacebuilding that feels human, accessible, and real.

Festival of Friendship (SDG 16, 5, 17)

On October 5, the President of WFWP Canada's Ottawa Chapter attended the Ottawa Muslim Women Organization's "Festival of Friendship" Annual Dinner at the invitation of its Founder, Mrs. Nazira Tareen. The evening was more than a formal gathering; it was a space for relationship-building where community leaders and women advocates could reconnect, renew trust, and open new doors to collaboration. Through warm conversation and networking, the event strengthened intercommunity understanding and reinforced a shared commitment to friendship across cultures and faiths. By showing up as a respectful partner, WFWP helped nurture the kind of everyday social harmony that makes long-term peace possible: one connection, one conversation, and one renewed friendship at a time.

Africa

Call of the Time (SDG 16, 17, 5)

From May 22 to 25, WFWP Africa took part in the Accra Summit "Call of the Time" in Ghana, a women-led international gathering focused on intercultural dialogue and peace consolidation, organized in partnership with the Brahma Kumaris. Around 60 participants from 12 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America exchanged perspectives on peacebuilding and cultural cooperation. Representing WFWP Africa, the delegation also shared WFWP's peace vision to organizers and a key participant, strengthening the spirit of shared values and unity. The summit reaffirmed WFWP Africa's role as an active contributor to multilateral peace efforts.

Côte d'Ivoire

Water, Women and Decision-Making Power (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On January 8, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire met with Minister Euphrasie Yao Kouassi, Special Advisor on Gender to the Prime Minister and holder of the UNESCO Chair "Water, Women and Decision-Making Power" in Abidjan. The delegation, led by Mrs. Dena Epse Enan Tenin Marie Therese, formally expressed gratitude to the Minister for chairing the "Bridge of Peace" launch and conveyed New Year wishes as a gesture of respect and continued cooperation. The meeting reaffirmed WFWP's commitment to work with national authorities to strengthen peacebuilding and advance women's participation in decision-making, highlighting how relationship-building with institutions can translate values into lasting public impact.





International Women's Month (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16)

On March 14, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire marked International Women's Month with an energizing awareness program at Abiaté Modern College (Songon), helping young people connect values with daily choices. Led by Mrs. Aka Aghate Degbey, College Principal and WFWP Sub-Regional President, the event gathered students, teachers, and administrative staff for an interactive conference on self-esteem, personal values, and healthy living. WFWP speakers encouraged students to recognize their worth, build a positive future, and practice habits that support well-being, hygiene, balanced nutrition, and responsible decision-making. The program reinforced a powerful message: education is not only academic achievement, but also building confident, healthy, and principled young citizens.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Reached 163 school community members with practical, values-based guidance for youth development.***







The Life of a Desirable Youth (SDG 4, 3, 16)

On May 9, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire (Gôh Region, Gagnoa) held an inspiring youth conference titled "The Life of a Desirable Youth" at IFEF Gagnoa, reaching 115 young participants. The session challenged students to build a life grounded in true values, highlighting the four types of love, the hierarchy of love, beginning with filial and brotherly love, and key life stages where young people often face confusion or conflict. With a clear call to purity and self-discipline, the program encouraged the youth to make courageous choices before marriage and develop character that strengthens families and society. The event closed with feedback forms to capture participants' reflections and commitments, planting seeds for long-term youth mentoring and a healthier culture of peace.







Mid-Term Conference of the CREA-PAIX Global Campaign 2025–2026 (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On November 13, the Cocody municipality (Abidjan) hosted the Mid-Term Conference of the CREA-PAIX Global Campaign 2025–2026, convening government, civil society, and international partners to strengthen women-centered peacebuilding. Led by Minister Euphrasie Yao Kouassi, Founder of CREA-PAIX and UNESCO Chair holder, the session traced the journey of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security) from Côte d'Ivoire's National Action Plan to the development and rollout of the CREA-PAIX program. WFWP Côte d'Ivoire, represented by its National President, joined key partners including UNDP and UN Women, as 60 participants and 15 journalists engaged in dialogue on translating policy into practical peace action.

WFWP Côte d'Ivoire (Bélier Region) convened a strategic monthly meeting (SDG 4, 16, 3, 5)

On November 18, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire (Bélier Region) convened a strategic monthly meeting to strengthen momentum for peace education and community engagement. Members reviewed recent school-based conferences and awareness sessions, assessing how youth received messages on abstinence and family values. With a clear forward focus, the team validated the theme for an upcoming conference, assigned speakers and logistics roles, and called for stronger collaboration to deliver consistent impact across the region. The meeting also emphasized the sustainability of leadership by proposing training and recruitment sessions for new members, including sessions on facilitation skills and WFWP core principles, to ensure the next wave of leaders is equipped to serve.

The Benefits of Abstinence and Virginity in the Face of AIDS and Schoolgirl Pregnancies (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16)

On November 26, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire (Bélier Region) held a focused awareness conference at Le Kiwi College in Yamoussoukro, in close collaboration with the school's Health Club led by Mr. Gnenefe Patrice. Over two hours, students engaged in an open and preventive dialogue under the theme: "The Benefits of Abstinence and Virginity in the Face of AIDS and Schoolgirl Pregnancies." Guided by education and values-based guidance, speakers shared practical messages to help youth make responsible choices, protect their health, and stay on track with their studies. The program reinforced a clear truth: prevention begins early, when students are empowered with knowledge, self-respect, and the courage to choose a healthy future.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Reached 72 students with practical prevention education to reduce risks of HIV/AIDS and schoolgirl pregnancies.***

Held a focused youth awareness conference in Yamoussoukro (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16)

On December 3, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire (Bélier Region), in partnership with Lycée Mixte 1's Health Club and FPU, held a focused youth awareness conference in Yamoussoukro. Over a 90-minute session, students ages 14–16 engaged in practical prevention education to protect their health and keep them academically on track. The presence of national education officials, including an Education Inspector and the Assistant Head of School, reinforced the importance of responsible decision-making and supportive guidance for youth.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Reached 51 students with prevention-focused education addressing HIV/AIDS risks and schoolgirl pregnancy prevention.***

South Africa

Youth Leadership Workshops (SDG 4, 3, 16, 13)

In June and December, WFWP South Africa hosted Youth Leadership Workshops in Cape Town and Johannesburg, gathering 50 young people during school holidays under the theme “Shaping Future Leaders Today.” Through the Pure Water Youth initiative, the week-long program equipped youth with practical tools: goal-setting, self-worth, resilience against peer pressure and negative media, while emphasizing sexual purity and strong moral foundations as core leadership training. Through lectures, meditation, mentorship, team building, outdoor activities, and even environmental sustainability sessions, participants found a rare safe space to speak honestly about real struggles and future dreams.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Reached 50 youth with a values-based leadership model focused on self-respect, discipline, and life choices.***

Voice from Field: “I came here as a student, but I’m leaving as a leader.”

EUME

3rd Annual International Women, Peace and Security Forum (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

From June 2 to 3, the 3rd Annual International Women, Peace and Security Forum (#WPS2025), held under the patronage of Kosovo’s President, gathered 1,000+ participants from 45 countries to advance practical pathways for post-conflict recovery. WFWP International President Mrs. Moriko Hori spoke on the panel “Post-War Resilience – Reclaiming Lives and Reconstructing Futures,” highlighting Rwanda’s recovery after genocide as a compelling model of reconciliation through peace education involving government, law enforcement, youth, parents, and educators. She emphasized forgiveness, education, and women’s leadership as essential to rebuilding societies. Mrs. Hori also shared WFWPI’s solidarity in action: 10 Japanese volunteers supported women and children in Rwanda through vocational training and education, demonstrating how empowered women can lead healing and a peaceful future.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Elevated WFWPI’s peacebuilding model on a major global stage, reaching leaders from 45 countries.***
- ***Reinforced education + forgiveness + women’s leadership as a proven framework for post-war resilience.***



High-level Women, Peace and Security Forum (SDG 5, 16, 4, 10, 17)

WFWP EUME convened a high-level Women, Peace and Security Forum at the European Parliament in Brussels, gathering around 90 policymakers, academics, and practitioners to advance practical solutions for women's protection, leadership, and conflict prevention. Two expert panels highlighted the urgency of local, grassroots-informed approaches that reflect lived realities in conflict-affected communities, while strengthening inclusive governance that elevates women's voices in prevention, resolution, and recovery. A second session focused on safe, supportive education for girls and young women, featuring educators, advocates, and student speakers who raised emerging threats such as AI-enabled abuse and deepfakes, calling for stronger safeguards. The forum reinforced that sustainable peace depends on women's equal participation and protected pathways to learning and leadership.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***90+ leaders engaged in policy dialogue on conflict prevention, protection, and women's participation.***





Held in Brussels under the auspices of Italian MEP Annalisa Corrado (SDG5, 16, 4, 17)

Held in Brussels under the auspices of Italian MEP Annalisa Corrado, the Forum gathered 90+ participants, including MEPs, UN representatives, civil society leaders, educators, and peacebuilders, to spotlight women as a driving force in conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and education. Two energizing sessions shaped the dialogue: (1) advancing women's equal rights in conflict prevention and resolution, reframing women not as victims but as active agents of peace and community resilience; and (2) strengthening women's leadership in building safe, supportive educational environments that nurture inclusive societies. Across discussions, participants emphasized that sustainable peace requires women's meaningful participation in governance, decision-making, education, and post-conflict recovery, calling for action beyond rhetoric and a stronger commitment to equality and human-rights-based peace strategies.



Albania

Filipino Evening (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 8, WFWP Albania hosted a vibrant cultural exchange in Fier a “Filipino Evening” that brought around 40 participants together to celebrate friendship across cultures. In a warm, festive setting, guests were introduced to the history, customs, and traditions of the Philippines, followed by a tasting of traditional Filipino desserts that made the culture feel tangible and joyful. The gathering also created meaningful community moments: WFWP warmly welcomed a new member who recently moved to Fier, and expressed heartfelt appreciation to Japanese members, honoring their service and dedication. More than a celebration, the evening strengthened social bonds and reminded participants that peace can begin with simple encounters, sharing stories, food, and sincere gratitude.





Austria

We Women as Co-creators of Our Society (SDG 5, 4, 16, 17)

On March 29, WFWP Austria gathered 30 women in Vienna under the theme “We Women as Co-creators of Our Society.” With participants from 12 nations across four continents, the afternoon became a true “coffee-table” forum, part inspiration, part skills-sharing, and part sisterhood. WFWP Austria President, Mrs. Renate Amesbauer opened with a call to apply women’s strengths as mothers, sisters, and leaders to relationships and society. Presentations spotlighted education and family renewal, including character education for youth in Uganda, a Mother’s Heart Network initiative, an online education program for Afghan girls, and practical guidance on using media for outreach. The program also honored outstanding contributors with four Global Women Peace Ambassador Awards and a Global Partner Award, reinforcing momentum for women-led peacebuilding.







Sustainable Peace Starts Now—With Education (SDG 16, 4, 5, 17)

On August 7, WFWP Austria hosted “Sustainable Peace Starts Now—With Education (SDG 16)” at the Vienna International Centre (UN Vienna), spotlighting youth-led peacebuilding through the Debate-for-Peace initiative. The conference brought together 100 participants (about 33% under age 20; roughly 60% women) to explore how education, dialogue, and empathy can bridge deep social divisions especially in contexts of violent conflict. Supported under the UNODC NGO Unit and in cooperation with the Embassies of Mexico, the Philippines, and Burkina Faso, the event elevated courageous young voices and strengthened cross-sector commitment to practical peace action. The gathering concluded with renewed partnerships and momentum to replicate “peace-through-education” models in other communities.







Finland

Accelerate Action (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 8, WFWP Finland joined a powerful International Women’s Day Prayer Forum “Accelerate Action”, hosted by AFAES (Africans and African European Association). Women of diverse faiths gathered for a multicultural program blending prayer, music, networking, and joyful fellowship, affirming unity across backgrounds. WFWP Finland President, Mrs. Päivi Yoshizumi, was invited to speak and shared reflections on “My Prayer and the World,” emphasizing hope and the impact that arises when women unite for peace, civic responsibility, and support for national leaders through prayer. The forum also encouraged women’s civic engagement ahead of upcoming municipal elections in Finland, making the event both spiritually uplifting and socially relevant, a true call to action rooted in faith and solidarity.







Women Working Together: Wellbeing, Empowerment, a Journey for Sustainable Peace (SDG 5, 4, 3, 16, 17)

On September 5, WFWP Finland hosted “Women Working Together: Wellbeing, Empowerment, a Journey for Sustainable Peace,” in Helsinki, bringing women and partners together to strengthen mutual support across cultures. Dr. Perpetual Crentsil (University of Helsinki) shared research on how cultural and tribal traditions can limit women’s opportunities in parts of Africa and how education helps women move beyond patriarchal control, gain influence, and uplift their communities. Building on this message, Mrs. Päivi Yoshizumi introduced inspiring WFWPI initiatives from Ghana, Korea, Venezuela, and Albania, highlighting how needs-based, locally relevant programs can empower women and strengthen society.







France

Women’s Resilience in the Face of Life’s Trials (SDG 5, 3, 16)

On March 8, WFWP France marked International Women’s Day with a hybrid gathering themed “Women’s Resilience in the Face of Life’s Trials.” WFWP President Mrs. Brigitte Wada opened by sharing key characteristics of resilience self-awareness, inner capacity to overcome, balance, and learning through experience. Two deeply personal testimonies anchored the program, and additional spontaneous sharing created a powerful atmosphere of empathy and hope, leaving participants encouraged and more connected. With around 30 participants, the event advanced WFWP’s commitment to equipping women with practical inner tools that strengthen families and communities.







Whose Tree Am I the Fruit Of? (SDG 5, 3, 16)

On March 30, WFWP France hosted a thought-provoking workshop in Paris titled “Whose Tree Am I the Fruit Of?” an introduction to psychogenealogy and how family history can shape identity, choices, and resilience. Guided by two therapists, Mrs. Marie-Christine Odent and Mrs. Houria Boukerma, participants explored how patterns across generations - names, dates, professions, and life events can leave “invisible imprints,” and how greater awareness can help people reclaim autonomy and inner stability. Two young women volunteered to map their family trees live, turning the session into an interactive learning experience. With 30 participants, the event created a safe space for reflection, dialogue, and personal growth, culminating in warm conversation over refreshments.







One World, One Family: Building Bridges Between Generations (SDG 16, 4, 5, 17)

To commemorate the UN International Day of Families, WFWP France held a public meeting in Paris on May 17, under the theme “One World, One Family: Building Bridges Between Generations.” Speakers connected global and local perspectives: UPF France President Jacques Marion highlighted lessons from the recent Seoul World Summit and the role of stable families in building peace; Sheikh Amadou Ba (National Council of Imams in France) shared a moving reflection on intergenerational handover; and former European Parliament member Patricia Lalonde spoke from her experience as a mother and grandmother. Nadia Hamidi (Montessori Association of France) added practical insight on education that nurtures responsible, peaceful adults. The gathering closed with friendly dialogue over snacks turning family values into a lived community connection.







Lady vous écoute (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On August 20, WFWP France participated in a televised dialogue on Global Afrika TV Sud (Paris) via an invitation to the program “Lady vous écoute.” WFWP France President, Mrs. Brigitte Wada, shared WFWP’s perspective on women as peacebuilders and the complementary strengths of femininity and masculinity as a foundation for harmony in families and society. The conversation, alongside presentations by civil-society leaders, helped broaden public understanding of women’s leadership beyond slogans, and the host explicitly welcomed WFWP’s value-centered approach. With over 40 in-person participants and 12 online, the event amplified WFWP’s voice in the media and strengthened bridges with journalists and community partners.







Germany

Ukraine’s Independence Day (SDG 5, 16, 17, 3, 10)

German and Ukrainian WFWP members gathered in Berlin on August 24 to commemorate Ukraine’s Independence Day through a warm cultural exchange that strengthened solidarity and community resilience. The celebration created a safe space for Ukrainian women who have made a home in Germany to be seen, supported, and connected, while also deepening friendships with German members and partners. Beyond honoring national identity, the event uplifted participants’ well-being and reinforced women-to-women partnership as a practical pathway to peacebuilding, integration, and hope during a difficult time.







Ukraine’s Day of Independence in Jüterbog (SDG 3, 4, 10, 16, 17)

On August 30, WFWP Germany marked Ukraine’s Day of Independence in Jüterbog, through a warm cultural-exchange and learning space. Celebrating the 1st anniversary of the “Creative Treffen,” children and adults joined a hands-on masterclass to decorate jewelry boxes using the decoupage technique, sharing tea, cake, and sincere conversation in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. The program strengthened community bonds, offered creative self-expression, and fostered hope and solidarity through people-to-people connections, showing how simple, joyful encounters can nurture peace in everyday life.





Hungary

Sisterhood Ceremony (SDG 5, 16, 17, 4)

WFWP Hungary hosted a heartfelt Sisterhood Ceremony with a delegation from WFWP Slovenia on September 27, at the Peace Embassy in Budapest, bringing together 25 participants to foster cross-border friendship and peacebuilding. The program featured introductions of each country’s activities, an inspiring keynote on “To be women” emphasizing self-respect and care as a foundation for serving others, and reflections on the meaning of sisterhood as a practical pathway to reconciliation. The highlight was the formal pairing of six sister pairs and one brother pair, creating a joyful, emotional atmosphere and renewed commitment to future cooperation. The day concluded with cultural exchange through shared Hungarian cuisine and sightseeing, deepening bonds through both dialogue and lived experience.







Italy

Women, Peace, Future - Women and their role in building peace in the world (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 8, WFWP Italy joined the International Women's Day commemoration through a community partnership event titled "Women, Peace, Future - Women and their role in building peace in the world" at the Cultural Center of the Parish of S. Maria del Carmine (Tufara). Organized by the Catholic associations "I Have a Dream Onlus" and ANSPI (San Paolo), the program engaged young women leaders, priests, and local participants in reflection on women's essential contributions to peace not only globally, but also in families and communities. Ms. Hitomi Nishiwaki, WFWP Campania Coordinator, introduced WFWP's mission, Co-founders, and key activities, encouraging practical cooperation for lasting peace. The event sparked strong interest, with participants requesting follow-up information and organizers proposing future joint events.







Poetry, Song and Freedom: Voices from Contemporary Iran (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 13, WFWP Italy contributed to a moving cultural forum in Rome, "Poetry, Song and Freedom: Voices from Contemporary Iran," hosted at the historic Basilica of S. Pancrazio (Villa Pamphili) by the Catholic association Giovane Montagna. WFWP Italy President, Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri was invited to speak on Women, Peace, and Security, highlighting the power of women's voices and the international community's responsibility through the lens of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Poetry readings and testimonies from Iranian and Afghan women fostered an atmosphere of courage and empathy, while WFWP's message linked human rights to deeper values, maternal leadership, and practical pathways to peace. The event generated strong interest and opened the door for follow-up outreach, including a proposed school program.



HE AND SHE (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 15, WFWP Italy hosted the conference “HE AND SHE” at the Peace Embassy in Rome, bringing together 25 participants for a thoughtful exploration of inner harmony and healthy relationships. WFWP Italy President, Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri opened by introducing WFWP’s mission and the 2025 global priorities, emphasizing women’s unique contributions to peace. The keynote by Dr. Giuseppe Calì drew on philosophy and psychology to explain how each person carries both masculine and feminine dimensions and how recognizing and harmonizing these can reduce misunderstanding, conflict, and even broader social tensions. With rich audience sharing and reflection, the event sparked strong interest and a clear desire for more future learning spaces focused on complementarity, empathy, and peace in everyday life.







Youth and Artificial Intelligence: Educating and Growing in the Digital Future (SDG 4, 9, 16, 17)

On May 20, WFWP Italy hosted the conference “Youth and Artificial Intelligence: Educating and Growing in the Digital Future” at the European Parliament Office in Italy, in collaboration with Il Valore del Femminile. Bringing together institutions, experts, educators, professors, and youth, the event explored how AI is reshaping education, and what must be protected as society accelerates into the digital age. Dr. Carlo Corazza highlighted the EU’s approach to AI regulation, emphasizing the protection of human decision-making. Dr. Antonio Affinita, General Director of MOIGE, underscored the essential role of parents and the need for stronger institutional support for families. Discussions affirmed that education must embrace digital tools while safeguarding “emotional, collective, and spiritual intelligence.” The conference concluded with a shared call to guide innovation with human values for the common good. Backed by partners including Sapienza University of Rome, the Municipality of Rome, MOIGE, and others, the event generated strong public interest and inspired plans for a follow-up edition in October.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

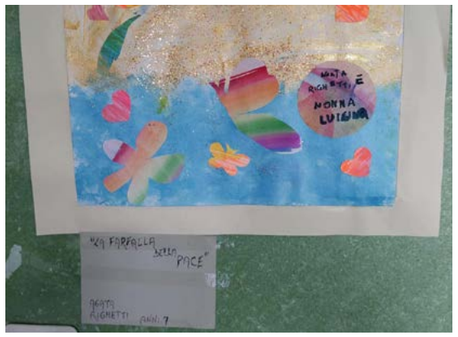
- ***Convened ~70 participants and 13 speakers in a high-level dialogue on AI and youth education.***
- ***Strengthened cross-sector partnerships (European Parliament Office, university, city-level leadership, parents’ movement, and NGOs).***
- ***Advanced practical awareness on ethical AI use, emphasizing human agency and values-based learning.***



Children’s Art Exhibition for Peace (SDG 16, 4, 3)

On May 24, WFWP Italy hosted a Children’s Art Exhibition for Peace at the Oratory of the Church of Paladina, inviting children ages 5 to 16 to express what peace means through art. In a warm intergenerational setting, WFWP introduced families to its peacebuilding values: compassion, dialogue, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love then guided participants through an exhibition tour where children proudly explained their paintings. The artworks will remain on display until the end of June, extending the message beyond a single day. Each child received a certificate and a small gift, and the event concluded with refreshments and a shared painting activity, turning peace education into a joyful, memorable community experience.







Hopes from Korea (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

On June 7 in Rome, WFWP Italy hosted “Hopes from Korea,” welcoming 24 guests for an inspiring seminar and dialogue on recent peace initiatives in Korea. A featured lecture on “Interdependence, Shared Prosperity and Universal Values” invited participants to reconnect peacebuilding with conscience, family values, and practical civic responsibility. Lively Q&A and continued networking over lunch showed strong momentum for follow-up gatherings.







HerStory (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

On September 18, WFWP Italy's HerStory session welcomed Sister Caroline Saeed Jarjis, a sociology professor and peace advocate who has supported WFWP's work since first connecting at the Pontifical University of Rome. Now serving in Baghdad and across Iraq, she continues her mission to strengthen women, families, and intercultural understanding, often in contexts where security remains fragile. Speaking with humility and courage, Sister Caroline shared how her multilingual background and lifelong respect for diverse traditions have helped her build trust with students and communities in Baghdad, Erbil, Basra, and beyond. She also spoke candidly about the risks faced by those serving amid instability, and how prayer and love for her people sustain her. Participants left deeply moved by her resilience and her unwavering commitment to bridge divides through peace and dignity.

No Women No Panel (SDG 5, 16, 10, 17)

On September 19, WFWP Italy President, Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri, was featured in a national radio interview, invited by Arianna Voto of the "No Women No Panel" initiative. Speaking in the program's Parliament segment, she spotlighted the importance of women's equal representation in public decision-making and connected the conversation to the Women, Peace, and Security agenda, including UN Security Council Resolution 1325. She shared WFWP's core message that peace is built through principled leadership, dignity, and the vital contribution of women, starting in daily life and extending to institutions. By bringing these themes to a national audience, the interview expanded public awareness of WFWP's mission, elevated a values-based narrative on peacebuilding, and opened space for broader civic dialogue and future collaboration.

We Are Bridges of Peace (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

On September 25, WFWP Italy supported "We Are Bridges of Peace," a powerful women-led initiative in the Strait of Messina promoted by Marina Aragona and the Strength and Beauty Association. Through a symbolic swim "from one shore to the other," participants reflected on releasing burdens, finding inner strength, and choosing peace breath by breath, stroke by stroke even against the current. The event created a space for connection and renewal for women on journeys of rebirth, encouraging mutual support, resilience, and a hopeful shift in perspective. The program was further uplifted by the blessing of H.E. Monsignor Renato Tarantelli Baccari, strengthening the spirit of unity and purpose.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***~50 participants/collaborators engaged, supported by 30+ organizations through networking and partnership-building.***







Are We Free or Part of a Crowd? (SDG 16, 5, 4, 10, 17)

On November 9, WFWP Italy hosted the conference “Are We Free or Part of a Crowd?” at the WFWP Peace Embassy, bringing together participants onsite and online to reflect on freedom of thought in an age of mass influence. Opening remarks by WFWP Italy President Elisabetta Nistri set the tone, followed by Dr. Klarida Rrapaj’s insights from the WFWP Europe conference in Tirana, which emphasized that peace is built on trust and that women are indispensable partners in stability and reconciliation. Dr. Giuseppe Calì explored how technology and media can amplify “crowd thinking,” and proposed a practical antidote: healthy communities grounded in values that protect individuality while strengthening collective growth.







Dove of Peace (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On November 29, Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri, President of WFWP Italy, was honored with the Colomba Della Pace (“Dove of Peace”) Award presented in memory of Pope Francis, recognizing WFWP Italy’s dedicated work for women and peace. Hosted at the Assisi Museum near the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, the ceremony took place in a setting deeply symbolic of simplicity and spiritual foundations for peace. The event gathered respected faith and civic leaders, including Fr. Gianmaria Polidoro (Assisi Pax) and Dr. Massimo Maria Civale, who highlighted the urgent call for dialogue and reconciliation. Mrs. Nistri shared WFWP’s mission and achievements with an engaged audience, transforming the occasion into both recognition and outreach, strengthening networks of people committed to building a more just and humane world.

Slovenia

Mother's Day Celebration (SDG 5, 3, 16, 11)

On March 15, WFWP Slovenia hosted a heartfelt Mother's Day Celebration at the Mother's Home community center, honoring mothers with young children through a warm program of poetry, songs, and live music. The event created a joyful space where families felt seen and appreciated, and where guests could simply breathe, smile, and connect. After the performances, participants shared lunch and treats, turning the celebration into a genuine community-building moment. The gathering was so well-received that the hosts invited WFWP to return for next year's Mother's Day, affirming the value of steady, relationship-based outreach that strengthens families and local solidarity.







Spain

Can women be catalysts for peace? (SDG 5, 16, 17, 4)

WFWP Spain convened a Round Table in Valencia, bringing together women of diverse faiths: Buddhism, Judaism, Catholicism, Unificationism, Hinduism, and the Baha'i Faith to explore the question: Can women be catalysts for peace? Through heartfelt dialogue, participants reflected on how universal principles love, respect, and shared human dignity can bridge historical and theological differences. With over 60 attendees, the gathering created a hopeful space where women exchanged lived experiences, strengthened mutual understanding, and identified practical attitudes that move communities from tension toward harmony. The event demonstrated that peacebuilding starts with trust-building conversations and that women's voices, when united across beliefs, can plant lasting seeds of reconciliation and social cohesion.







Sweden

Midsummer Family Festivities (SDG 3, 6, 5, 16, 17)

WFWP Sweden hosted a joyful Midsummer Family Festivities gathering in Kloten, Sweden, from June 20 to 22, welcoming around 30 participants for a weekend of nature, community, and values-based learning. Surrounded by forests and lakes, families enjoyed traditional songs and dances around the midsummer pole, shared outdoor meals, went canoeing, went on nature walks, and had heartfelt “deep sharing” moments that strengthened mutual trust and belonging. A special WFWP session connected participants to Europe-wide activities and featured inspiring contributions on clean water initiatives in Bangladesh and women’s health support through doula work, reminding everyone that peace starts in families and ripples outward through service.







Empowered by the Arts – United for Peace (SDG 16, 5, 4, 10, 17)

Under the theme “Empowered by the Arts – United for Peace,” WFWP Sweden hosted a vibrant cultural exchange in Tensta, Stockholm, on August 30, welcoming around 40 participants from diverse backgrounds. The program spotlighted the Uyghur people, sharing their cultural heritage and the urgent reality of their struggle to survive under repression. After opening remarks and an introduction to WFWP’s mission, the Swedish Uyghur Union presented scholars and musicians whose stories brought both education and inspiration. The evening concluded with a handicraft exhibition, creating a powerful space where art became a bridge, building empathy, strengthening social cohesion, and renewing commitment to peace and human dignity.







Nordic Women Mediators (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10)

On November 24, WFWP Sweden and WFWP Denmark participated in the Nordic Women Mediators (NWM) Conference in Copenhagen, marking the network's 10th anniversary and 25 years since UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Rooted in the Women, Peace, and Security agenda, the gathering convened 100 participants to advance women's leadership in mediation and peacebuilding across the Nordic region. The program featured keynote addresses by prominent peace and human rights leaders, followed by a "Getting to the HOW" panel with voices from conflict-affected contexts (Afghanistan, Sudan, Israel, Syria), examining human rights realities in war. The final segment, "New Approaches—Better Results," sparked an energizing expert dialogue on bringing empathy and humanity into frameworks for lasting peace.







Portugal

The Contribution of Women in the Family to Positively Transform Society (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 15, WFWP Portugal President, Dr. Marta de Carvalho served as a guest speaker at an International Women's Day event in Torres Novas, organized by artist and Ambassador for Peace, Architect Mrs. Irina ArtemUsa, at the Hotel dos Cavaleiros' Auditorium. Speaking on "The Contribution of Women in the Family to Positively Transform Society," she shared WFWP's vision that strong, values-centered families are the starting point for peaceful communities. The gathering welcomed 23 participants, including local civic and cultural leaders, and featured active dialogue. Two women offered personal testimonies, followed by a visit to an art exhibition dedicated to women. The event became a warm bridge between peace values, local culture, and community leadership.





Pink October (SDG 3, 5, 16, 17)

On October 10, WFWP Portugal hosted a high-level Pink October event in Lisbon at the National Headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, uniting 45+ participants around two powerful messages: early breast cancer prevention saves lives, and women's leadership can inspire a culture of peace. With official partners from culture, literature, and cancer control, including Brazil's Institute for Cancer Control (ICC), the evening fused education with moving artistic performances and international participation from Bangladesh, Ireland, Brazil, and the UK. WFWP EUME Regional President Mrs. Mitty Tohma highlighted WFWP's mission and the Pink October campaign, while 11 Global Women Peace Ambassador Awards recognized local changemakers.

Program Impact & Outcomes:
Elevated women leaders through 11 Peace Ambassador awards, motivating continued service and advocacy.

UK

Her Story Inspires (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10)

On March 8, WFWP UK launched its new series "Her Story Inspires" in Lancaster Gate, London, creating a warm space for women to share real-life journeys of resilience, growth, and purpose. Designed to amplify women's voices and strengthen solidarity, the pilot gathering welcomed 16 women, and 100% reported enjoying the experience and wanting to return many stayed afterward to network and continue conversations. Supported by a simple community model, the initiative proved that small-scale, relationship-centered programming can generate strong belonging and momentum. "Her Story Inspires" sets the stage for an ongoing platform where women leave feeling more confident, connected, and capable a ripple effect of empowerment that grows one story at a time.





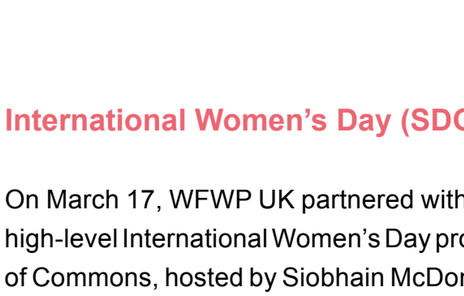


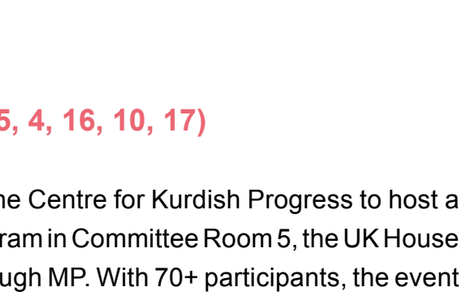
International Women's Day (SDG 5, 4, 16, 10, 17)

On March 17, WFWP UK partnered with the Centre for Kurdish Progress to host a high-level International Women's Day program in Committee Room 5, the UK House of Commons, hosted by Siobhain McDonough MP. With 70+ participants, the event highlighted women's leadership in education as a catalyst for peacebuilding and equal opportunity. A distinguished panel, with Mrs. Mitty Tohma, Prof. Shabnam Dalfani, Dr. Christina Schariff, and Dr. Shilan Fuad, examined barriers women face in leadership and diplomacy, and highlighted practical tools for change, from grassroots mobilization to strategic use of social media. The program concluded with an open discussion that strengthened networks and renewed commitment to advancing women's voices in shaping policy.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Convened 70+ leaders and advocates inside Parliament, elevating women's leadership in education as a national conversation.***
- ***Strengthened cross-sector collaboration through partnership with the UK Parliament and the Centre for Kurdish Progress.***







Women, Faith and Family—What is the role of women in community building? (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

On 16 June, WFWP UK hosted an online webinar, "Women, Faith and Family—What is the role of women in community building?" bringing together four speakers from different faith traditions to explore how women strengthen communities through empathy, service, education, and values-based leadership. Speakers shared practical pathways from women's leadership development and charity initiatives to parenting values that shape resilient future generations, emphasizing that peace begins with inner growth and expands through relationships. With 50 participants joining from the UK, Finland, Mozambique, Greece, and Pakistan, the event closed by introducing WFWP's vision of "one global human family," sparking fresh motivation for collaboration.



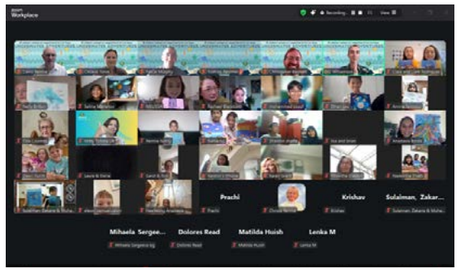
Artists for Peace 2025 (SDG 16, 4, 5, 10, 17)

On September 20, WFWP UK hosted Artists for Peace 2025, a joyful virtual celebration spotlighting children's creativity as a pathway to peace. Under the theme "Underwater Adventure," young artists (ages 5–15) from the UK and around the world shared ocean-inspired artwork expressing hope, harmony, and global friendship. The program combined uplifting reflections on peace, a family-friendly magic show, and a showcase of submissions, culminating in winner announcements and a live vote for next year's theme. In its five-year history, the contest reached a record 140 entries, engaging children and parents in a shared experience of positive expression and connection, advancing values-based peace education and inspiring communities to "make a BIG impact" through art.

Program Impact & Outcome: 140 children participated (highest submissions in 5 years), engaging families and communities.







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Health Club (SDG 3, 5, 16, 17)

On October 17, WFWP Midlands (UK) hosted a Health Club gathering in Birmingham, bringing together 33 women from diverse faiths, cultures, races, and backgrounds for an uplifting afternoon of wellbeing and friendship. A professional yoga instructor guided a restorative session that participants said they deeply enjoyed and benefited from. This was followed by a talk on self-care, overcoming stress, and cultivating inner peace, supporting both physical and emotional resilience in today's demanding environment. The program concluded with shared food and warm conversation, strengthening bonds across differences and renewing a sense of sisterhood. The event offered "food for the mind, body, and soul," reinforcing that peacebuilding begins with healthy individuals and connected communities.







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Peace Adventurers — The Peaceful Heart (SDG 4, 5, 10, 16)

On October 25 in London, WFWP UK hosted “Peace Adventurers — The Peaceful Heart,” a joyful children’s peace education session for families focused on tolerance, generosity, and compassion. Through music, heart-centered reflection, storytelling, games, and arts & crafts, children practiced emotional self-regulation, listening, and peaceful conflict resolution in age-appropriate ways. Families received take-home “Heart Teachings” to continue learning at home, and parents shared that the workshop helped children overcome shyness and express deep, compassionate ideas. Building on a growing series, the program has reached 100+ children and parents, strengthening family relationships while nurturing the next generation of peacemakers.





Meet & Greet, (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10)

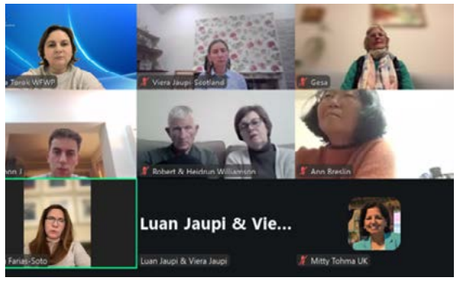
On November 1, WFWP Central London (UK) hosted a warm Meet & Greet, bringing together 15 participants in a relaxed café setting to welcome newcomers, deepen friendships, and invite greater community involvement. Five new guests met through a recent Volunteers Fair joined returning members for introductions, an overview video of WFWP’s global peacebuilding work, and inspiring reflections from WFWP Europe President, Mrs. Mitty Tohmam, on women’s capacity to heal divisions through reconciliation, service, and leadership. A personal testimony from a Women’s Speech Contest participant highlighted how WFWP helps individuals grow in confidence and communication. The gathering ended with open dialogue and networking over tea, sparking fresh interest in volunteering and future collaboration to advance the SDGs through inclusive community-building and women-led peace action.





You As A Woman Can Change Your Destiny—From Aspiration to Action (SDG 5, 16, 4, 8, 10, 17)

On November 28, WFWP UK marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women with an online program, “You As A Woman Can Change Your Destiny—From Aspiration to Action.” The event reframed EVAW not only as protection from harm, but as empowerment through skills, dignity, and non-violent communication. Humanitarian expert Luan Jaupi (GICHD) shared how women in conflict-affected settings are being trained in GIS mapping for landmine action, enabling local leadership and sustainable recovery. Powerful stories from trainees who became team leaders showed what happens when women are given opportunity rather than pity. The gathering strengthened commitment to amplify women’s voices, invest in their capabilities, and advance peace through women-led resilience.



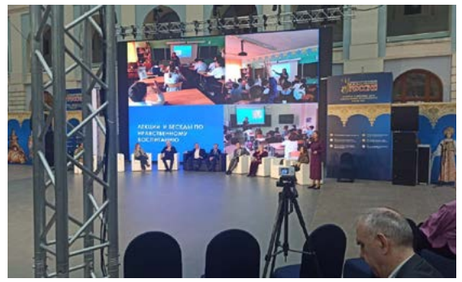




Russia

Great Russia means that we are all together (SDG 16, 4, 17)

On January 5, WFWP Russia President, Mrs. Olga Vakulinskaya, was invited to speak at the major forum “Great Russia means that we are all together,” held at the renowned Gostiny Dvor near Red Square. With around 100 attendees, the forum centered on family and moral values, especially how to raise dignified individuals who can build strong families and healthy communities. WFWP’s contribution stood out not only through expert remarks on moral education, but also through a moving cultural finale: the WFWP children’s singing and dancing ensemble “Angels of Peace” performed as the session’s closing highlight, made possible through WFWP’s long-term partnership with the Parents’ Association of Moscow.







Children are Angels of Peace (SDG 16, 4, 10, 17)

On January 11, WFWP Russia hosted its 5th Intercultural Children's Festival, "Children are Angels of Peace," at the Central House of Cultural Workers in Moscow, welcoming around 200 attendees. More than 100 children of diverse nationalities performed, sharing the cultural beauty of Russia, Armenia, Syria, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Tatarstan, Mari El, and Kalmykia. Beyond music and dance, the festival carried a clear message: peace and love toward all people. Partners and guests offered supportive remarks, and many participants later shared that they were deeply moved by the sincerity and unity expressed on stage. The event stood out as a joyful, values-based approach to peacebuilding that nurtures empathy and social harmony through the next generation.











Summer camp in the Tver (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16, 17)

In June, WFWP Russia partnered with the School of Dignified Young Ladies and a children's summer camp in the Tver region to deliver two values-based moral education sessions for 130 youth (ages 7 to 17). Through an interactive talk on "true love vs. infatuation" and a lively debate-style discussion on love, sexuality, purity, and fidelity, participants were encouraged to build respectful relationships, protect their well-being, and strengthen their personal responsibility. The program sparked honest dialogue, deep emotional engagement, and strong trust between partners







Mother of Peace (SDG 5, 16, 10, 17, 3)

On November 29, WFWP Russia hosted an Intercultural Mother's Day Celebration at the Peace Embassy in Moscow, gathering 70 participants and families from diverse backgrounds (including Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Buryatia, Brazil, and Mari El). The program uplifted mothers and grandmothers through heartfelt musical tributes, cultural sharing, and warm fellowship. WFWP also introduced the vision of the "Mother of Peace" and emphasized strong family values as the foundation for peaceful communities. Participants responded with deep emotion and gratitude, many sharing reflections and photos on social media, helping extend the message of unity beyond the event itself.











Ukraine

Peaceful Ukraine – a Golden Dream (SDG 3, 16, 17)

In May, WFWP Ukraine launched an online charity and art campaign, "Peaceful Ukraine – a Golden Dream," featuring 12 high-quality canvas prints by Ukrainian artist Ms. Olga Shevel, offered in exchange for a minimum charitable contribution of 2,000 UAH (~USD 47). The campaign grew out of an art-therapy initiative, "The Right to a Peaceful Life," held at Kyiv Clinical Hospital No. 8, where the artworks were first exhibited to uplift patients receiving treatment and rehabilitation. All contributions from the online campaign were dedicated to supporting wounded Ukrainians at the hospital, turning beauty into direct relief and solidarity across borders.

Integration of Women in Times of War (SDG 16, 3, 5)

In May, WFWP Ukraine advanced its project "Integration of Women in Times of War" through a series of supportive gatherings in Kyiv, partnering with the women's club "Darnytsky Berehyni" and the Association of Pensioners and Veterans of Darnytsky District. Guided by practical psychologist, Ms. Tetyana Gudenko, women explored how to sustain inner strength during crisis through reflective sharing and creative exercises such as "My Person is a Box of Joys" and "The Power of Generations." The month also included a heartfelt Mother's Day concert, honoring mothers as guardians of family and society, featuring guest performer Ms. Olena Grebenyuk, an opera singer and volunteer. Together, these moments nurtured resilience, connection, and hope, reminding participants that "the light inside does not go out."

Middle East

HERSTORY (SDG 5, 16, 17)

In March, WFWP Middle East continued its inspiring monthly series “HERSTORY” online encounters that bring women’s voices from Europe, MENA, and Eurasia closer through lived experiences of courage, culture, and peace leadership. This session featured a Cypriot university professor and peace activist, Dr. Maria Hadjipavlou, who shared what sparked her commitment to peacebuilding, reconciliation, and Women, Peace, and Security. With 28 participants and additional guests attending, HERSTORY strengthened connections, expanded awareness of WFWP’s mission, and nurtured a growing community of women committed to dialogue and peace.



Jordan

Awareness Session on Online Recruitment and Social Media Risks (SDG 16, 4, 3, 17)

WFWP Jordan organized a timely Awareness Session on Online Recruitment and Social Media Risks to help youth and adolescents navigate today’s digital dangers with clarity and confidence. Delivered in partnership with the Jordanian General Intelligence Department, the session unpacked how extremist or harmful groups exploit online spaces, using psychological and social tactics to manipulate young people and draw them into risky networks. Through practical guidance, participants learned to recognize warning signs, apply preventive measures, and adopt safer digital habits. The program also created a safe space for dialogue, where students could ask honest questions and discuss real-life scenarios from their everyday online experiences. By strengthening digital responsibility and resilience, the session helped protect young people while reinforcing cooperation between civil society and national institutions.

Mothers (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16)

WFWP Jordan delivered a series of “Mothers’ Awareness and Parenting Sessions” to strengthen families where it matters most - at home. Through interactive discussions and practical examples, mothers explored positive parenting, effective communication, and “emotional containment” skills that help children feel safe, heard, and guided. The sessions directly addressed the modern pressures families face today: behavioral changes, generational gaps, heavy social media use, and growing exposure to online risks. A special focus was placed on equipping mothers to recognize early warning signs of digital harm and online recruitment tactics, reinforcing their role as the first line of protection for children. By combining shared experiences with actionable tools, the program boosted confidence and created a supportive community of mothers ready to respond proactively, building resilience, healthier relationships, and stronger family stability.

Turkey

A Journey of Harmony and Peace: from the Family to the Nation and Region: The Case of Türkiye, Greece and Cyprus (SDG 16, 5, 17)

On May 30, WFWP Turkey, hosted an online webinar titled “A Journey of Harmony and Peace: from the Family to the Nation and Region: The Case of Türkiye, Greece and Cyprus,” in connection with the International Day of Families. Around 30–35 participants joined to hear perspectives from Cyprus, Greece, and Türkiye on reconciliation and the barriers that still silence women’s voices. A UN Office representative emphasized that war is not inevitable and encouraged women to campaign for peace. Speakers highlighted challenges such as stereotypes, the need for reconciliation pathways, and the idea that peace begins with the individual. The session closed by introducing WFWP’s Bridge of Peace as a signature framework and concluded with a shared commitment to continue dialogue on East Mediterranean harmony.





UN Vienna Office

UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (SDG 3, 4, 16, 17)

On March 13, WFWP joined UNODC and the Permanent Mission of Mexico at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND68) to host a hybrid side event, “Strengthening the Resilience of Youth in Challenging Times – The Role of Family and Society.” With 40+ participants, the dialogue highlighted how political and environmental instability increases young people’s vulnerability, and why prevention must be family- and community-centered. Speakers shared practical solutions, from UNODC’s multi-level family skills model, including tools like caregiver resources and structured programs, to crisis-context parenting support that improved communication and reduced aggression. The event reinforced a powerful message: when families are equipped with skills, empathy, and support, youth are more resilient, and communities become safer.

Youth Education and Activism: A New Approach in Combatting Crime and Domestic Violence (SDG 5, 16, 3, 4, 17)

On May 22, WFWP Austria, the IAYSP, and UNODC convened a hybrid UN Vienna Side Event, “Youth Education and Activism: A New Approach in Combatting Crime and Domestic Violence.” Bringing together diplomats, UN experts, academics, and youth leaders, the session spotlighted practical prevention strategies that combine education, safe spaces, family-strengthening, and youth-led campaigns to reduce vulnerability to violence, crime, and extremist recruitment. Speakers emphasized the role of strong family units, emotional regulation, gender equity, and responsible use of social media, while calling for policies that move from legislation to real implementation. The event’s core message was clear and energizing: every young person has a role in peace-making when empowered with skills, support systems, and platforms to lead.

Australia

NSW Youth Council (SDG 5, 13, 3, 16)

On April 26, WFWP Australia launched its first NSW Youth Council in New South Wales, bringing together 11 young leaders (ages 18–30) to build confidence, strengthen leadership skills, and lay the groundwork for an ongoing platform for youth-led advocacy and service. Through workshops, interactive activities, and small-group discussions, participants explored their unique leadership styles and tackled urgent social issues, including climate change, gender equality, mental health, homelessness, and domestic violence. The session created a powerful sense of belonging: many participants shared that it was the first time they felt recognized not only as “future leaders,” but leaders now. The day ended with real momentum, new ideas, stronger connections, and excitement to continue as a community of changemakers.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Launched a youth collaboration platform***
- ***Generated concrete advocacy project ideas rooted in local community needs.***





UN International Day of Peace (SDG 16, 17, 3, 4, 10)

WFWP Australia marked the UN International Day of Peace with a dynamic conference on September 20, at Mt. Waverley Community Centre in Melbourne, bringing together 60 local academics, humanitarians, and peace-minded community members. Diverse speakers explored practical pathways to peace, strengthening social cohesion, responding to humanitarian crises, understanding conflict dynamics, and building “peace of mind” through meeting fundamental needs such as nutrition and education. A breakout discussion format encouraged honest exchange and collaborative ideas for peace at both local and global levels.

Thailand

NSW Youth Council (SDG 5, 13, 3, 16)

WFWP Thailand held the 17th “Color My Heart With Peace” Project, a long-running peace education initiative that nurtures children’s creativity and character through art. Under the theme “Siam’s Smile, Thai Heritage Beauty,” the program engaged young participants in two age categories (4–6 and 7–10), helping them express their understanding of peace while strengthening imagination, confidence, and emotional awareness. In 2025, 240 children from four regions of Thailand joined the painting competition, supported by experienced artists and evaluated by a panel of painting professors. Twenty-seven artworks were selected for awards, celebrating young talent and reinforcing values of love, respect, and peaceful coexistence. The project continues to cultivate the next generation’s “IQ and EQ for peace,” encouraging children to grow with conscience and responsibility.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***240 children mobilized nationwide, building a shared culture of peace across regions***
- ***Identified and encouraged young talent, awarding 27 outstanding artworks to boost motivation and confidence.***







Latin America

A Regional Gathering of Voices (SDG 5, 4, 16, 17)

Latin America & the Caribbean: A Regional Gathering of Voices brought one of WFWP Latin Ameirca's most diverse online gatherings to life as a powerful International Women's Day regional event, led by Regional Secretary General Mrs. Andrea Fayad. Women leaders, young professionals, educators, and mothers joined across borders to explore leadership rooted in compassion, values-based education, and how to support youth searching for meaning and direction in today's world. A highlight was a moving video prepared for a UN side event, featuring youth testimonies from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina, showing how peace education can restore identity, confidence, and purpose. Regional President of Latin America, Mrs. Roswitha Dueck, captured the spirit of the event: every act of care becomes a seed of peace multiplied through families, classrooms, and communities.

The Heart of Mothers (SDG 5, 16, 3, 17)

"The Heart of Mothers" brought WFWP Latin America together through a regional Mother's Day forum that connected national presidents and key collaborators across the continent. Centered on real community needs, the dialogue highlighted family strengthening and the vital role of mothers and women more broadly as agents of social transformation. Building on that momentum, the region hosted a Leadership Masterclass led by Mrs. Liz Coromoto, President of WFWP Venezuela, equipping participants with practical, values-based leadership tools grounded in the Global Women's Peace Network. Together, these initiatives strengthened regional unity and helped translate compassion into action, empowering women leaders to support healthier families, more resilient communities, and a culture of peace.

Bridges of Peace (SDG 16, 5, 17)

For the International Day of Peace, WFWP Latin America hosted a "Bridges of Peace" ceremony. Women from 12 countries offered cultural symbols as peace "bridges," including mate from Argentina, the oxcart from Costa Rica, and Haoromai from Rapa Nui. Together, participants proclaimed a heartfelt Declaration of Sisterhood, committing to build peace through the Bridge of Peace pillars: responsibility, respect, repentance, and renewed commitment. The ceremony transformed cultural diversity into shared purpose, reminding participants that peace is not an abstract idea, but a daily practice strengthened through sisterhood, humility, and action across borders.

Argentina

session on bullying and school violence urgent issues affecting children's safety (SDG 4, 3, 10, 16)

WFWP Tucumán (Northwest Argentina) was invited to a school in Alta Gracia to lead a parent-focused session on bullying and school violence urgent issues affecting children's safety, wellbeing, and learning. A long-time WFWP volunteer shared a powerful personal testimony of being discriminated against at school due to a cancer condition, helping parents reflect on the real human cost of exclusion and the need for compassionate, values-based school cultures. The gathering also included a hands-on activity (paper flowers sealed with paraffin wax) and a small raffle, creating a warm, participatory atmosphere that strengthened trust between families, educators, and the community.





Character Education and Family Values (SDG 4, 5, 16, 3)

WFWP Argentina concluded its 2025 monthly education series on "Character Education and Family Values" with a conference workshop, "Family Culture for a New Peaceful Era," held on November 22 in Buenos Aires. The session explored how strong, value-centered families can become the foundation for a lasting culture of peace, reframing past cultural patterns and offering practical direction for healthier relationships at every level. Participants enjoyed a youth-led musical icebreaker, a focused keynote, and an interactive group discussion with shared reflections, followed by a warm coffee gathering that deepened friendships and commitment. Around 20 participants joined in person, with additional participants connected online from other areas of the country.





International Day of Peace (SDG 4, 5, 16, 3)

WFWP Argentina commemorated the International Day of Peace by honoring women leaders whose everyday service strengthens peace in their communities. The celebration combined recognition with culture: music, dance, and heartfelt remarks, highlighting inspiring contributions across health care, inclusion, education, and grassroots charity. Awardees included leaders supporting people with disabilities, artists using performance for peace, volunteers advancing the values-based KUYAY education initiative, and community members mobilizing practical aid (food, clothing, school supplies). With over 50 participants onsite and 10 joining online, the event amplified WFWP's message that peace is built through committed relationships, compassionate service, and education that shapes character.

Kuyay (SDG 4, 5, 16, 3)

For more than two decades, WFWP Argentina's Northwest Region has advanced a remarkable values-based education legacy through Kuyay, a holistic, family-centered approach to sexual education that supports youth, parents, and teachers in building healthy, meaningful relationships. The initiative has delivered 1,000+ lectures, reaching 500,000+ youth, teachers, and parents, and trained 2,000 teachers through the National University of Tucumán, embedding values-based guidance into formal education channels. In 2014, students named the project "Kuyay" ("loving is giving something good"), capturing its spirit of love through education. With support from WFWP Japan, the first edition launched in 2023. In 2025, Kuyay enters a new era, going digital with an online booklet, audiobooks, and youth videos, powered by dedicated volunteers.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Reach scale: 1,000+ lectures and 500,000+ participants, strengthening youth guidance and family well-being.***
- ***Built long-term capacity by training 2,000 teachers, ensuring sustainable delivery beyond one program cycle.***
- ***Created a reusable education tool (Kuyay) adopted across kindergarten to secondary schools, plus parent/teacher workshops.***
- ***Expanded accessibility in 2025 through digital transformation (online booklet, audiobooks, youth videos), powered by youth and volunteer expertise.***
- ***Demonstrated global partnership impact through collaboration with WFWP Japan, local universities, and volunteers.***

Chile

Homage to Couples in Rapa Nui (SDG 16, 5, 3, 11)

"Homage to Couples in Rapa Nui" is a cherished community tradition that celebrates love that lasts and strengthens family unity on Easter Island. Organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Rapa Nui and joined by religious leaders, the ceremony brings solemnity and warmth as the community honors couples married 20+ years, recognizing the perseverance, sacrifice, and daily commitment that sustain a strong family life. Newly married couples are also celebrated and encouraged, receiving symbolic support and motivation as they begin their shared journey. More than an award ceremony, the event becomes a living lesson in generational continuity: when couples thrive, families stabilize—and when families stabilize, communities become more resilient, respectful, and hopeful for the future.

Colombia

WFWP Colombia in partnership with FENAEDILCO (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

From June to November, WFWP Colombia in partnership with FENAEDILCO, delivered the Peace Curriculum Program to strengthen ethical leadership, prevent violence, and rebuild trust in Colombia's post-conflict context. 70 community leaders from 6 regions completed three practical modules dignity as the Cornerstone of Peace, Family as the School of Peace, and Ethical Governance & Conflict Resolution, blending study, dialogue, and community-based action. The initiative proved strong and measurable: 94% of participants reported improved capacity in ethical decision-making, cooperative governance, and conflict resolution.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***70 leaders certified across Colombia's macroregions; 71% women, strengthening women-led peacebuilding.***
- ***Built sustained collaboration via 5 interregional communication networks for mutual support and monitoring.***
- ***Established 3 municipal alliances to integrate peace education into local leadership training.***



WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE GLOBAL WOMEN’S PEACE NETWORK

Korea

The 2025 Capacity Building for NGO Women Leaders (SDG 5, 16, 10, 4, 17)

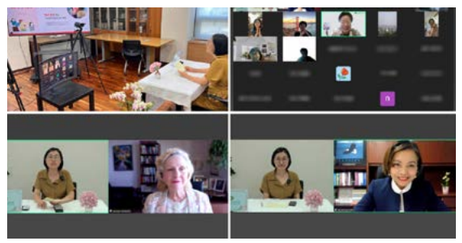
The 2025 Capacity Building for NGO Women Leaders – Course 1: Women's Leadership Academy ran from June 26 to July 17, in Seoul and virtually, gathering 260+ participants for seven expert-led sessions supported by Ilhwa and Seilo. As the foundational phase of the program, the Academy equipped women leaders for meaningful engagement with UN processes and global agendas. Sessions covered WFWP's UN NGO legacy and partnerships, shifting global political trends and UN dynamics, case studies of women-led diplomacy, and the Korean Peninsula's peace context within evolving UN strategies. Participants also received practical CSW guidance from WFWP's UN Office and explored real-world collaboration models. The program concluded with a legal lens on protecting migrant and marginalized women, strengthening participants' leadership with rights-based, action-oriented insight.

Voices from Field:

- ***"I used to have only a vague understanding of the UN and CSW, but this course gave me a clear, structured view. I now feel more confident engaging in peace activities in my community."***
- ***"This wasn't just NGO training — it truly felt like the beginning of my journey to becoming an international woman leader. Carolyn's session was especially moving."***









Advanced CSW Capacity-Building Workshop (SDG 5, 16, 4, 8, 17)

From August 15 to19, WFWP Korea sent a 10-member delegation to Taipei, Taiwan for Course 2: Advanced CSW Capacity-Building Workshop, the second phase of the 2025 Capacity Building for NGO Women Leaders program, supported by Ilhwa and Seilo. Delivered in partnership with WFWP Taiwan, the workshop strengthened emerging women leaders' skills for engagement with the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and built Korea–Taiwan solidarity. The program combined official and educational components, including a visit to the Taiwan Presidential Office, exchanges at WFWP Taiwan's office on model-case activities, and intensive CSW proposal training through expert lectures, group discussions, proposal presentations, and mock NGO CSW parallel events. Participants tackled themes such as reproductive rights, gender-based violence, economic empowerment, and education for gender equality, and the workshop served as a pathway to identify potential Korean speakers for NGO CSW in March 2026.

Voice from Field:

- ***"This workshop offered deep learning and real inspiration. I truly felt the strength of international women's solidarity and reflected on my own role as a future leader. Comparing Korean and Taiwanese experiences made me realize the power of policy and perception in advancing women's leadership."***









Communication Workshop (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

The 2025 Capacity Building for NGO Women Leaders – Course 3: Communication Workshop was held from September 12 to 13 at the Seoul Youth Hostel, concluding WFWP Korea's three-stage capacity-building program with an intensive 14-hour "Action Phase" focused on real-world facilitation. Twenty-four participants completed a curriculum of theory and hands-on practice to strengthen their ability to resolve conflict, foster inclusive dialogue, and lead productive group discussions. Rather than passive learning, participants trained through live simulations, facilitation design exercises, and peer feedback, building confidence to guide meetings, gather ideas, and create cooperation. The program also emphasized personal growth and change leadership, ending with reflection and the ERRC model (Eliminate, Reduce, Raise, Create). Graduates became eligible to apply for the Level 2 Facilitator Certification Exam.

Voices from Field:

- ***"Learning about facilitation was extremely useful, and I appreciated the chance to share positive energy with others"***
- ***"The practical nature of the workshop kept me focused. I realized that inclusive leadership requires respecting everyone's voice"***
- ***"As someone who often facilitates meetings in my local chapter, this workshop was immediately applicable. I'll be using these tools to better communicate with residents, too"***









UN CSW69 Training Delegation (SDG 5, 16, 4, 8, 17)

From March 7 to15, WFWP organized a UN CSW69 Training Delegation to empower nine emerging women leaders through firsthand participation in the 69th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) at UN Headquarters in New York—marking the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Delegates joined WFWP International's Advocacy Training Workshop (March 8–9) featuring 12 expert speakers, gaining practical understanding of the CSW process, national voluntary reviews, and strategic action across Beijing's 12 critical areas. Through mock UN sessions and policy proposal development, participants strengthened advocacy skills. From March 11 to 13, they engaged in NGO CSW Parallel Forums, including WFWP Korea–Taiwan sessions and a joint forum on "Empowering Women through Technology and Gender Equality," addressing FemTech, inclusive digital policy, digital gender-based violence, and fair digital transitions.

Voices from Field:

- ***"It was a meaningful opportunity to hear perspectives from various countries, even though the forum was co-hosted by Korea and Taiwan. We found both shared challenges and unique solutions that each country is applying."***
- ***"In Korea, digital sex crimes remain a serious issue, with many still hidden from public view. The forum emphasized the urgent need for structural reforms to address these problems effectively."***









1st NGO CSW Mock Parallel Forum (SDG 5, 16, 10, 4, 17)

On November 29, WFWP Korea hosted the 1st NGO CSW Mock Parallel Forum (hybrid in Seoul and online) to strengthen Korean women leaders' international advocacy skills ahead of CSW70 in March 2026. With 44 participants (22 onsite, 22 online), the program simulated an authentic NGO CSW parallel event and assessed speakers' issue expertise, global relevance, and public presentation. Across two themed sessions, 8 speakers presented solutions on women's equality in Korea, addressing wage gaps, stigma, and workplace discrimination, and advanced a women-centered peace agenda for Korean reunification, including support for North Korean defector women and UN Resolution 1325-aligned strategies. Opening remarks by national and international leaders underscored women's global responsibility, while expert judges delivered targeted feedback to sharpen CSW alignment, messaging, and speaker impact.











USA

Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) and HerTribe (SDG 5, 3, 10, 16, 17, 11)

In July, WFWP advanced women-led peacebuilding through two flagship streams Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) and HerTribe. While summer schedules reduced large public events, the month became a strategic season for relationship-building and planning, including developing a proposal for the "Peace Starts With Me Alliance" and strengthening the membership pipeline. A key highlight was partnering with UPF around National Parents Day, celebrating community leaders Rashidah and Albert Cartwright (recognized nationally for parental empowerment) and engaging in an advocacy dialogue with Congressman Christopher Smith. Across the country, GWPN chapters also elevated peace messaging through webinars, a local parade presence, and co-sponsored programs. HerTribe gatherings though smaller, deepened sisterhood, healing, and spiritual resilience through creative, family-inclusive meetups.

Summer 2025 Campaign for the Schools of Africa (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

WFWP strengthened women-led peacebuilding through the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) and community-based sisterhood spaces nationwide. A standout achievement was the Summer 2025 Campaign for the Schools of Africa, which combined storytelling, weekly outreach, and student-made products from Rwanda to inspire giving, surpassing the expanded goal and raising about $20,700 through donations, sales, and local fundraisers. Chapters also advanced interfaith and civic engagement through Peace Road activities, festival volunteering, radio-based recognition, and monthly "Peace Starts with Me" gatherings. Alongside this, HerTribe meetups created safe, reflective spaces for women to heal, grow, and build authentic connection through guided sharing, meditation, and community care.

Canada

International Women's Day in St-Narcisse (SDG 5, 3, 16)

On March 8, WFWP Canada commemorated International Women's Day in St-Narcisse, Quebec, creating a warm, family-friendly space for reflection and encouragement. Guest speaker, Dr. Tina Kouendze, shared her journey as an immigrant, wife, and mother, opening heartfelt conversations about relationships, resilience, and the everyday strength women carry through life transitions. As adults exchanged stories (including widows and divorced or remarried women), children added their voices through colorful IWD posters proudly displayed during the event. A shared lunch quickly transformed strangers into a supportive community. Notably, the presence of two men supporting their family members underscored a spirit of partnership and mutual respect. Feedback highlighted a cooperative, peaceful atmosphere, proving that empowerment grows fastest when families learn and celebrate together.

19th International Women's Day Luncheon in Mississauga (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 22, WFWP Canada (Toronto Chapter) hosted its 19th International Women's Day Luncheon in Mississauga, partnering with the Mississauga Monarch Lions Club to advance CSW69's call to "Accelerate Action for All Women and Girls." Community leaders and advocates gathered for a dynamic panel featuring Hon. Dr. Jean Augustine, Dame Linda Pinizzotto, and other change-makers who spoke candidly about gender equality, women's leadership in governance, and the everyday courage required to challenge injustice. The program also celebrated service: Dame Linda Pinizzotto received the Global Women Peace Ambassador Award, while WFWP Canada President, Mrs. Lilly Tadin, was honored for her dedication to peace and women's empowerment. Closing remarks echoed Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's vision of peace rooted in maternal love, culminating in renewed unity and commitment among partners.

The Way of the Pearl: The Seven Gateways to Reach Maturity (SDG 5, 16, 17, 3)

From October 25 to 26, WFWP Canada welcomed 18 participants from Ontario and Quebec to its 12th Annual Retreat at Clearstone Garden on the Lake. Centered on "The Way of the Pearl: The Seven Gateways to Reach Maturity," the retreat offered a restorative space for self-growth, resilience, and sisterhood, blending reflection, nature, and heartfelt dialogue. WFWP Canada President, Mrs. Lilly Tadin, shared reflections that inspired renewed commitment to prayer and purpose. Beyond the retreat, WFWP Canada strengthened its public impact through trusted relationships with Canadian leaders such as Hon. Jean Augustine, Margarett Best, and MP Iqra Khalid, and through community partnerships that brought awards recognizing humanitarian service and peacebuilding. Together, these efforts nurtured inner renewal and outward influence.









Africa

Women in Action – Shaping a Peaceful Society. (SDG 5, 16, 17, 3, 1)

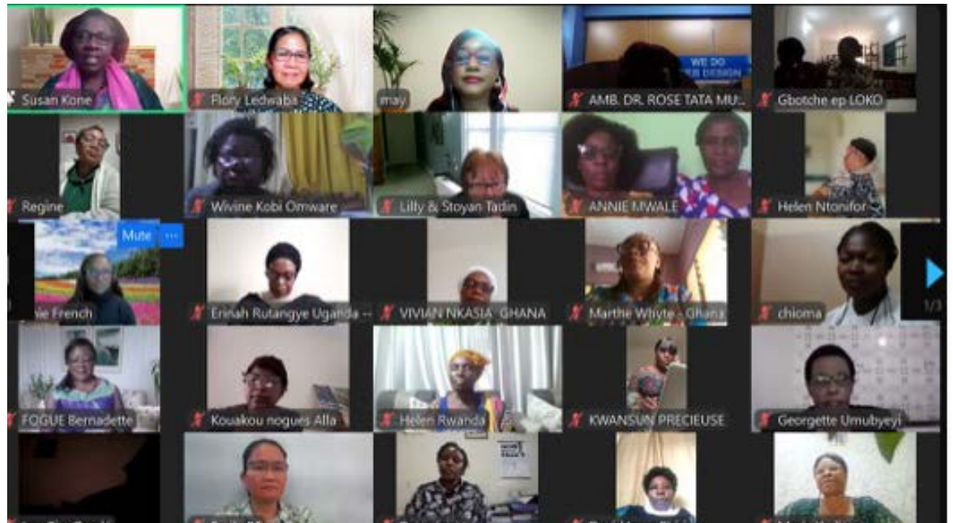
On January 25, WFWP Africa convened its Virtual General Assembly under the theme “Women in Action – Shaping a Peaceful Society.” Bringing together 100+ participants (about 120 leaders, members, GWPN Ambassadors, and guests), the assembly aligned the region around WFWPI’s 2025 Global Themes and a clear Africa action plan. The program featured welcoming remarks from Dr. Susan Kone, opening remarks from WFWPI President Mrs. Moriko Hori, and updates on key initiatives, including the Mother’s Heart Peace Network (reaching 10,000+ women in 2024), Young Professionals, membership drive, and flagship projects (microcredit, agriculture, and child nutrition). Music, volunteer recognition, and practical project presentations made the gathering both inspiring and action-oriented, setting the tone for a strong year of peacebuilding and service.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Mobilized 100+ participants (approx. 120 WFWP Africa leaders/ members/ambassadors and guests) toward shared 2025 priorities.***
- ***Reinforced momentum for women’s outreach by highlighting MHPN’s reach of 10,000+ women (2024), inspiring continued expansion.***

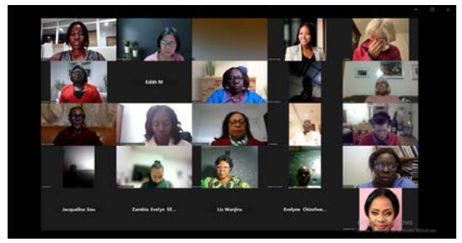




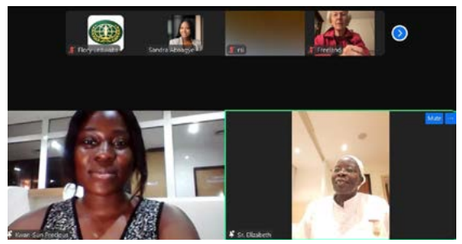


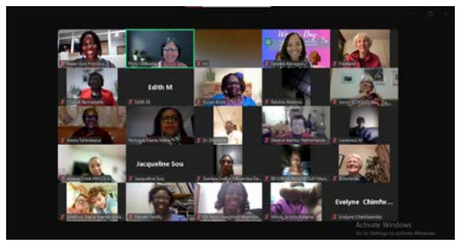
All Women and Girls – Rights, Equality, and Empowerment (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 8, WFWP Africa hosted a Virtual International Women’s Day Program under the theme “All Women and Girls – Rights, Equality, and Empowerment.” Moderated by Ms. Kwansun Precious Ngobar, WFWP Africa Young Professionals Coordinator, the gathering convened 70 online participants from across the region to spotlight the urgency of advancing equal rights, opportunities, and dignity for women and girls. The program reinforced a clear message: sustainable peace begins when women’s voices are protected, amplified, and included in decision-making. By creating an accessible online platform for encouragement and shared commitment, the event strengthened unity across borders and inspired participants, especially youth, to take practical steps for empowerment in their communities.











Côte d’Ivoire

Sports & Relaxation Day (SDG 5, 3, 16, 17)

From March 5–8, WFWP Côte d’Ivoire (Gôh Region) delivered a lively, multi-day International Women’s Day celebration in Gagnoa, combining wellness, education, and public recognition. The program opened with a Sports & Relaxation Day that built camaraderie and well-being through walking and games. It then moved to a meaningful Women’s Rights Conference at Gagnoa City Hall, led by the Regional Director of the Ministry of Women, where participants reflected on progress since the Beijing Conference and discussed next steps for equality and empowerment. The celebration culminated on March 8 with an official ceremony honoring women leaders, including certificates for association and NGO presidents where WFWP Côte d’Ivoire received special recognition for its commitment to advancing women’s rights.

Women’s Voices: The Beijing Agreement as a Driver for Change in the Modern Era (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 28, WFWP Côte d’Ivoire commemorated International Women’s Day at its headquarters in Cocody, Abidjan, gathering members and community leaders under the theme “Women’s Voices: The Beijing Agreement as a Driver for Change in the Modern Era.” Through a dynamic series of reflections and testimonies, respected speakers from faith, civil society, and women’s leadership revisited the spirit of the Beijing Platform for Action and connected it to today’s realities: strengthening families, expanding opportunity, and ensuring women’s voices shape decisions that affect society. The celebration also honored women who demonstrated exceptional commitment through the 2024 Awards, adding a powerful moment of recognition and motivation. The event left participants energized to lead with purpose and turn women’s progress into lasting social change.

Group of 100 Women Leaders worldwide (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 29, WFWP Côte d’Ivoire participated in a landmark gala dinner in Abidjan, welcoming Dr. Harbeen Arora Rai, Global Founder of the G100 (Group of 100 Women Leaders worldwide). Held under the patronage of Mrs. Euphrasie Yao Kouassi (G100 Leader and Special Advisor on Gender to the Prime Minister), the evening positioned Côte d’Ivoire as a potential regional hub for women’s leadership and entrepreneurship, building on the country’s growing recognition for gender equality. Representing WFWP Côte d’Ivoire, the National President and Special Advisor joined senior dignitaries to strengthen relationships with national authorities and align with global women-led networks. The event underscored a shared commitment to an inclusive society where women’s leadership becomes a catalyst for peace, development, and opportunity.

#Adwin the Global Network of African and Afro-descendant Women of Impact (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On June 5, WFWP Côte d’Ivoire was honored to participate in the official launch of #Adwin the Global Network of African and Afro-descendant Women of Impact, in Cocody, Abidjan, including a formal program and evening gala. Held under the High Patronage of H.E. Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, First Lady of Côte d’Ivoire, the event gathered women leaders from government and diverse national and international backgrounds for inspiration, connection, and mutual encouragement. Representing WFWP, the Côte d’Ivoire delegation joined this high-level platform to strengthen relationships and align with women-led networks advancing leadership, dignity, and social progress. The launch showcased how strategic visibility and partnership-building can accelerate women’s influence in peace and development.

Making Women an Inspiring Leader who Transforms Challenges into Economic and Social Opportunities (SDG 5, 8, 16, 17)

On August 30, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire joined a dynamic leadership conference in Cocody, Abidjan, hosted by the NGO Femmes Chrétiennes et Entrepreneuriat (Christian Women and Entrepreneurship) at the Palm Club Hotel. Under the theme "Making Women an Inspiring Leader who Transforms Challenges into Economic and Social Opportunities," the gathering brought together 60 women, including 10 women pastors, for an uplifting morning of learning and exchange. A light, interactive Bible-knowledge game helped build connection, followed by meaningful dialogue on women's confidence, purpose, and leadership in real-life challenges. The event strengthened networks and renewed motivation, reminding participants that women's leadership can turn everyday obstacles into pathways for family stability, community impact, and peace.



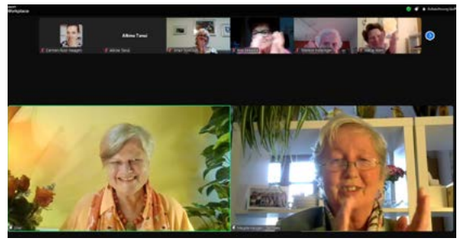
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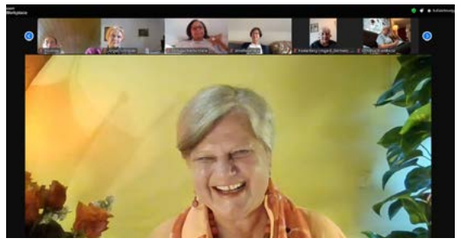
Her Story (SDG 5, 3, 16, 17)

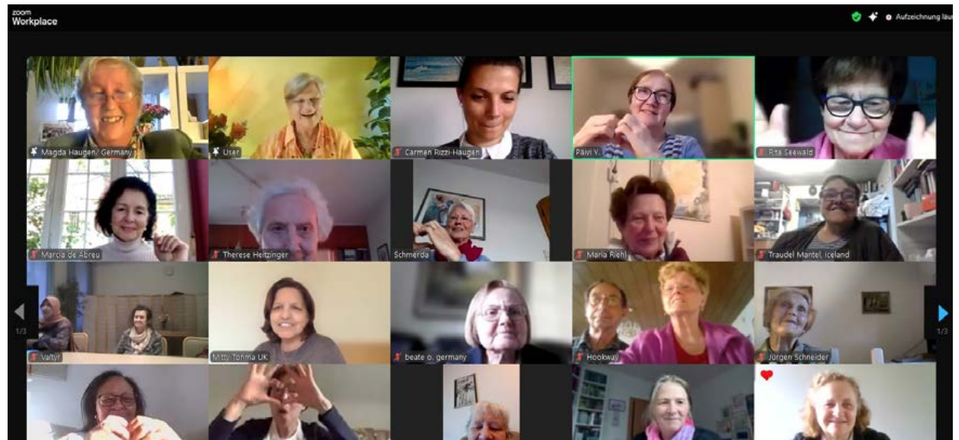
On May 15, WFWP Central Europe hosted its monthly "Her Story" online encounter, featuring keynote speaker, Ms. Monika Maria Waldenmaier, a healer, energy therapist, coach, and longtime hospice-care volunteer. Speaking to 75 participants from around 15 European countries (with additional listeners from Africa and the USA), she shared her personal journey and decades of service, including 40 years of hospice care, and reflected on women's inner strength through spiritual "archetypes" such as the inner child, wise woman, healer, sisterhood, and more. For many, this was a first introduction to WFWP's "Her Story" platform, sparking heartfelt engagement and positive feedback. The session strengthened cross-border connection and encouraged women to overcome limits, serve others, and lead with compassion.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Reached 75 participants; 35 joined "Her Story" for the first time, expanding WFWP's audience.***
- ***Built an international women's network with participants from 15 European nations plus Africa/USA, strengthening solidarity across borders.***
- ***Inspired personal empowerment: the speaker shared that WFWP helped her step into a more public level of impact and "challenge her limitations."***







22nd Annual Women's Leadership Conference in Tirana (SDG 5, 16, 17, 13, 4, 3)

The Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) concluded its 22nd Annual Women's Leadership Conference in Tirana, Albania from October 24 to 26, gathering 125+ women leaders from diverse regions and sectors to advance "Pathways to Peace and Development through Women's Initiatives." Through plenaries, panels, and dialogue, participants explored values-based leadership, interfaith cooperation, women's empowerment in the digital age, climate resilience, and holistic well-being, connecting personal transformation with community-level peacebuilding. A signature Bridge of Peace ceremony offered a powerful symbol of reconciliation, while recognition of Global Women Peace Ambassadors celebrated women driving change in their societies. The conference closed with renewed commitment to practical follow-up, cross-border collaboration, and sustained momentum for peace and inclusive development.

Program impact & outcomes:

- ***125+ participants strengthened a cross-regional women's leadership network for peace and development.***
- ***Advanced interfaith dialogue as a practical tool for reconciliation and conflict prevention.***
- ***Showcased women in tech/digital inclusion as a driver of equitable development and leadership.***
- ***Elevated climate resilience + community well-being as essential pillars of sustainable peace.***
- ***Bridge of Peace ceremony reinforced a shared culture of responsibility, respect, repentance, and commitment.***

Voice from Field:

- ***Katarina Mikitova, Official Representative of ALLATRA IPM Slovakia: "I would like to sincerely thank you for the entire conference and for the opportunity for us, as ALLATRA, to both participate and contribute in some way. It was a very valuable experience for me personally, and also for the girls — each of them spoke very positively about the conference, even those who attended for the first time. I truly appreciate the WFWP platform and each of you — for everything you do, for connecting different women and organizations. There are very few initiatives like WFWP. We've realized that only through cooperation can we achieve much more — both within WFWP and ALLATRA. Thank you once again and sending hugs to all of you. I believe we'll see each other again soon."***

- ***Dr Klarida Rrapaj, Psychologist, Criminologist, Victimologist, Director for Women's Rights – International Police Organization (IPO): "–For a few days, Tirana became a discreet yet decisive meeting point for peace diplomacy. In the Albanian capital, representatives from 33 countries gathered—invited by the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) and the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN)—to share experiences and proposals on peace, inter-religious dialogue, and female leadership.***

  In a time marked by conflicts and polarizations, the message coming from Tirana is clear: peace is not simply a balance of forces, but a responsibility of care, and without women at the center of this process, security remains fragile.

  Albania, with its history of coexistence among Muslims, Catholics, Orthodox, and other faith communities, offered the ideal backdrop to reflect on how religion can become a bridge rather than a barrier.

  Into this scenario fits the intervention of Tirzi Martin, author and senior adviser of WFWP in France, who in "Words Before War – Dialogue as a Path to Peace in the Middle East" reminded how every war begins much earlier than weapons—in words that dehumanize the other. If the choice of dialogue were taken seriously from the start, many conflicts would not reach the point of no return.

  The Albanian case was repeatedly cited as a concrete example of inter-religious harmony in the Balkans: mosques, Catholic and Orthodox churches, together with Bektashi community centres, share the same urban space, and families where different faiths live together are part of everyday normality.

  The joint work of the main religious communities and institutions was also noted in promoting dialogue, supporting the most vulnerable groups and reintegration pathways for those returning from conflict zones.

Among Albanian voices, Prof. Eva Cipi, active in the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Albania, emphasized how peace begins in homes, in the words and gestures children breathe from an early age.

In the final thanks to the organizing committee the contribution of Katarzyna Minollari — who for years has worked to intertwine religious dialogue, education, and peace initiatives in the territory — was also highlighted.

Into this field fits the vision of Moriko Hori, WFWP International President, who recalled the spiritual roots of the organization founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Rev. Sun Myung Moon. At the heart of their mission lies the "logic of love": overcoming ethnic, national and religious divisions through relationships of respect and mutual responsibility.

The testimonies from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, and the Middle East showed, with different languages, the same transition: from mistrust to cooperation.

In Tirana, the religious element was not treated as a theme separate from diplomacy, but as a dimension that strengthens it. When faith communities work together, peace gains a deep social base that goes beyond political calendars. In this process, women emerged as natural protagonists: leaders, mediators, educators, custodians of memory and social fabric.

The presence of high-profile political figures, such as Anneli Jäätteenmäki (former Prime Minister of Finland), confirmed that female networks in public life are not an accessory element, but a strategic resource for democratic stability and conflict prevention.

Among the most intense moments of the conference stands out the "Bridge of Peace" ceremony, a symbolic initiative born in the 1990s to heal historical wounds between people. Two people, often coming from contexts marked by mistrust or pain, meet on a real and symbolic bridge, guided by four words: responsibility, respect, repentance, and, commitment.

In Tirana this gesture resonated as a message to the international community: there is no authentic reconciliation without the courage to look at the past, ask for forgiveness, and accept change.

The religious, civil and institutional dimension was interwoven with a strong openness to concrete cooperation between states. The 33 countries present brought educational projects, programs supporting women in war-affected contexts, youth initiatives, and grassroots experiences, which now orient national and international policies.

In several interventions it was seen how collaboration between governments, non-governmental organizations and women's networks can generate peace pathways where, until recently, there was only mistrust and resignation.

The concluding session gave a face to this "geopolitics of care." The Global Women Peace Ambassador Award was conferred to Vicenta Fernandes of Cape Verde, for her commitment to the construction of peace and community development.

To close the work was Mitty Tohma, President of WFWP EUME, who summarized the spirit of the meeting in three essential commitments: eliminate ignorance, reduce poverty, and set ego aside — an invocation aimed particularly at those with political and diplomatic responsibility.

Tirana showed that it is possible to speak of cease-fire, reconciliation, shared security, and sustainable development starting from a different language — that of care, faith that unites, and reciprocal listening between cultures and nations. Women religious leaders, former heads of government, academics, activists, professionals were not a "symbolic" presence, but protagonists in writing a new agenda for peace.

If diplomacy wants to rise to the challenges of our time, it must increasingly recognize the value of this silent work, which unites spiritual, political, and human dimensions. It is precisely there, in the capacity to create trust among people, communities and different peoples, that the geopolitics of care can become a real hope for peace"

22nd Women's Leadership Annual Conference (SDG 5, 16, 13, 17)

From October 24 to 26, WFWP EUME held its 22nd Women's Leadership Annual Conference at the Mak Albania Hotel in Tirana, convening 150+ participants from 30+ countries. Politicians, scientists, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and activists came together as one vibrant, values-driven community. Across dynamic sessions, participants explored education for peace, women's empowerment in technology, interfaith harmony, environmental sustainability, and holistic well-being (including mental balance). A defining highlight was the "Bridge of Peace" ceremony, a powerful symbol of reconciliation that translated dialogue into shared commitment and trust. More than a conference, Tirana became a launchpad, strengthening networks, sparking collaborations, and equipping women leaders with practical ideas to advance peace and social development across cultures.











Albania

For All Women & Girls – Rights, Equality, Empowerment (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On March 7, WFWP Albania marked International Women's Day with a high-energy gathering titled "For All Women & Girls – Rights, Equality, Empowerment" at the Peace Embassy in Tirana, co-hosted with UPF's Committee for Women and the Tirana Peace Council. The event convened around 130 prominent women from diverse sectors to celebrate women's leadership in peacebuilding and renewed commitment to equality. WFWP Albania President, Mrs. Katarzyna Minollari, delivered a motivating message on women's role in shaping a just society, and she received an Honorary Award recognizing 25 years of service. The program featured inspiring speakers, music, and a meaningful highlight: the appointment of 10 new Ambassadors for Peace, including two young women leaders nurtured through WFWP programs.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Mobilized ~130 participants, strengthening a national-level women's network for equality and peace***
- ***Appointed 10 new Ambassadors for Peace (including 2 young women leaders), expanding the GWPN pipeline***





6th Annual Public Speaking Contest (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

After nearly six months of preparation, WFWP Albania concluded its 6th annual Public Speaking Contest on September 27, at the Peace Embassy in Tirana. Promoted primarily through social media, the initiative drew strong nationwide interest. Sixty-eight applications led to 12 finalists who delivered powerful speeches on the theme, “The Past is a Teacher, the Future a Possibility.” With 60 attendees, including Peace Ambassadors and community supporters, the final was a culmination of youth-led presentations, artistic performances, and a rigorous jury evaluation. Beyond competition, the event became a moving space for reflection, resilience, and purpose, as participants shared personal stories and visions for the future. Seven awards and community-sponsored prizes helped recognize excellence and encourage continued growth and collaboration.





Austria

Outdoor Multicultural Networking Event (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10, 3)

On August 16, WFWP Austria joined an outdoor multicultural networking event in Velden, Carinthia, hosted by Verein Filippina in Austria – Carinthian Chapter, now a partner organization of WFWP Austria. Around 120 participants from 15 nationalities gathered to connect across cultures through sharing, music, games, dancing, and a potluck barbecue continuing warmly even after a sudden heavy rainfall. The event strengthened bonds within the Filipino diaspora while welcoming friends, families, and new community partners, opening fresh pathways for women’s leadership and values-based collaboration. Media coverage by local outlets and the Philippine Embassy’s Austria news amplified visibility and helped introduce WFWP’s mission to new audiences, with follow-up interest from participants who want to engage in future WFWP activities.

Program impact & outcomes:

- ***120 participants (60% women / 40% men) from 15 nationalities***
- ***21% under age 25 (including children), strengthening intergenerational connection***



Finland

Mother's heart (SDG 5, 3, 10, 17)

On May 10, one day ahead of Mother's Day WFWP Finland partnered with AFAES (Africans and African European Association) to host a joyful potluck gathering in Helsinki celebrating mothers and all those who offer a "mother's heart" in their communities. Women from diverse backgrounds shared personal reflections, encouragement, and stories of service, strengthening bonds of sisterhood and belonging. The program also featured inspiring cultural sharing, including a live song performed from an international choir experience, alongside reflections from global peace events in Korea. Through warmth, dialogue, and mutual support, the gathering uplifted women's dignity and leadership while modeling practical unity across cultures.





Finland

10th Trophée de la Réussite au Féminin (SDG 5, 10, 16, 17, 8)

On June 20, WFWP France (West Region) joined the 10th "Trophée de la Réussite au Féminin" at the French Senate (Palais du Luxembourg), Paris a high-profile ceremony honoring nine outstanding women from civil society, business, arts, sports, and education. Held under the patronage of Senator Laurence Harribey, the event spotlighted women's achievements, strengthened cross-sector partnerships, and expanded WFWP's visibility through its logo featured alongside other well-known organizations. With over 40 participants onsite and 12 joining virtually, the evening also served as a strategic networking platform to connect leaders who advance equality and women's empowerment.





Hungary

Sisterhood Ceremony (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On June 7, WFWP Hungary and WFWP Romania held a Sisterhood Ceremony in Bucharest, bringing women together to transform historical pain into a living culture of forgiveness, reconciliation, and friendship. The program included remarks from national leaders, a reflection on the meaning of sisterhood, and a moving testimony on long-term peacebuilding inspired by past Korea–Japan sisterhood experiences. Ten Hungary–Romania “sister pairs” were formed, concluding with heartfelt embraces that symbolized unity and healing.











My Self-Image as a Person and as a Woman (SDG 4, 5, 3, 16)

WFWP Hungary (Szeged) hosted an educational session, “My Self-Image as a Person and as a Woman,” welcoming both returning and first-time participants. The program opened with an introduction to WFWP’s vision, followed by a lecture exploring how culture shapes self-perception, how personality develops, and how psychological perspectives and major religions approach women–men equality. The session emphasized self-knowledge and healthy self-esteem as foundations for stronger families, respectful relationships, and a more peaceful society.



How to say NO well? (SDG 3, 4, 5, 16)

WFWP Hungary hosted an educational lecture, “How to say NO well?”, led by a social worker to help participants strengthen self-awareness, dignity, and healthy relationship skills. The session explored why saying “no” can feel difficult, often shaped by family patterns and cultural expectations that encourage people to “follow the crowd,” distancing them from their inner self. Participants learned practical steps to cope: recognize this pattern, clarify personal values, and articulate both internal and external needs with confidence. By building this kind of self-awareness, attendees were encouraged to become more assertive, set respectful boundaries, and manage relationships with greater clarity and wellbeing. Four members and two guests joined, reporting the training was empowering and meaningful.

Iceland

Painting Course & Self-Discovery (SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, 17)

WFWP Iceland launched a monthly Painting Course & Self-Discovery program in Reykjavík on September 13, guided by professional artist Elvar Freyr Jónsteinsson. The course helps participants explore emotions, build self-awareness, and strengthen personal confidence through basic painting techniques and artistic expression. The first session welcomed six participants (capacity 10–12), all reporting an uplifting group spirit and strong motivation to continue for the next 12 months. By combining creativity with reflection and sharing, the program nurtures inner resilience and positive relationships key ingredients for peaceful families and communities while also serving as an inviting entry point for new members and friends to connect with WFWP Iceland.







Ireland

Initial partnership meeting (SDG 5, 10, 16, 17)

WFWP Ireland held an initial partnership meeting with Dr. Jennifer Okeke, Acting Chairperson and Vice President of the National Women's Council of Ireland, at the Academy Plaza Hotel in Dublin. The discussion brought together shared priorities around women's empowerment, gender equality, social inclusion, and community-based peacebuilding. WFWP Ireland introduced its ongoing education, advocacy, and engagement initiatives, while Dr. Okeke shared the Council's national role in advancing women's rights and participation. Together, both organizations explored concrete ways to align strengths, build trust, and lay the groundwork for joint activities that can elevate women's voices and expand collaborative impact across Ireland.



Potluck Lunch (SDG 5, 16, 17, 11, 3)

WFWP Ireland hosted a warm and purposeful Potluck Lunch on September 5, at Unity House in Dublin, creating a welcoming space for women to connect, build trust, and spark collaboration for peace and community well-being. Participants shared homemade dishes reflecting their cultures and personal stories turning a simple meal into a celebration of diversity and unity. Beyond fellowship, the gathering encouraged practical brainstorming on how women can respond to today's social challenges in Ireland, while staying connected to WFWP's global mission. New participants also expressed interest in partnering with WFWP Ireland, strengthening local relationships and opening pathways for future joint initiatives rooted in shared values and collective action.

Leadership of the Heart (SDG 5, 4, 16, 13, 17)

Over recent months, WFWP Ireland has advanced its chapter relaunch by building a new website and strengthening its digital presence to better communicate its mission of empowering women as peacebuilders. The platform highlights three pillars: Empowerment & Reconciliation, Cultural Healing & Creative Peacebuilding, and Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship, and will feature a landing page for the new online course Leadership of the Heart (developed with support from WFWP UK). The relaunch also introduces tiered membership options, a monthly newsletter, and updates on local activities, while staying fully connected to WFWP's international foundation.

Italy

We Are a Bridge of Peace (SDG 5, 10, 16, 17)

WFWP Italy strengthened a new partnership through a constructive meeting between Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri, WFWP Italy President and Mrs. Marina Aragona, President of Forza e Bellezza. The dialogue aligned both organizations around shared goals uplifting human dignity, resilience, and peace while opening pathways for broader collaboration among Forza e Bellezza's network. As a concrete next step, they agreed to co-organize a conference on "Beauty and Creativity" on December 2, giving voice to people who transform hardship into meaningful contribution. WFWP was also invited to share a message for a September 25 initiative, swimming across the Strait of Sicily under the theme "We Are a Bridge of Peace," symbolizing courage, reconciliation, and new beginnings.



Malta

Meaningful networking and cultural exchange (SDG 5, 16, 17, 4)

On September 20, WFWP Malta held a meaningful networking and cultural exchange in Malta and Gozo, connecting with visiting Japanese academics and local university leaders. Through a full-day program including a picnic dialogue at Kennedy Grove, a visit to Gozo, and conversations with a University of Malta lecturer in Gender and Sexualities participants built trust, explored shared concerns around family, society, and women's roles, and introduced WFWP's vision and global initiatives. The day strengthened cross-cultural understanding and opened fresh pathways for future collaboration between professionals in education, health, and civic engagement.

Family, Friendship, and Faith (SDG 17, 16, 4)

On July 27, WFWP Malta joined the "Family, Friendship, and Faith" Festival in Qala, Gozo an uplifting community celebration centered on shared values that strengthen families and social harmony. Invited by Dr. Raymond Xerri, Ph.D., President of Europeans Throughout The World (ETTW), WFWP Malta used this platform to deepen cross-sector connections and introduce WFWP's peace vision to new partners.



Portugal

3rd Edition of the Teachers for Peace Course (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

On March 31, WFWP Portugal marked International Women's Day with a vibrant online celebration and certificate ceremony for graduates of the 3rd Edition of the Teachers for Peace Course, connecting 80+ participantsacross Europe, Africa, and South America. Hosted by young MC Cintia Agostinho Có, the program featured inspiring remarks from Rev. Paluku Mulekya, trainer Dr. Isabel Costa, youth speaker Mailin Christianes Ferreira, and closing encouragement from Dr. Marta de Carvalho, who called participants to become "teachers for peace" first in their families and communities. As each trainee received a certificate, heartfelt testimonies and visible joy filled the screen, showing that values-based education can strengthen self-understanding, relationships, and leadership. The event ended with music, unity, and a renewed desire for continued learning.

2nd Award Literary Prize Delivery Festival OZ (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10)

At Lisbon's iconic Coliseu dos Recreios on September 8, WFWP Portugal joined the 2nd "Award Literary Prize Delivery Festival OZ" a vibrant night of poetry, music, dance, and public recognition attended by 200+ guests. Dr. Marta de Carvalho, WFWP Portugal President, was invited on stage to present the "Solidarity and Human Dimension Award" to author Rogélia Proença, giving WFWP strong visibility and opening new relationship-building opportunities. Accompanied by WFWP member Mrs. Carla Vieira, the delegation also reconnected with Peace Ambassadors and strengthened local networks, reaffirming WFWP's commitment to serving humanity with patience, dedication, and love.

9th Lusophone Awards Gala at Casino Estoril (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10)

In October, WFWP Portugal participated as a long-standing supporter of the 9th Lusophone Awards Gala at Casino Estoril, leveraging a trusted partnership with Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Isabel Leitão. With over 300 high-level attendees, including public figures, cultural leaders, and distinguished guests, the gala recognized individuals advancing social progress across Lusophone countries. WFWP Portugal strengthened its public visibility by being represented on stage, where WFWP leaders helped present awards and certificates, ensuring the organization's mission for peace and solidarity was heard by an influential audience. The presence of WFWP EUME President, Mrs. Mitty Tohma and WFWP Ireland President, Ms. Amanda Toumanguelov, added an international dimension, deepening connections with Ambassadors for Peace and strategic partners for future collaboration.





Spain

Luncheon with VIP Contacts (SDG 5, 16, 17, 4)

WFWP Spain hosted a warm "Luncheon with VIP Contacts" in Madrid on June 13, to celebrate long-time collaborators and deepen relationships that advance peace in society. Leaders from academia, civil society, advocacy, and cultural fields gathered alongside WFWP representatives and young women, creating an inspiring intergenerational space. WFWP Spain President, Mrs. Marcia de Abreu, highlighted the power of individuals, especially women to educate families in love and build social harmony beyond barriers. The gathering also connected participants to WFWP's global initiatives, including reflections from the Korea Summit and peace leadership efforts across regions. The event strengthened trust, visibility, and momentum for future collaboration.







Strategic networking meeting (SDG 5, 16, 17)

WFWP Spain advanced women-centered peacebuilding through a strategic networking meeting in Madrid with former Senator Madam del Carmen Quintanilla Barba, Founder and President of AFFAMER, a leading voice for rural women and families. Joined by WFWP EUME President, Mitty Tohma; WFWP Ireland President, Mrs. Amanda Toumanguelov; and WFWP Spain President, Mrs. Marcia de Abreu, the delegation deepened cooperation with a long-standing ally engaged in equality advocacy, anti-human trafficking efforts, and social-policy leadership. The dialogue strengthened shared commitment to elevating women as change-makers in public life and community resilience.



UK

Her Beauty Inspires (SDG 5, 3, 4, 12)

On May 3, WFWP UK (London) launched its first “Her Beauty Inspires” educational workshop a celebration of women’s confidence, identity, and inner strength. Three speakers guided participants through practical, uplifting themes: skincare as self-care, personal style as authentic self-expression, and inner beauty as confidence built step by step. In a world shaped by filters and pressure to “fit in,” the program encouraged women to honor who they are, cultivate healthy daily rituals, and live from the inside out. The atmosphere was empowering and warm, with participants sharing their inspiration publicly afterward capturing the spirit of women “coming together to create waves.”

Her Purpose Inspires (SDG 5, 16, 17, 10)

On May 24, WFWP UK (London) held Session 3 of the “Her Purpose Inspires” Transformational Coaching Program, a 5+ hour immersive learning experience focused on living on purpose, flowing in one’s genius, and leaving a legacy. Through practical self-discovery tools, including Hand Analysis (as a “life map”) and the GeniusU Wealth Dynamics profile participants explored how their natural strengths and energy “flow” can guide meaningful leadership and sustainable impact. Breakout dialogues invited honest reflection on purpose and personal definitions of wealth, strengthening trust and connection in a safe, supportive space. Participants left with renewed clarity, actionable strategies, and a powerful anchor message: “Your life is your legacy.”



Young Women's Speech Contest (SDG 5, 4, 10, 16)

On July 8, WFWP UK hosted a vibrant Young Women's Speech Contest in Birmingham, gathering 100 women across generations, cultures, and faiths. Six young speakers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Morocco, and Ghana shared powerful reflections on "Work-Life Balance for Women in the Modern Era," sparking empathy, laughter, and real-life wisdom. A multicultural program of music and poetry kept the energy high while judges deliberated, and Azita (Iran) received first prize though the true victory was the confidence and unity built in the room. The event strengthened women's leadership and belonging through a shared voice.

Program impact & outcomes:

- ***100 attendees in an intergenerational, multicultural space that boosted connection and mutual respect***







UN Vienna

Inside out (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

Through a partnership between the WFWPI UN Vienna Office and UYDEL (Ugandan Youth Development Link), a continuing series of online lectures is strengthening peacebuilding from the "inside out" starting with human dignity, character education, and healthy family relationships. Sessions have addressed timely topics such as sexuality and intimacy, puberty and adolescence, and the role of fathers in family well-being. With around 30 participants per lecture many of them frontline social workers learning is carried back into village-based youth and family support groups, multiplying the impact far beyond the Zoom room. This low-cost, high-reach model shows how values-based education and practical guidance can equip local leaders to nurture safer homes, stronger communities, and a more resilient culture of peace.



Australia

Confident HER – Building Confidence and Integrating Leadership Skills (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On May 24, WFWP Australia hosted the GWPN National Assembly in Melbourne under the theme “Confident HER – Building Confidence and Integrating Leadership Skills.” The gathering brought together 82 participants, including international and regional leadership, and featured four speakers who explored “leadership of the heart,” mindset, and practical tools for building confidence. The program also celebrated 11 awardees, welcomed 7 newly recognized Global Women Peace Ambassadors, and launched the 2025 “Leading into the Future” mentor program, strengthening pathways for emerging women leaders. Through interactive “Table Talk,” participants reflected on courageous, values-based leadership and how confidence grows through community support. The event concluded with renewed commitment to lead with love, integrity, and action—creating ripple effects of peace in families and society.



New Zealand

Family Wellbeing as a Foundation for Peace (SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 17)

WFWP New Zealand convened its annual Global Women’s Peace Network (GWPN) Symposium on September 27, in Auckland, welcoming around 60 participants to explore the theme “Family Wellbeing as a Foundation for Peace.” The program highlighted women’s leadership in strengthening families and social cohesion through fair opportunities, cultural understanding, and youth resilience. Speakers addressed equality and dignity as pillars of stable families, the role of education and travel in building empathy, and practical models that help young people thrive through holistic wellbeing programs. A dynamic panel and audience dialogue deepened commitments to values-based living, while a joyful Bridge of Peace ceremony and cultural performances closed the day with unity, hope, and renewed partnership for community peacebuilding.







Philippines

Teachers of peace (SDG 5, 4, 16, 17)

On September 27, WFWP Philippines convened a focused meeting in Quezon City with WFWP International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori and selected women leaders to strengthen alignment with the global vision and accelerate women-led peace initiatives. Mrs. Hori emphasized women's role as "teachers of peace" in the family and the power of harmony between women and men to build stable communities. She called for renewed momentum for the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN), reminding participants that even small gatherings can spark lasting national impact. The meeting concluded with a progress report by the National President, reinforcing commitment, unity, confidence, and values-based leadership.







Gender Equality: Workplace Fairness for Men and Women (SDG 5, 8, 10, 16)

WFWP Philippines convened an online webinar, "Gender Equality: Workplace Fairness for Men and Women" on August 8, reaching around 200 participants via Zoom and Facebook Live. The session strengthened public understanding of workplace equity by spotlighting impartial hiring and promotion, the value of diverse perspectives, and practical steps to reduce bias through transparent policies and flexible work arrangements. Two university educators and GPWN ambassadors guided participants through key Philippine protections such as the Magna Carta of Women, Anti-Sexual Harassment Law, and the Safe Spaces Act then opened an interactive forum for real-life questions and reflections.







Latin America

Celebrate Mother's Month (SDG 5, 16, 17)

On May 8, WFWP Latin America held a warm online gathering to celebrate Mother's Month, bringing together national presidents and key collaborators from across the region. Regional President, Mrs. Roswitha Guiliano, opened the meeting with timely updates on global developments and the organization's evolving direction, energizing participants around new opportunities for shared impact. A highlight was the "Best Practices" segment, where Regional Secretary General, Mrs. Andrea Fayad, presented a successful grassroots activity from Colombia, offering practical ideas that strengthen families and communities through WFWP values. The atmosphere was heartfelt and unifying, giving leaders space to reconnect, reflect, and reaffirm the irreplaceable role of mothers as anchors of peace and social renewal across the region.







Create an Effective Membership (SDG 5, 16, 17, 4)

On May 29, WFWP Latin America hosted a focused, action-oriented masterclass "Create an Effective Membership" to help chapters grow stronger, more connected communities across the region. Led by Mrs. Liz Coromoto, WFWP Venezuela President, the session equipped leaders with practical tools for building membership in today's digital landscape. Participants explored three key building blocks: online community management to boost engagement and belonging; membership registration optimization to make joining simple and clear; and a sales-funnel approach to attract, nurture, and convert new supporters through intentional communication. The training was widely appreciated for its clarity and usefulness, marking a strategic step toward a more engaged membership base and stronger regional sustainability for WFWP's mission.



A Bridge Across Oceans International Representation highlighted how Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) (SDG 5, 16, 17)

A Bridge Across Oceans International Representation highlighted how Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) strengthened its global presence through meaningful international engagement. In Amsterdam, Netherlands, a multicultural gathering celebrating motherhood honored mothers as pillars of peace, while Mrs. Roswitha Giuliano shared the growing impact of the Sun Hak Project in Venezuela, demonstrating resilience amid challenging socio-economic conditions.

International Women's Day (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

WFWP Latin America marked International Women's Day with a vibrant virtual regional gathering celebrating women's resilience and leadership, hosted by Regional Secretary General, Mrs. Andrea Fayad. The program highlighted how values education, ethical leadership, and peacebuilding are shaping communities across the region, brought to life through a compelling video originally prepared for a UN Vienna Side Event, featuring youth testimonies and proven approaches in Argentina, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. Mrs. Celia Zaduski (WFWP Brazil) opened with warm remarks, and a message read on behalf of Senator Elsa Capillera underscored the growing role of women in decision-making and community healing. Breakout discussions produced practical local strategies for family peace, intercultural dialogue, and women's leadership, culminating in gratitude-filled closing remarks from Regional President, Mrs. Roswitha Giuliano.

Argentina

International Women's Day (SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 17)

In March, WFWP Argentina marked International Women's Day with two uplifting celebrations one in San Miguel de Tucumán (March 12) and one in Buenos Aires (March 13). In Tucumán, 16 women professionals and NGO leaders gathered to honor five community-serving women with the annual FEMPAZ distinction, while also spotlighting WFWP's values-based education work, including the KUYAY adolescent program focused on drug prevention and pure sexuality education. In Buenos Aires, 60+ participants joined at the FFWPU headquarters (with UPF cooperation) to recognize eight women from diverse social fields health, culture, humanitarian service and to strengthen partnerships for future action. A major highlight was Argentine's first Global Women Peace Ambassador Award honoring long-time supporter Dr. Mirta Von Sadermann.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Activated broad participation across two cities: 16 participants in Tucumán and 60+ in Buenos Aires (total 75+ engaged)***
- ***Recognized women-led impact: 5 FEMPAZ honorees (Tucumán) and 8 honorees (Buenos Aires), inspiring service-minded leadership***

Colombia

WFWP Colombia made history in Tauramena (SDG 5, 16, 4, 17)

On May 3, WFWP Colombia made history in Tauramena, Casanare by appointing 300 women leaders as Global Women Peace Ambassadors during the National Congress of Women Ediles (local councilors). With 500 participants and key partners, including FENAEDILCO, the Mayor's Office of Tauramena, and the local government, this ceremony was more than a title moment. New Ambassadors completed three online training sessions on good governance, ethical leadership, and the GWPN mission, reinforcing that peace ambassadorship means responsibility and public service, not prestige. The milestone immediately unlocked continuity: increased trust with institutions and the launch of Colombia's first structured peace education pathway for women leaders, using the Peace Curriculum: Educating for Peace in the Style of Women.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Built a 300-strong women's peace leadership network to advance reconciliation, family strengthening, and community peacebuilding.***









WFWP Colombia brought two major national milestones (SDG 16, 5, 4 17)

On December 9, WFWP Colombia brought two major national milestones to a historic close at the Congress of the Republic in Bogotá, linking women's leadership, local governance, and peace education on one official stage. The ceremony will certify 70 ediles who completed the national Peace Curriculum training and recognize 14 additional women leaders from other sectors after an intensive seminar. The program appointed 30 new Peace Ambassadors, further expanding Colombia's Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN). Cultural and artistic presentations will celebrate Colombia's diversity and the spirit of women-led peacebuilding, alongside remarks from public authorities and partners, including members of Congress and civil society leaders. This closing event visibly affirms that a culture of peace is built locally through values, relationships, and responsible leadership.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Recognized and strengthened values-based leadership by certifying 70 elected leaders and 14 women leaders.***
- ***Expanded Colombia's GWPN footprint with 30 new Peace Ambassadors, increasing capacity for local reconciliation work.***









Paraguay

High-level women's leadership (SDG 5, 16, 17)

WFWP Paraguay strengthened high-level women's leadership ties through a special gathering in Asunción connected to Dr. Verónica Arguello, Vice Minister of Children and Youth. Bringing together 30 participants, the event created a warm, strategic space to engage influential women leaders and Ambassadors, share reflections from the World Summit 2025 in Korea, and invite wider support for WFWP's mission. Beyond celebration, it functioned as relationship-building diplomacy expanding trust, visibility, and readiness for future collaboration with public-sector partners. The meeting advanced women-led networks that can translate values into action across society.

Program impact & outcomes:

- ***30 leaders engaged, strengthening GWPN-style connections with government and civic influencers.***



Uruguay

For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment (SDG 5, 3, 10, 16, 17)

On March 7, WFWP Uruguay marked International Women's Day at the Radisson Victoria Plaza under the UN theme "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." The event celebrated people and institutions turning equality into real action from inclusion through sport (paTEAndo mitos, supporting youth on the autism spectrum) to dignity-focused services (CEPRODIH), disability rights (Independent Living – Becky Sabah), lifesaving CPR education (the Salvador Program), and women breaking barriers in football. A powerful highlight came through testimonies from awardees, including Prof. Mónica Orellano, who shared how WFWP's recognition helped make a "silent" women-to-women support network visible—leading to growth in free mental-health support teams and new initiatives for older women. The gathering became a platform of gratitude, visibility, and renewed momentum for community change.

Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***Brought together ~200 participants, creating a strong public platform for women's rights and empowerment***
- ***Recognized 10 prominent figures/initiatives, increasing public trust and visibility for equality-driven community work***
- ***Sparked action: ~30% of attendees made new contacts to join community projects after the event***

Voice from Field:

Prof. Monica Orellano, Founder of the Fanbase of Mamis y Abuelas Army International - "Being recognized by the WFWP, for me was a surprise and a tremendous emotion. Since our social work, although it is for all women in the world, was always silent, where only the women who belong to the "Fanbase of moms and grandmothers army international," at the time 62,000 women, knew about it. At the time we had three groups of psychologists who offer free help to elderly women in situations of emotional crisis. You made us visible, today we have not only grown to double the number of teams of psychologists, but you have opened doors to several more projects to help our women and we invite other groups to do the same. We continue to be a Fanbase, which although we are united by the music

of a particular group, the social aid base was further strengthened after the granting of that mention. Today we work with Hilos de Plata aimed at grandmothers aged 70 and over, in the birth of the project "A house for the Army woman." and of course we continue with Epifania Emocional. Being taken into account by the WFWP for that mention and the subsequent publicity we had in different countries, was a pampering of the soul, which indicated to us that we were on the right path."



WFWP Colombia brought two major national milestones (SDG 16, 5, 4 17)

On November 29, the WFWP Uruguay gathered at the Uruguay National Garden for its annual closing meeting celebrating progress, strengthening unity, and renewing commitment for the year ahead. Members and the Board of Directors reviewed 2025 achievements, noting that 88% of planned activities were completed, reflecting strong teamwork and dedication. A collective F.O.D.A. (SWOT) analysis highlighted how collaboration and each member's unique contribution improved effectiveness with allied institutions. The day concluded with joyful community-building: birthday celebrations (Sept–Dec), and an "invisible friend" gift exchange, deepening belonging and a boost of motivation to continue building peace together.

Program impact & outcomes:

- ***88% of annual activities fulfilled, demonstrating consistent delivery and accountability.***







CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Korea

Only One Earth, Only One Chance (SDG 13, 11, 12, 15, 17)

From November 3 to 9, WFWP Korea carried out the 10th Nationwide Simultaneous Volunteer Service: Plogging Environmental Campaign across 210 local branches, commemorating the 80th United Nations Day with the theme “Only One Earth, Only One Chance.” A total of 3,212 participants took part in “plogging”—jogging while collecting litter—along with park cleanups and recycling awareness activities tailored to local community needs. Aligned with SDG 13: Climate Action, the campaign strengthened everyday environmental responsibility through simple, visible action. Since launching in 2021, the movement has engaged approximately 18,400 people, helping build a sustained culture of grassroots climate action. To celebrate both the 10th edition of the campaign and UN Day, WFWP Korea also launched a volunteer story contest, gathering testimonies that highlight women-led service and environmental peacebuilding.

Program Impact & Outcome:

- ***Nationwide mobilization: 3,212 people acted together across 210 branches in one coordinated week.***
- ***Sustained growth: ~18,400 participants since 2021 shows momentum and continuity.***

Voice from Field:
“Cleaning our neighborhood together brought joy and pride, especially for my child. It was more than an environmental task—it was a valuable moment of shared purpose and community spirit”





1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief for Wildfire-Affected Areas (SDG 11, 1, 3, 13, 17)

In response to devastating wildfires in Korea, WFWP launched the 1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief for Wildfire-Affected Areas, concluding the fundraising in May and raising KRW 57,756,000 (approx. USD 42,000). On May 29, WFWP Korea leaders visited Andong, Cheongsong, and Yeongdeok (Gyeongsangbuk-do) to deliver direct assistance and messages of encouragement. The project provided financial aid to eight affected families (2 in Andong, 3 in Cheongsong, 3 in Yeongdeok) and also supported three municipal governments with recovery funds to strengthen broader restoration efforts. Beyond urgent relief, the visit emphasized emotional recovery and community solidarity, helping survivors feel seen, supported, and not alone as they rebuild after disaster.

Voice from Field:

- ***Cheongsong resident: “We sincerely received the warm-hearted donation. With the encouragement of everyone who made this possible, we will work harder to rise again. Thank you.”***
- ***Yeongdeok resident: “I was on the verge of despair, but receiving this donation, knowing it was collected by WFWP members across the country, filled me with gratitude and hope.”***

Canada

Green Up (SDG 13, 15, 11, 17)

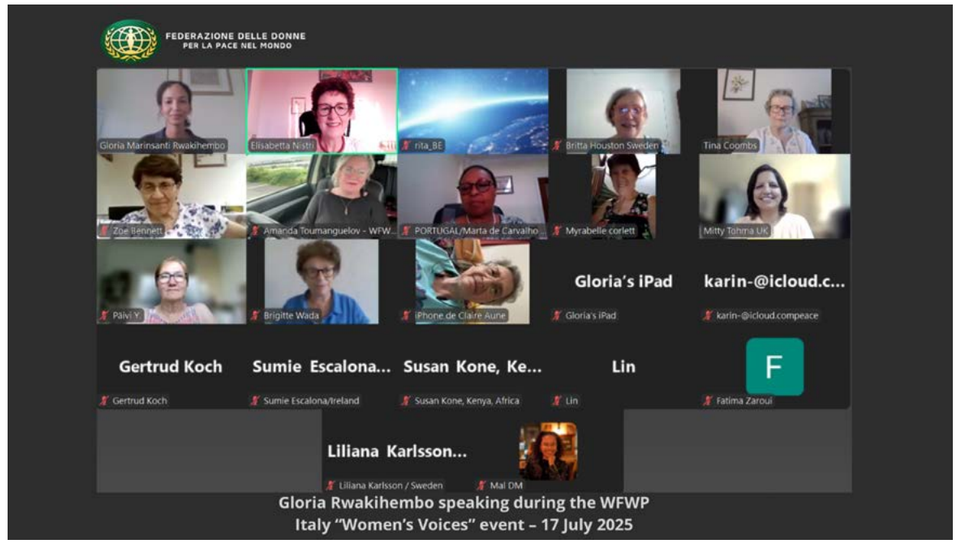
On November 2, WFWP Canada's Ottawa Chapter joined Friends of the Ottawa River for the 18th Ottawa River Banks "Green Up" a hands-on community clean-up that turned environmental care into a family activity. Over 30 adults and children worked side by side along the river, collecting seven large garbage bags of waste and removing four broken chairs from the shoreline. The day ended with simple celebration some volunteers sharing pizza and pop at a local restaurant strengthening friendships and the sense of "we did this together." By combining practical service with community bonding, the event showed how local environmental action can also build social cohesion: cleaner public spaces, stronger relationships, and a shared commitment to stewardship.



Italy

Driving Change Through Sustainable Innovation (SDG 5, 9, 12, 13, 17)

On July 17, WFWP hosted "Driving Change Through Sustainable Innovation" as part of its monthly Women's Voices series, welcoming Gloria Rwakihembo (Italy), as a lecturer and Co-founder of Mondo Internazionale APS, to spotlight women's leadership in sustainable innovation. Gloria shared her journey in circular economy, rural development, and inclusive digital transformation, encouraging participants to tackle today's challenges with interdisciplinary solutions rooted in human dignity and community impact. The session gathered 33 participants from across Europe and the MENA region, with nearly all staying through the end, reflecting strong engagement. A lively dialogue closed the program, exploring future collaboration especially youth engagement and joint advocacy advancing the SDGs through women-led innovation and partnership.



Gloria Rwakihembo speaking during the WFWP Italy "Women's Voices" event – 17 July 2025

Mali

The Role of Women in Establishing Peace (SDG 5, 7, 13, 16)

On July 12, WFWP Mali visited Dougoulakoro (Kalaban-coura ACI) for a community peacebuilding mission combining education and practical support. After a courtesy visit with the village chief and coordination with the local women's association, the team delivered a focused talk on "The Role of Women in Establishing Peace," affirming women as leaders of reconciliation, stability, and family-centered values. The session sparked strong engagement participants asked the team to return to support children's education as well. The day concluded with the donation of solar lamps to vulnerable women, strengthening household safety and resilience while promoting clean, sustainable energy solutions.

UK

Peace for the Planet—Small Steps for a Greener World (SDG 13, 12, 4, 15)

Peace Adventurers: "Peace for the Planet—Small Steps for a Greener World" brought children and parents together in London on July 26 for a joyful, values-based, eco-learning experience. Through storytelling, reflection on nature's "free gifts" (including the fascinating Mimosa pudica / Touch-Me-Not plant), and hands-on discussions, participants explored energy conservation, recycling, mindful consumption, and caring actions that protect our shared home. The session fused imagination (a "magical forest" narrative) with practical takeaways, helping families see sustainability as something they can live daily gently, happily, and together.







Australia

Clean Up Australia Day (SDG 12, 15, 17)

On March 1, WFWP Australia Victoria Chapter volunteers joined Clean Up Australia Day in Victoria turning environmental concern into hands-on community action. Marking Clean Up Australia's 35th year, the team worked alongside partners including Clean Up Australia and the Yarra Ranges Council, collecting 20+ large bags of waste, including significant broken glass. The day combined service with connection: after the clean-up, volunteers shared a complimentary BBQ lunch and reflected on the "power of collective action" to protect local spaces. As participant Tuoi shared, seeing "people of all ages" working together made the effort both inspiring and motivating proof that small actions, multiplied by community, create visible change.







Malaysia

Upcycling Handicraft Workshop Series (SDG 12, 13, 11, 4)

WFWP Malaysia's Upcycling Handicraft Workshop Series on September 13 and October 11 transformed everyday waste into meaningful crafts turning used 3-in-1 beverage sachets into coasters (Level 1) and woven baskets (Level 2). Hosted at the Malaysia Peace Embassy, the two-step program combined practical environmental education with hands-on creativity and strong community spirit. Forty participants joined the first session, and 20 returned for the advanced workshop, showing growing commitment and skill. Guided by dedicated instructors and supported by WFWP leadership, participants learned simple techniques they can replicate at home reducing waste, sparking eco-minded habits, and inspiring others through what they create.

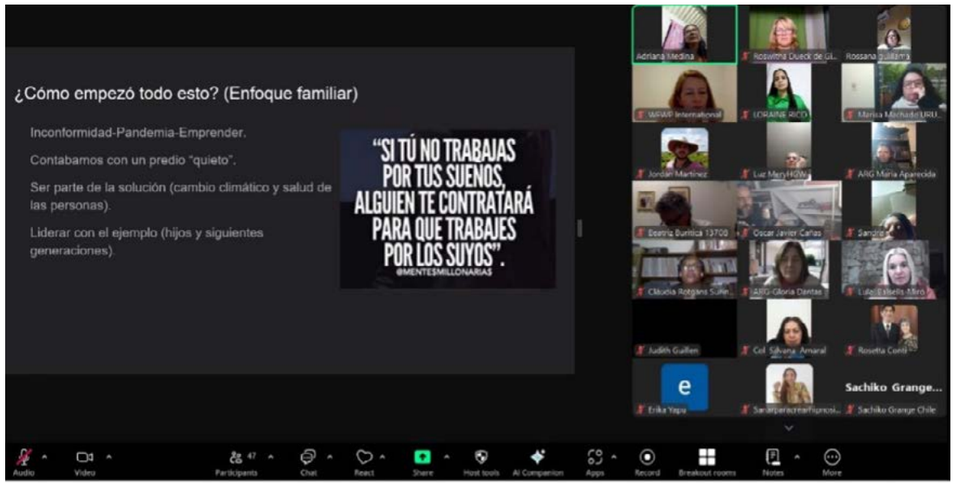
Program Impact & Outcomes:

- ***60** total engagements across two levels (**40** in Level 1; **20** returning for Level 2)*

Latin America

Regenerar la Tierra, Regenerar la Vida (Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves) (SDG 13, 15, 12, 2, 17)

To mark World Environment Day, WFWP Latin America hosted a vibrant online workshop, “Regenerar la Tierra, Regenerar la Vida (Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves),” on June 5, gathering 60 participants across the region. Opening remarks by Regional Secretary General, Mrs. Andrea Fayad, connected ecological responsibility to WFWP’s broader peacebuilding mission. The session’s centerpiece was a moving testimony from Jordan and Adriana of Granja Regenerativa SuperNova (Meta, Colombia), showing how regenerative agriculture can heal soil, strengthen local livelihoods, and restore community hope. In breakout rooms, participants explored practical pathways, family-based ecological habits, youth engagement in agriculture, market access for small producers, and strategies to scale regenerative practices. The workshop closed with renewed commitment, shared reflections, and a collective photo celebrating unity in action. The message was simple and powerful: when communities heal the land, they also heal relationships with nature, with one another, and discover their own sense of purpose.



Brazil

Pure Water for Families (SDG 6, 3, 13, 17)

In June, WFWP Brazil (North District, Amapá) advanced its Global Social Action for Climate Change by delivering the project “Pure Water for Families” to riverside communities along the Amazon River in Óbidos, Pará from June 21 to 23. Working with Rotary partners, local authorities, and community leaders, 15 volunteers traveled by boat to reach remote areas during the rainy season and distributed water filters alongside essential items such as medicines, dental kits, toys, books, and clothing. The initiative strengthened climate resilience and protected family health by improving access to safe drinking water.

Program impact & outcomes:

- ***Delivered clean-water support to 5 riverside communities (reaching 150 families and 136 children).***
- ***Mobilized multi-sector collaboration (Rotary clubs + municipal offices + community leadership).***
- ***Increased protection against water-related illness through filters and health supplies.***







Chile

WFWP's long-term support for the Escuela Eduardo Fernández de Asturias (SDG 4, 11, 13, 17)

WFWP's long-term support for the Escuela Eduardo Fernández de Asturias has helped students grow beyond the classroom through volunteer-led learning experiences and community partnership. With the encouragement of former mayor Omar Vera, initiatives connected the school to cultural, scientific, and natural spaces strengthening students' curiosity, confidence, and sense of belonging. Educational visits to the San Antonio Botanical Garden introduced local biodiversity and the importance of environmental conservation, while a trip to the Museo Interactivo Mirador (MIM) made science and technology tangible through hands-on discovery. In times of crisis, WFWP also stood in solidarity: following the 2010 earthquake, a $1,000 donation supported recovery efforts with assistance from WFWP Japan. Together, these actions show how consistent care learning, partnership, and emergency support can uplift an entire school community.







Uruguay

PET Recycling Workshop (SDG 12, 13, 11, 17)

On June 7, during Environment Month, WFWP Uruguay hosted a hands-on PET Recycling Workshop at the Uruguay National Garden, co-organized with BTS-Army-Lovely and supported by Mamis y Abuelas Army International. Designed for 20 participants, the workshop combined creativity with environmental responsibility. Under the guidance of facilitator Stella Almonacid, participants learned how to transform used plastic bottles into a Christmas garland and a decorative fern proving that "waste" can become beauty with the right skills. In just one session, the group recycled 120 plastic bottles, preventing them from potentially ending up along the Miguelete Stream or scattered in public spaces. The event showcased youth-led, community-based climate action that is practical, replicable, and inspiring.







Entrepreneurs' Fair (SDG 5, 8, 12, 13, 17)

On November 15, WFWP Uruguay hosted the Entrepreneurs' Fair at the Uruguay National Garden, gathering 70+ entrepreneurs on a vibrant day of community and innovation. Environmentally friendly businesses took center stage, showcasing practical solutions from recycled-material products to responsible production models proving that economic growth can go hand-in-hand with care for the planet. A standout activity led by "Flechas de Vida" invited participants to try archery, creating a memorable moment of confidence, focus, and personal empowerment. WFWP members also organized a solidarity sale (pastries, fried cakes, drinks), raising funds to support ongoing initiatives and help prepare the next WFWP event in Colombia, turning entrepreneurship into action for peace and sustainability.









GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AID AND SERVICE



Korea

1% Love Share Project: 2025 3rd Zambia Project (SDG 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 17)

From February 6 to 28, the 1% Love Share Project: 2025 3rd Zambia Project was implemented in Chilanga District, Lusaka, in partnership with the Zambia Helpers Society to support communities facing severe drought, food insecurity, and limited healthcare access. The project delivered immediate and practical help through the distribution of 300 sacks of maize flour to approximately 300 residents across six villages, providing one to two months of food support per person. Alongside relief, the team conducted 15 health education sessions, including hands-on AMPUKU therapy, with many participants reporting reduced pain and improved sleep. The initiative also advanced long-term change through meetings with the Zambian Ministry of Education, advocating character education—especially for girls and young women—to address persistent barriers such as child marriage and gender-based violence.







Program Impact and Outcomes:

- *Emergency food support delivered: 300 households supported with staple nutrition for 1–2 months.*
- *Health improvements reported: participants noted less headaches, better sleep, and reduced joint/chronic pain after sessions.*
- *Capacity-building beyond relief: 15 structured health sessions boosted awareness and self-care practices.*

Voices from Field:

- ***"There was literally no food in this area. This maize flour support was not only a lifeline for my family, but for many others. We're especially grateful we could feed our children."***
- ***"Before receiving Ampuku therapy, I had severe sleep disorders and chronic headaches, sometimes worsening during sleep. I also had intense pain in my legs and feet, and some areas were even discolored. After the therapy, my headaches and foot pain disappeared, and the discoloration returned to normal. I feel healthier and lighter overall."***



The 1% Love Share Project: 2025 4th Zambia Project (SDG 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 17)

The 1% Love Share Project: 2025 4th Zambia Project took place from July 17 to August 12 in Lusaka, Zambia, centered at Lukatamano Secondary School and surrounding communities. Implemented with the Zambia Helpers Society and a Japanese Medical Volunteer Team, the project supported 300+ direct beneficiaries through a practical blend of hygiene support, health education, and values-based ("absolute") sex education. At the school, students received sanitary pads and writing supplies, helping girls maintain dignity, attendance, and learning motivation amid limited access to menstrual hygiene products. Workshops addressed urgent challenges—early marriage, teen pregnancy, sexual violence, and STDs—while 18 health seminars and AMPUKU therapy sessions provided pain relief, sleep improvement, and self-care skills in areas with limited medical infrastructure. The initiative met immediate needs while laying groundwork for long-term well-being.

Voices from Field:

- ***"Receiving sanitary products and participating in the sex education session helped me feel respected and empowered as a young woman."***
- ***"After the AMPUKU therapy, I could sleep better and felt real changes in my body. I now know how to take better care of my health."***

Stam-Ssudam Family Growth Journal (SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 17)

From June 1 to October 31, WFWP Korea implemented the "Stam-Ssudam Family Growth Journal" across five branches (Gimhae, Jeonju, Cheongju, Seo-Suncheon, and Cheonwon Special Branch), engaging 80+ parents and children from multicultural families with support from the Tongil Group. Led by WFWP Korea's WithWomendivision, this counseling-and-education initiative—meaning "Self-Exploration, Empathy, and Growth in Everyday Life"—addressed the emotional and psychological challenges multicultural households often face. Programs were tailored by branch: some offered parent-focused sessions on stress management, emotional awareness, and developmentally appropriate parenting, while others provided joint parent-child workshops to strengthen bonding and respectful communication. Participants reported deeper emotional growth, improved relationships, and practical tools for daily self-care and healthier parenting.

Voices from Field:

- ***Parent, Gimhae branch: "I realized how little I had been caring for myself while trying to support my family. As a multicultural parent, this program helped me reconnect and communicate more effectively."***
- ***Parent, Jeonju branch: "I joined to become a better parent, but learned that caring for myself is key to my family's happiness."***
- ***Parent-Child Pair, Cheonwon Special branch: "Though the time was short, spending focused one-on-one time with my child helped us truly understand each other. I want to continue building on this connection."***







Emergency Volunteer Relief Project (SDG 11, 3, 1, 13, 17)

From July to August, WFWP Korea mobilized an Emergency Volunteer Relief Project to support flood victims in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi Province, after heavy rainfall severely damaged homes, roads, and farmland across Jojong-, Buk and Sang-myeon. Over 500 volunteers from 65 local branches joined hands to accelerate recovery for 16+ affected households. Volunteers carried out demanding on-site work—removing mud and debris, deep-cleaning flooded homes, sorting and disposing of waste, and preparing boxed meals for fellow relief workers. Special care was extended to a 94-year-old resident whose home suffered major damage and temporarily lost electricity; volunteers restored the living space and provided new bedding. The initiative demonstrated rapid community solidarity and sustained commitment to stand with neighbors facing disaster.

Voices from Field:

- ***"Right after the disaster, I was in despair and didn't know what to do, but this support gave me hope to start again."***
- ***"I've always been the one helping others, but this time I received help. Through WFWP's support, I truly felt the love of a global family."***







1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief for Flood-Affected Families in Korea (SDG 1, 3, 11, 13, 17)

From August to October, WFWP Korea carried out the 1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief for Flood-Affected Families in Korea, providing urgent support to households hit hard by heavy rains. Through donations raised under WFWP's signature humanitarian initiative, a total of ₩9,800,000 (approx. USD 7,000) was distributed to 16 families across four regions—including Daejeon/South Chungcheong (7), North Jeolla (2), Gwangju–South Jeolla–Jeju (2), and South Gyeongsang (5). Local WFWP branches delivered the funds, with branch presidents visiting families to assess damage and offer comfort alongside financial aid. Beneficiaries shared that timely assistance restored hope, strengthened their determination to rebuild, and helped them feel the power of family and community solidarity during crisis.

Voices from Field

- ***"In the face of such devastation, this support gave us the strength to start over."***
- ***"We were always the ones helping others; this time we received—thanks to WFWP, we felt the love of family"***









WFWP Korea launched the 2025 Emergency Food Container Support Project for Zambia (SDG 2, 13, 1, 17, 10)

In response to Zambia's worsening food crisis—driven by climate change and economic hardship—WFWP Korea launched the 2025 Emergency Food Container Support Project for Zambia. With sponsorship from TEM Co., Ltd., two 40-foot containers of emergency food were delivered in 2025: one to Lusaka (Sept. 12) and one to Chipata (Dec. 1). Each container carried about 36,000 food pouches, providing an estimated 150,000 meal servings per location. In total, the project supplied roughly 72,000 pouches, expected to support nearly 300,000 people. Distribution was carried out transparently in cooperation with local government bodies and community networks to ensure the aid reached those most in need. Handover ceremonies gathered local partners, officials, and residents—strengthening trust and collaboration for timely humanitarian response.

Program Impact and Outcome

- ***Mass-scale food relief delivered: ~300,000 meal servings across Lusaka and Chipata.***





1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief Fund for Israel–Palestine Conflict Zones (SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 17)

From September to October, WFWP Korea resumed the 1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief Fund for Israel–Palestine Conflict Zones, successfully transferring KRW 35,000,000 (approx. USD 25,000) to partners supporting crisis-affected communities in the Gaza Strip and Jordan. The funds were originally raised through a nationwide campaign from October to November 2023, but distribution was delayed for two years due to banking restrictions and the escalation of war. Once remittance channels reopened in 2025, WFWP Korea delivered support to the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) to sustain urgent healthcare and psychosocial services for women and children, and to WFWP Jordan to help operate an education center serving 100+ refugee children, providing stability, learning, and hope amid displacement.

Program Impact and Outcome

- ***Refugee children supported: sustained a safe learning environment for 100+ children through WFWP Jordan's education center.***









1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief for Wildfire-Affected Areas (SDG 11, 1, 3, 13, 17)

In response to devastating wildfires in Korea, WFWP launched the 1% Love Share Project: Emergency Relief for Wildfire-Affected Areas, concluding the fundraising in May and raising KRW 57,756,000 (approx. USD 42,000). On May 29, WFWP Korea leaders visited Andong, Cheongsong, and Yeongdeok (Gyeongsangbuk-do) to deliver direct assistance and messages of encouragement. The project provided financial aid to eight affected families (2 in Andong, 3 in Cheongsong, 3 in Yeongdeok) and also supported three municipal governments with recovery funds to strengthen broader restoration efforts. Beyond urgent relief, the visit emphasized emotional recovery and community solidarity, helping survivors feel seen, supported, and not alone as they rebuild after disaster.

Voice from Field:

- ***Cheongsong resident: "We sincerely received the warm-hearted donation. With the encouragement of everyone who made this possible, we will work harder to rise again. Thank you."***
- ***Yeongdeok resident: "I was on the verge of despair, but receiving this donation, knowing it was collected by WFWP members across the country, filled me with gratitude and hope."***









Canada

Samawada Fundraising BBQ (SDG 6, 17, 16)

On August 17, WFWP Canada's Ottawa Chapter helped organize the Samawada Fundraising BBQ at Vincent Massey Park, one of Ottawa's best-known community gathering spots. The event supported Samawada, a local bridge-building charity working to provide safe drinking water in Somalia. By stepping in as a community partner from planning to on-the-ground coordination, WFWP helped create a welcoming atmosphere where neighbors could connect, enjoy a summer gathering, and turn simple generosity into real-world impact. More than a fundraiser, the BBQ became a "peace in practice" moment: strengthening local relationships while extending compassion across borders to families who need reliable, clean water.

Côte d'Ivoire

Missionaries of Charity (SDG 3, 8)

On June 16, in observance of the International Day of the African Child, WFWP Côte d'Ivoire visited the "Missionaries of Charity" Oasis Center in Koumassi, Abidjan to bring practical support and human warmth to some of the most vulnerable members of the community. During the visit, WFWP members delivered food and non-food donations and spent time with residents, listening to their stories and learning more deeply about the challenges faced by abandoned children and those in poor health. The program concluded with a guided tour of the center, strengthening solidarity and reminding participants that peace begins with compassion in action. This simple afternoon became a powerful expression of service: showing that dignity, care, and presence can be as meaningful as material support.

Ghana

Seed money (SDG 1, 5, 8)

In Manchie, Greater Accra, WFWP Ghana has steadily built women's economic resilience through a community-based microfinance initiative. After two years of regular educational meetings, local women requested practical support to strengthen their livelihoods leading to a rotating "seed money" model that has now reached its 4th batch. On May 23, 15 women received micro-loans to expand petty trading and are working to repay the funds within three months, enabling the program to continue and reach more families. One beneficiary shared that the support helped her "enlarge my petty trading," expressing gratitude for the initiative's real-life impact.





Manchie community by supporting 4 batches of women to start or strengthen petty trade (SDG 1, 5, 8, 17)

WFWP Ghana advanced practical women's empowerment in the Manchie community by supporting 4 batches of women to start or strengthen petty trade, a vital income pathway that helps mothers provide daily necessities and stabilize family life. Alongside financial support, the initiative emphasized encouragement, community connection, and values-based education delivered in a way women could fully access. A key local partner, Ms. Angelina, served as WFWP's community coordinator, helping communicate training and peace messages in the local language and ensuring participants felt included and understood. By combining grassroots coordination with direct livelihood support, the program strengthened women's confidence, family resilience, and community trust—showing how small investments can generate steady, life-changing momentum.

Modern bio-digester toilet facility (SDG 3, 4, 6)

On June 16, WFWP Ghana and WFWP Japan celebrated the completion and commissioning of a modern bio-digester toilet facility at Amamoley Methodist Basic School in Greater Accra. An eight-member Japanese volunteer team led by WFWP International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori and Project Leader Mrs. Nomura, joined WFWP Ghana leaders, school authorities, and community dignitaries for a vibrant handover ceremony attended by about 300 students. Beyond infrastructure, the program strengthened hygiene habits through a practical handwashing lesson using visual teaching aids, plus the donation of essential sanitation supplies. With a new student sanitation committee launched to help maintain the facility, turning dignity and health into daily reality for children.

Program impact & outcomes

- ***500 schoolchildren expected to benefit from safer, more hygienic sanitation access***
- ***Improved daily hygiene practices through a hands-on handwashing education session (with materials distributed to 100 students)***
- ***Stronger school capacity: sanitation supplies donated and a 25-student sanitation committee formed to sustain cleanliness***
- ***Reinforced community partnership and ownership, with public pledges from local leaders to support long-term maintenance***



Dignity in action (SDG 4, 6, 3, 17)

In 2025, WFWP Ghana advanced “dignity in action” through a strong partnership with WFWP Japan, combining community infrastructure support with long-term child sponsorship. A key milestone was the commissioning of a new biodigester toilet facility at a community school in Amamoley, improving sanitation and creating a healthier learning environment for students. Building on a scholarship initiative launched more than a decade ago with support from WFWP Japan, the delegation visited sponsored students across five communities (Ofankor, Amamorley, Opah, Odumasey, and Gada) in June. They met beneficiaries, checked progress, recorded warm greeting messages to foster parents in Japan, and opened pathways to enroll additional children from socially challenged families. The team also revisited earlier work in Opah, met foster children supported through basic education scholarships, and enrolled new pupils into the program. A highlight at Opah Basic School was the official welcome of WFWP International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori, during her first visit to Ghana—an affirmation of enduring international friendship and community solidarity. The program’s long-term impact was powerfully illustrated by former beneficiary Dr. Jerry N. Adjei, who shared how the scholarship supported his journey from Basic 6 to becoming a medical doctor now serving in a regional hospital.







Kenya

International Day of the African Child (SDG 4, 16, 17)

WFWP Kenya marked the International Day of the African Child on June 16, at Lampos Education Center in Kayole, Nairobi an informal-settlement community school serving 250 children. The program celebrated children’s rights and potential through student-led poems, songs, and dance, while reinforcing a powerful message: education and character formation are the foundation of peaceful communities. WFWP leaders and partners delivered guidance on character education, the value of learning, and creating a safe, respectful school culture. The school also received a WFWP membership certificate, opening the door for continued partnership and long-term peace education initiatives.

Program impact & outcomes

- ***Participation: 95% of the school’s 250 children joined the program***
- ***Increased student awareness of education’s importance and positive life choices***









Zambia

Food Project at Mandevu Clinic and Garden Health Post (SDG 2, 3, 17)

In March, WFWP Zambia strengthened child health through a targeted Food Project at Mandevu Clinic and Garden Health Post, serving malnourished children under five in densely populated communities. In partnership with the Zambian Ministry of Health and with monthly support from WFWP Japan (funding HEPS at about $300/month), the team distributed High Energy Protein Supplement (HEPS), eggs, and other nutritious foods equipping mothers to prepare fortified porridge at home. Across four distribution days, 209 children received support, helping reduce vulnerability to common illnesses and supporting healthier growth. One mother shared how her child regained strength and returned to nursery school, proof that consistent nutrition can restore not only bodies, but hope.

Program Impact & Outcomes

- ***Reached 209 malnourished children through supplementary feeding distributions across four dates.***
- ***Reported 65% improvement in growth/development for supported children (June 2024–Jan 2025), reducing stunting/wasting risk***
- ***Reduced risk of malnutrition-related illnesses by strengthening children's immune resilience with nutrient support (HEPS + eggs)***
- ***Strengthened partnerships: implementation support from Ministry of Health clinics + monthly funding from WFWP Japan***









Health + livelihoods (SDG 1, 2, 5, 8, 3)

In March, WFWP Zambia advanced a powerful "health + livelihoods" approach through its Sewing Class at the WFWP Zambia HQ supporting mothers of malnourished children with a marketable skill that strengthens long-term family stability. Held three days a week (about 12 training days per month), the program identifies mothers through partner clinics and provides transport so attendance is possible and consistent. Over a year-long training path, participants build tailoring skills, confidence, and entrepreneurship readiness so they can better provide for children's nutrition, education, and healthcare.



Graduation Ceremony of the Catering Class at Twikatane Clinic (SDG 1, 5, 8, 4, 17)

WFWP Zambia celebrated the Graduation Ceremony of the Catering Class at Twikatane Clinic, honoring women who completed a practical catering training designed to earn income and independence. Graduates received certificates, showcased their food products and services, and connected with leaders and supporters including WFWP Regional Director, Mrs. Evelyn Chimfwembe, and Chapter President, Mrs. Annie Mwale, in a moment that bridges dignity, celebration, and real business momentum. Beyond recognition, the program emphasized entrepreneurship: graduates were encouraged to launch or expand catering ventures and build networks in the local market.



Fundraising music show at Buffalo Park (SDG 2, 3, 17)

WFWP Zambia turned music into a lifesaving mission through a fundraising music show at Buffalo Park (Zambia Army Leisure Place), Lusaka, rallying the community to support malnourished children. With 400+ attendees, the event aimed to raise K100,000 (approx. US$5,000) for children's nutrition and healthcare while building public awareness about the long-term impact of malnutrition. The program featured well-known Zambian artists and boosted online outreach with a 20% increase in social media engagement, proving that advocacy can be both joyful and effective. As one mother shared, "The music show… was a lifeline for my child," capturing the heart of why this event mattered: hope, dignity, and practical support was delivered through community solidarity.

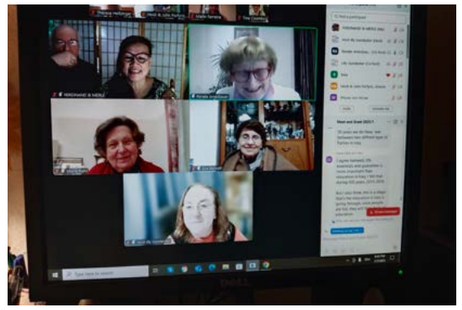
Program Impact & Outcomes

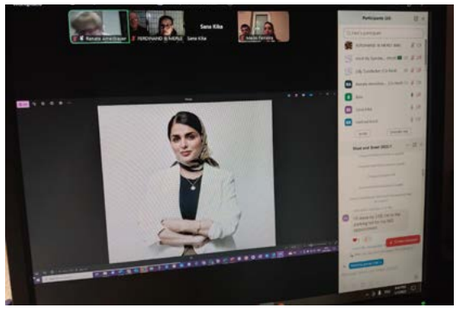
- ***Mobilized 400 attendees and increased community awareness on child malnutrition and prevention***
- ***Strengthened partnership pipeline by securing 5 potential sponsorships from local businesses/organizations***
- ***Expanded public engagement with a 20% rise in social media activity through promotion and outreach***
- ***Advanced resources for child nutrition and healthcare through multi-source fundraising (tickets, sponsorships, donations)***

Austria

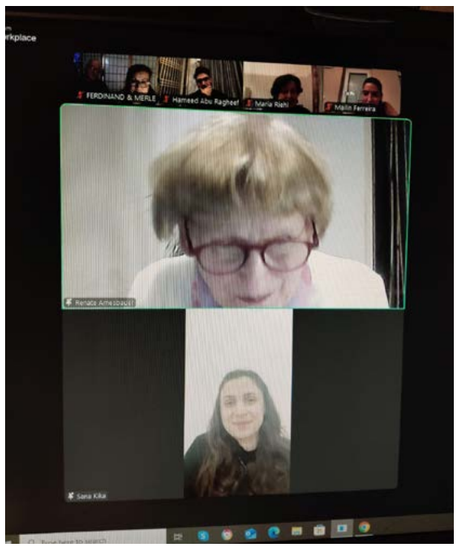
Meet & Greet Extra (SDG 4, 16, 17, 9)

On January 7, the WFWPI UN Vienna Team and WFWP Austria hosted a virtual "Meet & Greet Extra"dialogue focused on the situation in Iraq, gathering 30+ participants on Zoom from Iraq, UK, USA, Brazil, Austria, and Hungary. The session explored urgent challenges in education and highlighted how grassroots initiatives and a shared vision of common humanity can unlock progress toward the UN SDGs. Speakers emphasized character education as a foundation for developing "global citizens" capable of sustainable solutions, and discussed practical pathways such as public–private partnerships, collaboration with European universities, and the potential role of AI to strengthen learning systems. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continue the conversation and build actionable support for peace education in Iraq.









MAITRI (SDG 2, 3, 17)

WFWP Austria, in partnership with the local organization MAITRI, supported Dalit ("Darit") families in Aroshnagar, Khulna, Bangladesh through a practical, dignity-centered development project. Building on emergency support after the 2024 floods, the 2025 program strengthened both education and livelihoods: monthly wages were provided for two teachers serving 70 children (45 girls, 25 boys), while rice powder assistance reached 70 families. To expand income opportunities for women, the project provided three sewing machines—enabling families to generate market income—and helped launch a basket/cane-weaving initiative involving six community members. This work directly advances SDGs on poverty reduction, education, gender equality, and decent work.

Program impact & outcomes

- ***70 children supported through regular schooling; ~30% progress to public exams and move forward academically***
- ***70 families received food support (rice powder), helping stabilize daily life***
- ***3 women-led micro-earning pathways launched via sewing machines—income that supports schooling and household needs***
- ***New community enterprise: cane/bamboo weaving engaged 6 people (4 women, 2 men), generating local market sales***
- ***Strengthened cross-border partnership model with MAITRI for sustained, scalable support***







Germany

Pentecost Festival gathering in Bad Camberg (SDG 5, 16, 17, 3, 1)

During Germany's annual Pentecost Festival gathering in Bad Camberg on June 7 to 8, WFWP Germany hosted an open-air info table and meeting point to reconnect members, welcome guests, and strengthen collaboration across networks. Alongside planning future activities, the team mobilized practical solidarity: fundraising for Bagandou e.V. (Central Africa) and partnering with WFWP Ukraine members living in Germany to sell handmade products, to support Ukrainian families affected by war. The event fostered trust, dialogue, and coordinated next steps for humanitarian support such as microcredit ideas and repairs for a maternity/birth house, showing how community connection can quickly become concrete action for peace and human dignity.







Iceland

Learning How to Paint (SDG2, 3, 16, 17)

In autumn, WFWP Iceland launched a monthly course, “Learning How to Paint,” using art as a gentle pathway to self-awareness, emotional expression, and confidence-building. Led voluntarily by professional artist Elvar Freyr Jónsteinsson (Elva Art) a long-time supporter of WFWP, participants discovered new skills and described deep joy and gratitude. In parallel, WFWP Iceland strengthened its life-saving service through a farming support project in Nigeria, partnering with Pastor Friday to assist North Nigerian Christians displaced by terrorist attacks. With support for land rental and basic farming needs, the team harvested 670 yam roots (plus 1,300 seed yams for next year), and 15 sacks of rice, scheduled for distribution to victims in December. Together, these initiatives show peace in action—healing hearts and feeding hope.





Italy

Christmas Origami (SDG 4, 3, 11)

On November 15, WFWP Bergamo hosted a joyful “Christmas Origami” afternoon at the Paladina church oratory, bringing parents and children together to learn how to create handmade holiday decorations with two Japanese origami experts. Around 30 community members attended, enjoying a creative, family-friendly space that encouraged connection across generations and cultures. The program concluded with refreshments and a brief introduction to WFWP’s mission, sparking interest in expanding similar activities to other areas of Bergamo. By combining hands-on learning, community warmth, and peace-minded values, the event strengthened local bonds and opened new pathways for ongoing engagement.





Mali

One Woman, One Lamp (SDG 7, 5, 4, 1, 10)

From May to June, WFWP Mali advanced its WFWPI-supported initiative, “One Woman, One Lamp,” bringing practical light and renewed hope to women in villages with limited electricity access. Solar lamps were distributed to selected women in Tieguena, Dialakorobougou, and Nonnibougou, enabling mothers to complete household tasks after sunset and helping children study safely at night. Beyond material support, the team also delivered a message: “Peace starts with me,” strengthening dignity and resilience at the community level. The month concluded with a joyful International Day of the African Child celebration, where children received small gifts and encouragement. Together, these activities combined service, education, and community care showing how small resources can create big, immediate changes in daily life.

Program impact & outcomes

- ***45** women received solar lamps (**15** per village across **3** villages)*
- *Reach: **400** participants (Tieguena), **50** (Dialakorobougou), **262** (Nonnibougou), plus **50** children celebrated*
- *Education impact: children can study after dark with safer, reliable light*
- *Women’s well-being: increased safety and productivity at home; strong beneficiary satisfaction expressed through testimonies and community appreciation*









Mali

Our Nation’s Diaspora (SDG 4, 10, 11, 16, 17)

On November 1 in Victoria, Gozo Malta, WFWP Malta President, Mrs. Myrabelle Corlett, joined a public talk at Il-Ħaġar Museum titled “Our Nation’s Diaspora,” delivered by diaspora expert and diplomat, Dr. Raymond C. Xerri. Alongside two friends of WFWP, the delegation engaged a packed audience exploring how Malta and Gozo, among the world’s smallest island states have citizens living across 171 countries and territories. Drawing from Dr. Xerri’s bestselling work, Gozitan Crossings, the talk examined migration, identity, and the impact of return migration on island communities. A lively Q&A closed the evening, strengthening community dialogue and opening fresh opportunities for civic learning and partnership-building around social cohesion and shared belonging.



Portugal

World Portuguese Language Day Celebration (SDG 17, 4, 5, 16)

On May 20, WFWP Portugal President, Dr. Marta de Carvalho, attended the official World Portuguese Language Day Celebration at the CPLP Headquarters (Conde de Penafiel Palace) in Lisbon, joining 60+ participants from Portuguese-speaking nations and international guests. Under the theme of promoting Portuguese language and cultural diversity from tradition to digital platforms the full-day program combined high-level diplomatic remarks, cultural performances (poetry, music), and roundtables on language promotion and the role of new technologies. Beyond attendance, the moment became a strategic networking opportunity, allowing WFWP Portugal to connect with ambassadors and partners and strengthen pathways for future collaboration in values-based education and peacebuilding across Lusophone communities.



Slovakia

Quality Education for All (SDG 4, 6, 16, 17)

At the Central Europe conference “Quality Education for All” from June 28 to 29, near Bratislava, WFWP Slovakia together with WFWP Austria, WFWP Hungary, and partner NGOs gathered. A total of 83 participants from 4 countries, representing 19 nations, advanced values-based education as a pathway to peace. The program featured expert talks and discussion groups on Peace Education, Character Education, and Environmental Education, with inspiring youth presentations connected to SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation). Beyond learning, the weekend strengthened cross-border friendships through a 33rd anniversary celebration, wellness activities, and cultural exchange, building a growing network committed to shaping healthier families, responsible leadership, and more sustainable communities in line with the 2030 Agenda.







Spain

International Women's Day (SDG 5, 16, 17, 11)

On March 8, International Women's Day WFWP inaugurated its Valencia Chapter with a joyful public launch in Valencia, Spain, welcoming 25 participants. The program introduced WFWP's mission and vision, while also taking immediate local action through an on-site charity fair that raised funds for AMIGO, supporting victims of the DANA floods in Valencia. The event featured inspiring contributions from Peace Ambassadors and community leaders, including remarks recognizing WFWP's work and a cultural performance that added warmth and unity. This launch planted a new base for women-led peacebuilding in an important Spanish city connecting purpose, partnership, and practical service from day one.











UK

HerStory (SDG 3, 5, 10, 16)

On May 1, WFWP Central London hosted its monthly virtual HerStory webinar, featuring Ewa Donnachie, a Montessori educator and charity liaison officer supporting adults 50+. Originally from Finland and now based in London, Ewa shared her personal journey of rebuilding life after divorce and finding deeper purpose through meditation and self-discovery. Her key message was simple but powerful: inner peace is the starting point for harmonious families, communities, and societies. She also highlighted her current work connecting older adults to meaningful community activities helping them feel seen, supported, and engaged. The session left participants uplifted and encouraged, proving that healing stories can become practical leadership for everyday peace.



Healing of the Heart (SDG 3, 5, 16, 17)

On May 21, WFWP UK (Midlands) gathered 33 women in Birmingham for a refreshing Health Club Meeting focused on inner healing, women's leadership, and well-being. After viewing an introductory WFWP International video, participants explored "Healing of the Heart" and caring for the inner child, followed by an introduction to the Leadership of the Heart program planned for future teaching. The group then shared a calm, restorative session of yoga, breathing, and relaxation. A special highlight was presenting a community-created "Tapestry for Peace," soon to be placed in a local mosque an inspiring symbol of harmony. The gathering ended with a cultural sharing from Yemen and heartfelt fellowship, with many requesting the next meeting "as soon as possible."





Health Club (SDG 3, 10, 16, 17)

WFWP UK's June 12 Health Club Meeting in Birmingham gathered around 40 women for an uplifting evening that brought together wellbeing, community care, and cross-cultural friendship. To mark the UN Day of Yoga, participants began with 30 minutes of chair yoga, creating a warm, energizing start. In recognition of Refugee Week, women shared personal migration stories (Kenya, Burundi, Afghanistan), and a guest speaker from Restore highlighted a long-term friendship with a refugee family showing how compassion can help us to become a "family." The gathering closed by celebrating grandparents with cake, sharing reflections on intergenerational love, followed by a multicultural meal that deepened bonds and welcomed new friends.

Volunteers' Fair in Westbourne Park (SDG 17, 16, 5, 8)

WFWP UK (Central London) joined the Volunteers' Fair in Westbourne Park on October 2, organized by Westminster Council, to connect community members with meaningful service opportunities. Around 150 people attended, with 38 organizations offering volunteer roles. Through tabletop displays and QR codes, WFWP introduced its peacebuilding vision and collected contact details to continue the relationship beyond the fair. The team followed up with 100% of contacts and invited them to a Meet & Greet on November 1 at the London HQ turning one-day outreach into sustained community engagement. The event also surfaced strong interest in reconciliation and women's role in peacemaking.

Program impact & outcomes

- ***150 community attendees engaged; 38 volunteer organizations present***
- ***Lead generation + follow-through: contacted 100% of collected emails; 2% returned/bounced***



Women of Hope (SDG 3, 5, 10, 16, 17)

WFWP Midlands (UK) continued its monthly partnership with Women of Hope to support refugee women through hands-on, confidence-building craft sessions. On October 15, at Selly Oak Quaker Meeting House (Birmingham), around 40 women gathered to create beautiful handmade cards for birthdays and special occasions. More than a craft activity, the session became a safe and joyful space for connection helping participants feel seen, valued, and empowered through creativity, friendship, and mutual encouragement. This grassroots effort strengthens community integration and emotional wellbeing while building bridges of trust across cultures.

Program impact & outcomes

- ***40 refugee women engaged in a positive, welcoming community space***







Scotland

First Aid Course (SDG 3, 4, 17)

WFWP Scotland hosted a practical First Aid Course in Glasgow on August 28, welcoming members and friends from other women's organizations to strengthen community safety and emergency readiness. Led by a trainer from St Andrew's Ambulance Association, participants learned step-by-step CPR and scene safety, practiced on manikins, and gained hands-on confidence using a defibrillator. The session also covered warning signs of stroke and heart attack, plus effective response to choking. Beyond skills, the program built a stronger local support network connecting participants to ongoing community education and inspiring interest from partner groups to run similar trainings.



Monthly Wellbeing Hub (SDG 3, 5, 10, 11)

WFWP Scotland's Monthly Wellbeing Hub in Edinburgh continues to offer women a welcoming, safe space to connect, create, and recharge. On October 1, participants gathered at Southside Community Centre for a hands-on paper craft workshop, designing personalized note folders and learning to make origami hearts many for the first time. The session combined creativity with calm conversation over tea and sweets, helping women of diverse ages, nationalities, backgrounds, and abilities feel seen and included. With eight participants, the hub strengthened community ties and reduced isolation one woman shared it was exactly the opportunity she needed to make new friends as a foreigner.





Russia

Compass of Conscience (SDG 4, 3, 16)

From April 23 to 24, WFWP Russia expanded its long-running Pure Love & moral education outreach by launching a new youth-led lecture team, "Compass of Conscience." The team delivered practical, values-based sessions in two public schools in Kalmykia, reaching students with timely topics such as bullying prevention, dignified language, healthy lifestyle choices, and digital addiction. Led by Mrs. Olga Vakulinskaya, the program combined peer influence with trusted adult guidance, creating an engaging learning environment where students reflected openly and committed to kinder behavior. Local authorities and participants praised the lectures for being clear, respectful, and deeply relevant requesting continued cooperation and future visits.

Program Impact & Outcomes

- ***Reached 350+ schoolchildren across two schools through multiple lectures over two days***
- ***80% of students reported a better understanding of pure love, moral values, and dignified behavior***









Unique Aspects of Spiritual and Moral Education of Youth (SDG 4, 5, 16, 17)

On May 26, WFWP Russia President, Mrs. Olga Vakulinskaya, was invited to speak at the conference “Unique Aspects of Spiritual and Moral Education of Youth” held at the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation, a significant national platform for civic dialogue. Hosted by partner NGO “Women are a treasure of the nation,” the event opened a new door for collaboration after the NGO’s leader, Mrs. Mariia Levina, was deeply inspired by WFWP during the WFWPI Anniversary events in Korea. Mrs. Vakulinskaya presented WFWP’s moral education approach highlighting Pure Love education and strong family values and shared students’ reflections that moved some participants to tears. Following the session, multiple attendees expressed a desire to cooperate with WFWP, strengthening momentum for values-based youth education in Russia.



Children of Russia for Children of Africa (SDG 4, 10, 16, 17)

On May 27, WFWP Russia and WFWP Africa hosted an inspiring online friendship and cooperation program connecting Grammar School #48 (Norilsk, Russia) with Lampros Education Center (Nairobi, Kenya). Sparked by the Russian school’s connection to WFWP’s long-running initiative “Children of Russia for Children of Africa” (since 2012), the event celebrated cross-cultural friendship through heartfelt greetings from WFWP leaders, remarks from both school administrators, and student performances, including songs shared across borders. The dialogue didn’t end there: the Russian students committed to continued support, including preparing a custom Monopoly-style game featuring Norilsk to send in September, and even expressed a desire to volunteer in Africa in the future, turning friendships into lasting solidarity.







Charity concert at the “Opeka” (SDG 3, 4, 10, 11, 17)

On October 4, WFWP Russia marked International Day of Older Persons with a heartfelt charity concert at the “Opeka” Elderly People’s House, creating a warm bridge between generations through music and compassion. The children’s ensemble “Angels of Peace” brought joy and comfort, as seniors sang along, shared moving reflections, and asked for future visits. A touching family moment included an 11-month-old baby attending with her parents, who also performed songs symbolizing family values and inclusive love. Over 200 elementary students from 11 classes prepared handmade greeting cards, spreading kindness beyond the concert hall to additional bedridden residents. The program strengthened a long-term partnership (3 years with the care home; 14 years with the school) and reminded the community that dignity, connection, and joy are essential forms of care.

Program Impact & Outcomes

- ***40** elderly residents benefited directly from the concert; additional residents received cards in their rooms.*
- ***200+** schoolchildren (11 classes) engaged in intergenerational service by creating handmade cards.*
- *Seniors reported renewed energy, joy, and gratitude, and repeatedly requested, “Please come more often.”*









Ukraine

online art-therapy workshops (SDG 3, 4, 16)

In May, WFWP Ukraine hosted a series of Saturday online art-therapy workshops to support Ukrainian families living both in Ukraine and abroad. Preparing for Mother’s Day, children and adults created modular-origami flowers and bright paper bouquets for mothers and relatives turning creativity into connection, across distance and uncertainty. Participants also drew a friendly capybara and shared stories about friendship, then explored “stained-glass” art by making sun-catching paper houses that brought warmth and hope into their homes. With strong positive feedback and growing participation, the program offered a gentle space for emotional expression, family bonding, and resilience-building.

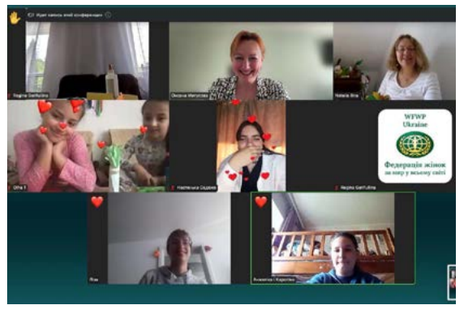
Program Impact & Outcomes

- ***23** total participants (**8** adults, **12** children; plus **3** members) engaged in structured creative sessions.*



Ukrainians Abroad (SDG 3, 16, 10, 17)

In May, WFWP Ukraine volunteers in Germany carried out a heartfelt series of “Ukrainians Abroad” support projects that brought together culture, community, and care. On May 18, they joined the Ukrainian diaspora in Berlin for Day of Embroidery, helping host a concert and cultural fair where WFWP volunteers prepared Ukrainian food, souvenirs, and crafts, raising proceeds to support wounded Ukrainian soldiers rehabilitating at the Bundeswehr Hospital. On May 30, volunteers visited the soldiers’ dormitory to deliver encouragement, gifts (including a congratulations to a new father), and a warm shared meal. On May 25, they also hosted a creative wreath-making workshop for families at the “Kreative Treffen” club in Jüterbog nurturing belonging and resilience through hands-on connection.



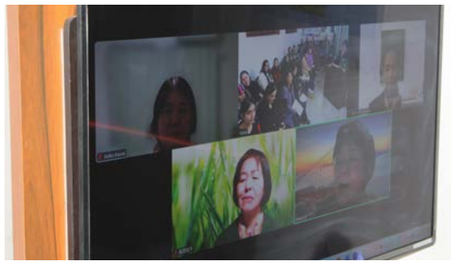




Afghanistan

5th-term Opening Ceremony (SDG 4, 5, 10, 16, 17)

On January 15, WFWP hosted the Afghan Cultural Center’s 5th-term Opening Ceremony in New Delhi, India, welcoming 35 participants (including staff) and volunteers joining online from Japan. The program opened with a Muslim prayer, followed by congratulatory messages and introductions to this term’s classes Design, English, Beauty, Yoga, and Character Education each designed to help Afghan refugee girls rebuild confidence step by step. The Center is more than a classroom: it is a safe community where young women who have lost hope after displacement can make friends, communicate freely, and rediscover dreams for their future. Alumni testimonials which share how much they miss the Center even after moving overseas, underscored the lasting emotional impact of this supportive learning space.







Jordan

The Voices of Russeifa Youth Project (SDG 4, 11, 16, 17)

The Voices of Russeifa Youth Project empowered young people to move from “observers” to active community contributors. Students were trained to design and deliver community surveys that captured residents’ key challenges and priorities in Russeifa. After collecting and filtering data, they analyzed results, shaped clear findings, and translated them into practical discussion points. The project culminated in a direct dialogue meeting with the Mayor of Russeifa, where youth presented their evidence-based recommendations and explored possible responses with local leadership. More than a civic exercise, it was a confidence-building journey equipping youth with real-world research and communication skills, while strengthening trust between generations. By giving youth a seat at the table, the initiative demonstrated how local governance becomes stronger when young voices are heard and taken seriously.







Youth Volunteer Initiative – Mosque Cleaning (SDG 11, 16, 4)

WFWP Jordan launched a Youth Volunteer Initiative – Mosque Cleaning, to help young people experience service not as an obligation, but as a source of pride and belonging. In this hands-on activity, students worked together to clean and organize a local mosque strengthening respect for public and religious spaces while practicing responsibility, discipline, and teamwork. Beyond the practical results, the initiative carried a strong moral impact: youth discovered what it feels like to contribute to something bigger than themselves. By turning values into action, the program encouraged positive social behavior and reinforced a culture of volunteerism rooted in empathy, cooperation, and community care. The experience left participants with a stronger sense of identity as “helpers” and “builders,” capable of improving their neighborhoods through simple, meaningful acts.







Souf Camp (SDG 4, 16, 3, 10)

In Souf Camp, Jerash, WFWP Jordan brought character education to life through interactive drama and role-play, led by youth volunteers. Students designed and performed short theatrical scenes based on real-life challenges.. Children face turning everyday situations into safe opportunities for learning, dialogue, and growth. Through creative storytelling, children practiced cooperation, respect, responsibility, and self-confidence, while also expressing emotions and exploring problem-solving in a supportive environment. For the youth volunteers, the experience was equally transformative: preparing the performances strengthened empathy, leadership, and teamwork, reinforcing that service can be joyful, skill-building, and deeply meaningful. By combining education with creativity, the initiative built stronger community bonds and offered camp children an engaging learning moment that felt like celebration and left lasting values behind.







UN Vienna

UN CCPCJ34 (SDG 16, 5, 4, 17)

As part of the UN CCPCJ34 and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, WFWPI UN Vienna (Austria) advanced youth-centered solutions to prevent crime and domestic violence through a high-level side event: “Youth Education and Activism – A New Approach in Combating Crime and Domestic Violence.” The program brought together UN bodies, Permanent Missions, and NGOs to spotlight proven practices from youth education programs using role-play to strengthen dignity and empathy, to strategies that reduce youth radicalization by improving family communication and creating safe spaces for young people. Speakers also emphasized the essential role of both parents especially fathers in healthy child development and prevention of vulnerability. The event convened decision-makers across sectors and amplified practical, prevention-first approaches that communities can apply immediately.

Australia

Pasifika Micro-Credit (PMC) Training Workshop (SDG 1, 5, 8, 17)

From July 6 to 9 in Honiara, Solomon Islands, WFWP Australia and WFWP Solomon Islands delivered the Pasifika Micro-Credit (PMC) Training Workshop, empowering women to turn small business ideas into sustainable livelihoods. In a setting marked by high unemployment, 60+ participants gathered for an intensive 23-hour program, learning practical tools such as SWOT analysis, SMART goals, and business planning, with continued mentoring from local supervisors. PMC combines training with micro-loans repayable over 1–3 years, creating a reinvesting cycle that supports future women entrepreneurs. By building confidence, accountability, and family support (including male supporters), the workshop sparked hope and real pathways toward financial independence strengthening families and communities across the Pacific.

Melbourne Pasifika Festival (SDG 16)

On December 6, WFWP Australia helped bring the Pacific to life through the Melbourne Pasifika Festival an annual celebration that united families and communities through vibrant cultural dance, music, authentic food, children's activities, and opportunities for Pasifika small businesses to shine. Beyond celebration, the festival intentionally fostered social inclusion, dialogue, and harmony, promoting a culture of peace across diverse communities. As part of WFWP Australia's Global Development & Aid efforts, the festival also raised funds to support development projects across Pacific Island nations demonstrating how culture can become a bridge for service and solidarity. A standout outcome: proceeds supported education pathways, helping enable 2½ young women to undertake one year of university in 2026.

Solomon Islands

Pasifika Scholarship Recipient Induction & Briefing Lunch in Honiara (SDG 4, 5, 10, 17)

On March 2, WFWP Solomon Islands (SI) hosted a warm Pasifika Scholarship Recipient Induction & Briefing Lunch in Honiara, welcoming 30+ participants and congratulating five newly selected scholarship recipients from the Solomon Islands National University (SINU). Led by WFWP SI President, Monica Longanimala Ilala, the meet-and-greet celebrated a partnership between WFWP Australia and WFWP Solomon Islands which helps young women access higher education in fields vital to national development Education, Nursing, Business, and Agriculture. Recipients were officially inducted and briefed on expectations, including submitting a study progress report at the end of Semester 1—building both accountability and leadership habits. A student representative shared heartfelt thanks, reminding everyone that this support doesn't just fund tuition—it fuels hope, opportunity, and a brighter future for Pacific communities.







Latin America

Pink October (SDG 3, 5, 17)

WFWP Latin America and the Caribbean marked Pink October 2025 with a moving virtual gathering on October 30, uniting 100+ women, leaders, health professionals, artists, and participants across the region to promote breast cancer prevention, early awareness, and emotional support. More than an online program, it became a shared space of courage and compassion. Survivors shared their personal journeys, participants held a moment of silence to honor families affected by cancer, and expert speakers offered practical guidance on early detection, healthy habits, emotional care, and resilience. Regional President, Roswitha Dueck, emphasized prevention as an act of self-love and reminded participants that community support can be a lifeline. A regional video highlighting local Pink October initiatives reinforced a united, cross-border commitment to women's health, dignity, and hope, inspiring participants to continue health advocacy in their communities—and affirming that no woman should face the journey alone.

Brazil

Through ongoing food-collection campaigns with Instituto GPA and supermarket partners (SDG 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17)

Across Brazil on August–September, WFWP strengthened its service-to-community model by mobilizing volunteers and partners to deliver practical help where it was most needed. Through ongoing food-collection campaigns with Instituto GPA and supermarket partners, chapters in São Paulo/Osasco and beyond distributed staples and fresh items to vulnerable families and institutions, including support for children with cancer. Local chapters also expanded compassionate outreach donating diapers, clothing, and hair for women undergoing chemotherapy, while advancing public advocacy through participation in a major sustainability forum, campaigns addressing violence against women and mental health, and hands-on environmental actions like community clean-ups and tree planting with children.



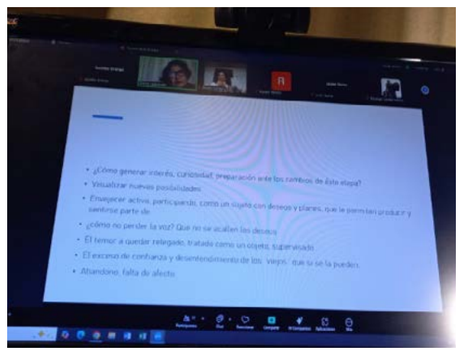


Chile

Helplessness in Old Age (SDG 3, 10, 11)

On June 24, WFWP Chile hosted an online monthly meeting focused on “Helplessness in Old Age,” featuring a talk by former WFWP Chile President, Mrs. Gloria Valenzuela. With 18+ participants joining, the session opened an honest, often-overlooked conversation about how society can better respect, protect, and care for older adults as a shared human responsibility. The discussion sparked active audience participation and deep reflection on dignity, empathy, and spiritual perspectives on aging, leaving participants encouraged to translate compassion into everyday actions within families and communities.







Pink October (SDG 3, 5, 17)

WFWP Rapa Nui continues its beloved Pink October tradition each year an island-wide campaign that turns awareness into action for breast cancer prevention and early detection. What makes this initiative powerful is its partnership model: working alongside the Active Women Foundation, specialized breast cancer NGOs in Santiago, the Rapa Nui Hospital, and the Municipality of Easter Island. Together, these collaborations expand outreach, unify health messaging, and ensure the campaign reaches families across the community not just those already connected to WFWP. By consistently returning every year, Pink October has become more than a single event; it is a trusted annual reminder that prevention saves lives, and that women’s health is a community responsibility shared by institutions, civil society, and families.









Mexico

International Women's Day (SDG 3, 5, 4)

On March 19, WFWP Mexico marked International Women's Day through a dynamic series of health conferences and hands-on workshops across Nuevo León, the State of Mexico, and Tizayuca (Hidalgo). The program combined character education including a "Family is the School of Love" conference for families and high school students (60 attendees) with practical health services. During "Health Days," the team coordinated cervical and breast cancer prevention support for 60 women, alongside complementary services such as optometry, audiology, massage/chiropractic care, and wellness scanning. The impact quickly opened new doors: the local DIF office requested monthly conferences, signaling trust and a pathway for sustained community education and prevention.





Panama

Weaving (Knitting) for You (SDG 3, 5, 17)

WFWP Panama continued its compassionate service through "Weaving (Knitting) for You," a hands-on volunteer initiative that produces warm knitted hats for children and women living with cancer. Held on March 22, the activity gathered a small but dedicated group of women who used their time and skills to prepare items for upcoming hospital deliveries showing how steady, practical service can bring comfort and dignity to people facing serious health challenges. Alongside this service spirit, the chapter also advanced peace leadership by recognizing community partners and strengthening its network of Peace Ambassadors, reinforcing a growing culture of care, solidarity, and women-led action in Panama.







Uruguay

American Fair of 2025 (SDG 8, 5, 3, 17)

WOn March 15, WFWP Uruguay hosted the first American Fair of 2025 at the Uruguay National Garden, creating a lively public space where entrepreneurship and community engagement met. The fair featured 57 women entrepreneurs offering handcrafted and secondhand products, while the Variedance Zumba Group energized the afternoon with a performance that invited visitors to join in movement and wellbeing. With 100+ visitors browsing, shopping, and learning about WFWP's activities, the event became more than a market; it was a bridge-building platform that connected local women-led businesses with a values-driven peace network. The fair also opened doors for future participation, with 10% of the entrepreneurs expressing interest in joining WFWP activities.

Program Impact & Outcomes

- ***Supported 57 entrepreneurs by providing a public platform to sell products and build visibility***
- ***Engaged 100+ community visitors, increasing awareness of WFWP's mission through direct interaction***
- ***Sparked future involvement: 10% of female entrepreneurs expressed interest in participating in WFWP activities***

Entrepreneurs Workshop (SDG 8, 5, 4)

On March 20, WFWP Uruguay hosted a practical Entrepreneurs Workshop at the Uruguay National Garden, equipping local women and small-business owners with tools to grow sustainable income. Led by Natalia Vilariño (marketing analyst/ technician), the session trained 20+ entrepreneurs in social media/network management, customer outreach and loyalty, budgeting, and investment planning turning everyday business challenges into clear, achievable next steps. Beyond skills, the workshop strengthened confidence and community: participants connected with peers, shared needs, and left with a stronger sense of direction for their ventures. Additional follow-up workshops were planned to deepen learning and support long-term progress.

Grandfather's Day (SDG 3, 10, 17)

On June 18, WFWP Uruguay marked Grandfather's Day at Piñeyro del Campo Shelter Home by combining heartfelt service with celebration. Members collected new and recycled wool and knitted scarves, hats, gloves, and blankets, delivering them directly to older residents to help them stay warm and feel remembered. Under the message "Human rights do not diminish with age," the day also included an artistic show organized by the geriatric home staff, creating joy, dignity, and connection for the grandparents. This initiative advanced the SDGs by promoting Good Health and Well-Being, Reduced Inequalities, and Partnerships for the Goals through practical care and community collaboration.





Fifth Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs (SDG 5, 8, 4, 10)

WFWP Uruguay hosted the Fifth Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs on September 18, at the Uruguay National Garden, led by marketing specialist Natalia Vilariño. The session delivered practical, step-by-step guidance to help entrepreneurs strengthen their ventures focusing on concrete tools and strategies to increase profitability, sharpen decision-making, and support sustainable project growth. By creating a learning space rooted in encouragement and practical skill-building, the workshop contributed to women's economic empowerment and reinforced WFWP's commitment to values-based development at the community level.

Women Entrepreneurs Workshop series at the Uruguay National Garden (SDG 5, 8, 4, 9, 17)

On November 8, WFWP Uruguay hosted the closing session of its Women Entrepreneurs Workshop series at the Uruguay National Garden, equipping women with practical tools to strengthen and grow their ventures. Marketing specialist Natalia Vilariño (Comunica) shared accessible ways to use artificial intelligence to improve daily business management, while guest speaker Dahiana Vera (UP GRADE) expanded the learning with hands-on guidance on venture diagnosis, customer behavior analysis, and organizational strategy. The program concluded with formal recognition of both contributors, celebrating a shared commitment to women's economic empowerment and innovation. By combining skill-building with encouragement and networking, the workshop strengthened participants' confidence and readiness to lead resilient businesses that benefit families and communities, advancing inclusive development and sustainable livelihoods.





HIGHLIGHTS FROM WFWP INTERNATIONAL









WFWPI 2025 New Year General Assembly "Global Voices for Shared Vision"

On January 11, more than 300 leaders, members, and supporters from around the world gathered virtually for the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) New Year General Assembly. Under the inspiring theme, "Global Voices for Shared Vision," the assembly reinforced a shared commitment to unity and collaboration for a brighter future.

The event began with Mrs. Andrea Fayad, the moderator, who warmly welcomed attendees and acknowledged their unwavering dedication to peace and unity.

The Opening Ceremony featured an address from Dr. Paris Moon, International Secretary General, who emphasized the urgent need for collective action amid global challenges: "Let us unite with purpose and determination as we work toward meaningful change in our communities and beyond."

Mrs. Moriko Hori, WFWP International President, delivered an inspiring message that celebrated WFWP's 33-year legacy. She highlighted that 2025, represented by the "Blue Snake," symbolizes "wise transformation and growth." Sharing reflections from her international visits, she underscored the importance of data-driven progress: "Despite our wonderful activities, we need to strengthen our ability to appeal effectively to others by presenting measurable results."

The assembly also heard a congratulatory message from President Emerita Dr. Lan Young Moon, who called for women's leadership rooted in love and resilience amid the world's crises.

Mrs. Merly Barlaan, Vice President of Administration, reflected on the organization's successes in 2024 and emphasized the importance of preparation and leadership development: "This year, we hit the ground running, supporting the ISG's office and regional presidents through our membership program and training initiatives." Mrs. Barlaan invited members to participate in advocacy training for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to strengthen their ability to influence policy and promote women's rights on a global stage.

Mrs. Young-Sun Choi, Vice President, shared a heartfelt reflection on her new role: "Being entrusted with the role of Vice President is both a profound honor and a heavy responsibility. I will do my utmost to ensure smooth financial operations and foster collaboration with organizations in Korea." She acknowledged the challenges of division and conflict, including national discord following the presidential impeachment and the recent Jeju airplane tragedy. However, she called on women to serve as beacons of unity and hope: "Our role is not limited to facilitating dialogue—it is to actively embody the values of love, understanding, and reconciliation."

A highlight of the assembly was the presentation of impactful initiatives by WFWP chapters from around the world.

Mrs. Fujiko Paul, President of WFWP Haiti, presented the chapter's Literacy and Sewing Program, which aims to address education gaps and economic challenges. Key achievements were establishing literacy classrooms in Port-

au-Prince, expanding to Miragoâne, and launching a sewing course in 2024 to provide women with practical skills for income generation. She also shared a powerful testimonial of program participants: “I was the only seamstress in my neighborhood, and thanks to this program, I can now support my family and community.” Despite the political unrest in Haiti, WFWP’s programs have continued to foster self-sufficiency and hope.

Mrs. Marisa Chilavert, President of WFWP Paraguay, highlighted the Bridge of Peace International Conference, which brought together high-level leaders to promote reconciliation and empowerment. She met with government officials, including the Minister of Women and Minister of Urbanization, to strengthen partnerships, and hosted the Mother’s Day celebration that honored women’s contributions to peace and engaged influential figures to invite them to the central Bridge of Peace Conference. A powerful moment during the conference was when representatives exchanged symbolic gifts and embraced to heal historical wounds. This gesture exemplified WFWP’s commitment to fostering unity and forgiveness.

Ms. Helena Asuncion, project manager for WFWP Philippines, presented the Digital Bridges for Peace Symposium, held in partnership with universities and local organizations. Key features of the symposium were five thought-provoking talks on how digital technology can advance peace and unity, the launch of a 21-Day Advocacy Campaign promoting the reunification of the Korean Peninsula, and engaging youth in digital peacebuilding initiatives. Despite challenges such as securing government endorsements and engaging students, the event succeeded in forming partnerships with key institutions, including the Department of Interior and Local Government. The event concluded with cultural performances that celebrated Filipino heritage and reinforced the importance of cultural diplomacy.

The assembly featured a special performance of “Die hungrige Katze” from Li-Na im Garten by renowned composer Yi Sang Yun, performed by Dr. Yezu Woo, an internationally acclaimed violinist known for her technical brilliance and emotional depth. The performance, which combined Western and Korean musical traditions, beautifully symbolized WFWPI’s commitment to cultural unity.

Mrs. Moriko Hori announced the 2025 WFWPI Global Themes, which will guide the organization’s efforts throughout the year:

- Women, Peace, and Security
- Women’s Leadership through the Global Women’s Peace Network
- Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability
- Global Development, Aid, and Service

Mrs. Hori emphasized the importance of aligning WFWP’s local initiatives with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and collaborating with governments to influence meaningful policy changes.

In her Keynote Address, Mrs. Hori outlined the 2025 Action Plan and stressed the importance of creating a unified global identity for WFWPI, including ensuring the proper use of the WFWP logo, enhancing global visibility through digital platforms, setting measurable targets and collecting data to evaluate impact and strengthen credibility and encouraging members to participate in key UN events, such as the CSW sessions, and to engage in local voluntary reviews to influence policy on women’s empowerment. “Our strength lies in our ability to unite across regions, share our expertise, and empower one another,” Mrs. Hori concluded, calling for renewed collaboration and grassroots action.

Participants then joined breakout sessions focused on the 2025 Global Themes. Each group shared valuable insights and actionable recommendations. The “Women, Peace, and Security” group conveyed the importance of advocating for women’s education and economic independence. The “Women’s Leadership through the Global Women’s Peace Network” group shared successful regional collaborations, particularly from Europe, South Africa, and the Dominican Republic. The “Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability” group promoted grassroots initiatives for recycling and environmental conservation. The “Global Development, Aid, and Service” group greeted and introduced each other to strengthen partnerships.

The event concluded with closing remarks from President Hori, who expressed gratitude for the dedication and insights shared throughout the assembly: “This assembly has been an amazing opportunity to connect, learn, and grow. Let’s work together to make WFWP stronger than ever and create lasting change for a peaceful world.”

The WFWPI 2025 New Year General Assembly ended with a resounding message of hope and unity, setting the stage for a transformative year ahead.

Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World

The “Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World” webinar series continued in 2025, featuring distinguished speakers. This online session hosted leaders from the WFWP chapters of Russia, South Africa, and Albania, who shared their unique perspectives and ongoing work in advancing the organization’s global mission.
WFWP International launched this virtual series in 2024 to build stronger global ties and share inspiring work from the field. This monthly networking event brings together WFWP leaders, members, and supporters from around the world to share experiences, learn from one another, and grow together as a global peacebuilding community. The platform provides a space for leaders to share their stories, exchange best practices, and celebrate their victories, while also addressing struggles and seeking support from a truly global sisterhood.





WFWP Eastern Europe: Educating for Peace, Cultivating a Culture of the Heart

Date: March 28, 2025
Speaker: Mrs. Olga Vakulinskaya

The main speaker, Olga Vakulinskaya, brought over 25 years of experience in youth moral education and intercultural work. She shared an in-depth look at several meaningful initiatives that she leads as the National President of WFWP Russia and Regional President of WFWP Eastern Europe.

Mrs. Vakulinskaya shared about the “Family World Festival,” an annual intercultural and interreligious event that brings together families from different backgrounds, including Orthodox Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist traditions. The festival highlights family values and unity by showcasing cultural performances and shared beliefs in love and peace.

Mrs. Vakulinskaya also presented the “Children Are Angels of Peace Festival,” where children of diverse nationalities come together to express their cultural heritage through music and dance. More than just a performance, the event emphasizes world peace and the value of service to others. Many children later participated in outreach activities, such as concerts for elderly communities, creating long-term relationships and learning compassion firsthand.

One of the most touching projects that was shared was “Children of Russia for

Children of Africa," where children in Russia collect toys, handmade cards, and clothes to send to children in African countries. Olga shared a powerful moment when she learned that, for some children, the gifts they received were the first toys they had ever owned. Despite logistical challenges, the project continues with new schools joining independently after learning about it online.

Mrs. Vakulinskaya also emphasized her work in moral education programs in schools, where she and her team conduct lectures on various topics, such as the difference between true love and infatuation, the importance of purity, healthy lifestyles, avoiding digital addiction, and bullying prevention. These programs are often requested by schools and have received powerful feedback from students. Many students are deeply moved, sometimes responding with handmade gifts and emotional reflections.

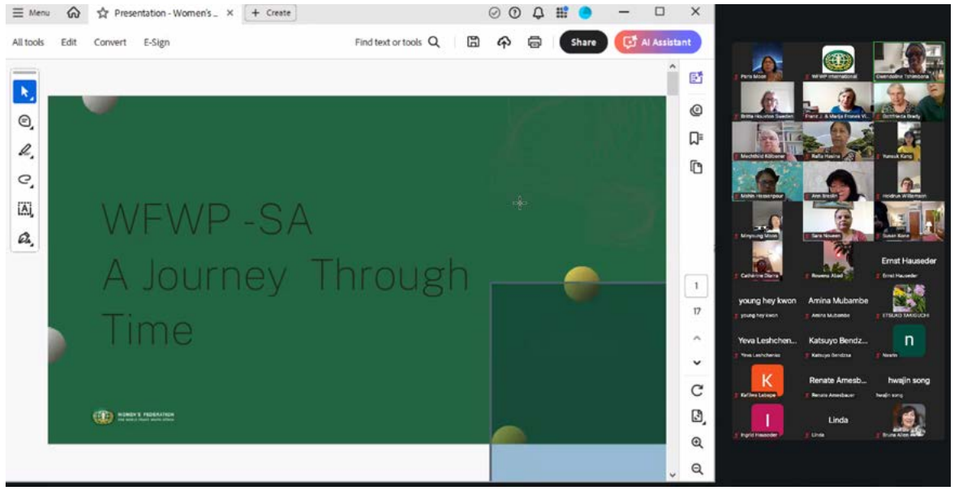
To expand this outreach, Mrs. Vakulinskaya has formed a team of young people called "Compass of Conscience" who are trained to deliver these lectures themselves. Young speakers often inspire their peers even more effectively and are now taking the lead in sharing these important messages.

Following her talk, several participants shared reflections and questions. One lady from Nigeria spoke about similar character education initiatives in Africa and suggested adding poverty-reduction elements like school meal programs. One other shared a personal story about her daughter's experience with bullying and expressed a desire to contribute to anti-bullying initiatives.

Mrs. Vakulinskaya closed her remarks with a heartfelt thank you to WFWP chapters worldwide, giving special recognition to Japan for its enduring support and inspirational example. She stressed the importance of cultural exchange and cooperation, highlighting programs such as the "Bridge of Peace," which promotes international friendship and reconciliation through performances and shared dialogue. The session left attendees inspired and reminded of the collective power of women working together for peace.







WFWP South Africa Sustains Life-Changing Projects

Date: May 30, 2025
Speaker: Mrs. Gwendoline Tshimbana

A moving and insightful presentation was shared, titled "WFWP South Africa: A Journey Through Time.

Mrs. Gwendoline Tshimbana spoke and reflected on the evolution of WFWP South Africa from its founding in 1995 by Japanese volunteers, to its current grassroots impact across communities. She honored the early pioneers who laid the foundation, including Parliamentarian D Hounkpatin, Mrs. Maseko, and Mrs. Mailula, each of whom played a vital role in building the movement over the years. Since assuming leadership in 2021, Gwendoline has worked closely with a dedicated team of women across three provinces: Gauteng, Limpopo, and the Western Cape. Despite the challenges posed by frequent leadership transitions, she expressed gratitude for the strong sense of unity and teamwork among members.

Through the support of WFWP International, with funding from WFWP Korea and the Giving for Good initiative, WFWP South Africa has launched several impactful initiatives aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

One of the first major projects was the distribution of solar lamps in Soweto, a community where many children lacked access to electricity during the COVID-19

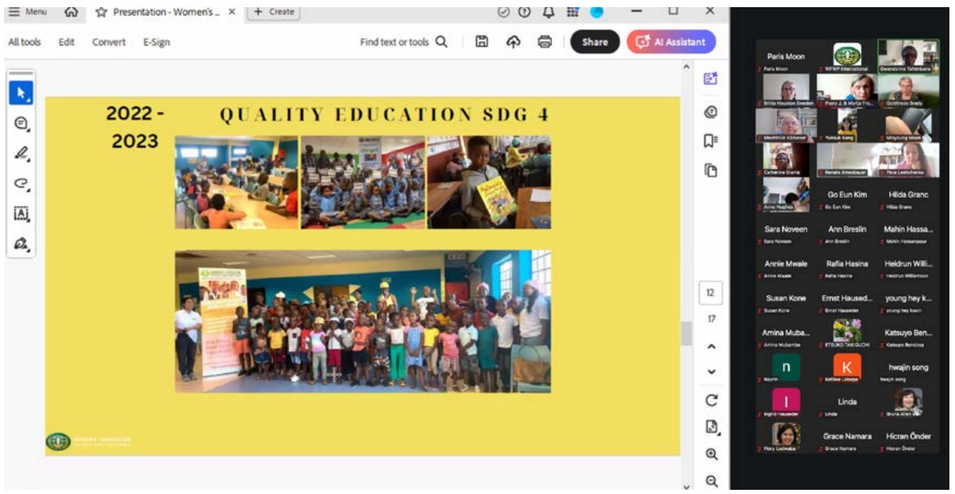
lockdowns. The solar lamps enabled the children to continue their education at home.

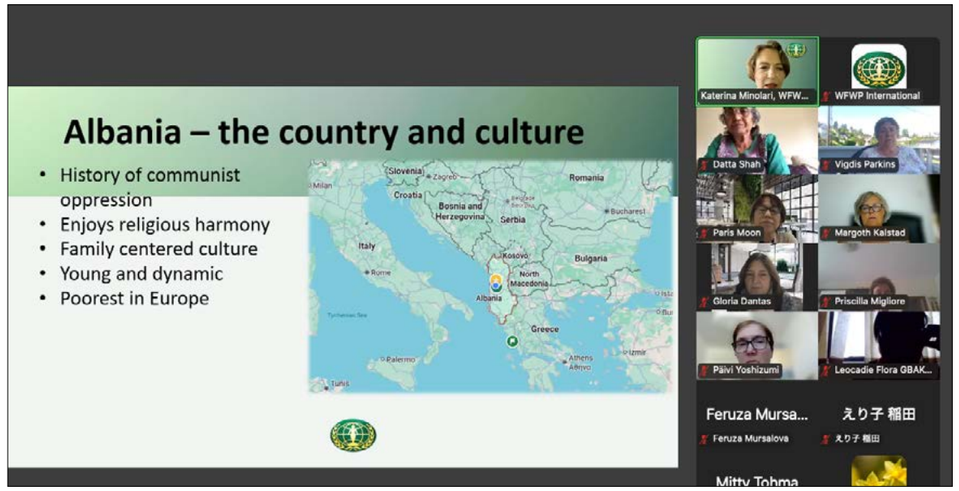
Another important project was the cloth nappy sewing initiative in Limpopo, created in collaboration with local women and a royal family. This program promoted sustainable alternatives to disposable diapers that revived an Earth-friendly practice once widely used by previous generations.

In the area of education, WFWP South Africa implemented a literacy and numeracy program in partnership with a school in Soweto. Nearly 1,000 books were distributed through the generous support of Change X and the Legal Foundation. The team also introduced children to sustainability and nutrition through a school gardening initiative. This hands-on project invited students to plant vegetables and fruit trees, teaching them about the environment and empowering them with practical knowledge on growing their own food.

In 2024, WFWP South Africa also launched the Global Women's Peace Network with a successful event that included a Bridge of Peace ceremony and a symbolic tree planting. The tree honored the historic women's march of 1956 in South Africa and connected today's peace efforts to the legacy of women's activism.

Tsimbana thanked the elders, pioneers, team members, and international supporters who have shaped and sustained the movement in South Africa. "With our collaborative efforts, there is hope for a better future with our young leaders," she said.





WFWP Albania: Consistent Grassroots Work Can Transform Lives

Date: July 25, 2025
Speaker: Mrs. Katerina Minolari

The July session powerfully demonstrated how consistent grassroots work can transform lives and communities.

The event opened with greetings and introductions, transitioning into a meaningful presentation by Mrs. Minolari. She guided participants through the journey of WFWP Albania, including its roots, current projects, and the unique contributions of Albanian women leaders. Her presentation featured impactful programs in family education, youth leadership, women's empowerment, and interreligious dialogue, many of which reach deeply into rural and underserved areas.

A signature initiative of WFWP Albania is its annual Youth Speech Contest, which empowers young women to express their ideas on topics such as peace, family values, youth responsibility, and moral leadership. This contest creates a platform for youth to develop confidence, critical thinking, and a voice for positive change in society.

Each year, students submit written speeches, and finalists are invited to deliver them publicly at a national-level event. To reach a broader and more diverse audience, WFWP Albania has wisely employed a multi-channel outreach strategy. They actively use social media platforms, particularly Instagram and Facebook,

to advertise the contest, share testimonials, and post highlights from past events. The team also collaborates with schools and universities to directly reach potential participants and encourage teachers to recommend students. Media coverage and video recordings of the contest are shared online to showcase the youth's talent and to inspire others.

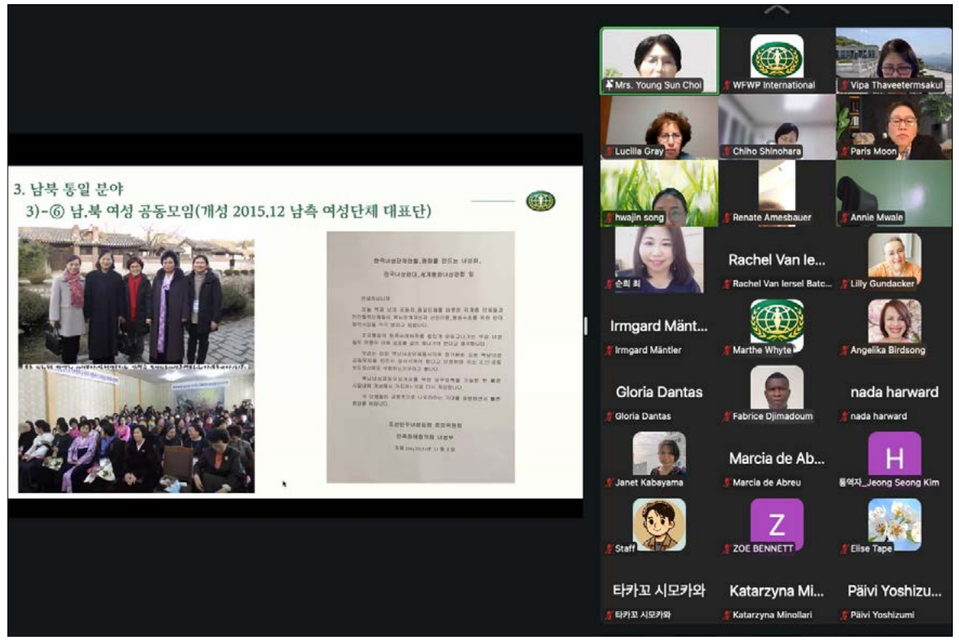
The presentation was followed by a lively Q&A session, where participants asked about navigating cultural norms, interfaith work, and the long-term impact of WFWP programs on family and youth development.

The event concluded with reflections and expressions of gratitude from the international participants, many of whom were touched by Albania's vibrant efforts and drew inspiration for their own national activities. This session not only strengthened global ties within WFWP but also showcased how local passion and vision can resonate across borders.









WFWP Korea President Young Sun Choi (1996-2024): My Journey Toward Peace

Date: November 28 2025
Speaker: Mrs. Young Sun Choi

The featured speaker was Mrs. Young Sun Choi, former Regional Director of WFWP Korea, widely recognized for her decades of dedication to peace and reunification work. Through her presentation and stories, participants could feel both the history and heart behind WFWP's bridge-building efforts between North and South Korea.

Mrs. Choi began by expressing her heartfelt prayers for the Co-founder's safety and well-being, and invited everyone to unite their hearts in the same spirit. Greeting the audience, she warmly welcomed "all women leaders who sincerely love peace and are working to create a peaceful day," expressing gratitude in that, even after stepping down from her official role seven months ago, she was given this precious time to share with global WFWP sisters again.

Mrs. Choi shared that she has spent more than 30 years of her life with WFWP, beginning as the Guri City Chapter President in Gyeonggi Province and later

serving in key leadership roles at the national level. She reminded participants that WFWP's goal "One Global Family Under God" is clear, and that the essential tool for achieving it is true love. She reflected that earlier generations of WFWP women "ran without rest" toward this vision, and today's leaders continue in their footsteps, often facing walls of reality that make them want to stop or give up.

The heart of Mrs. Choi's presentation was a series of powerful stories from her long involvement in North–South women's exchange and civil society dialogue.

She recalled her first visit to Pyongyang on August 15, 2001, for the National Unification Rally, arriving at Sunan Airport to find rows of North Korean women in colorful hanbok, standing under the scorching summer sun, waving flowers to welcome the South Korean delegation. Their sincerity moved her deeply and also made her feel sorry for the long wait they had endured to greet them.

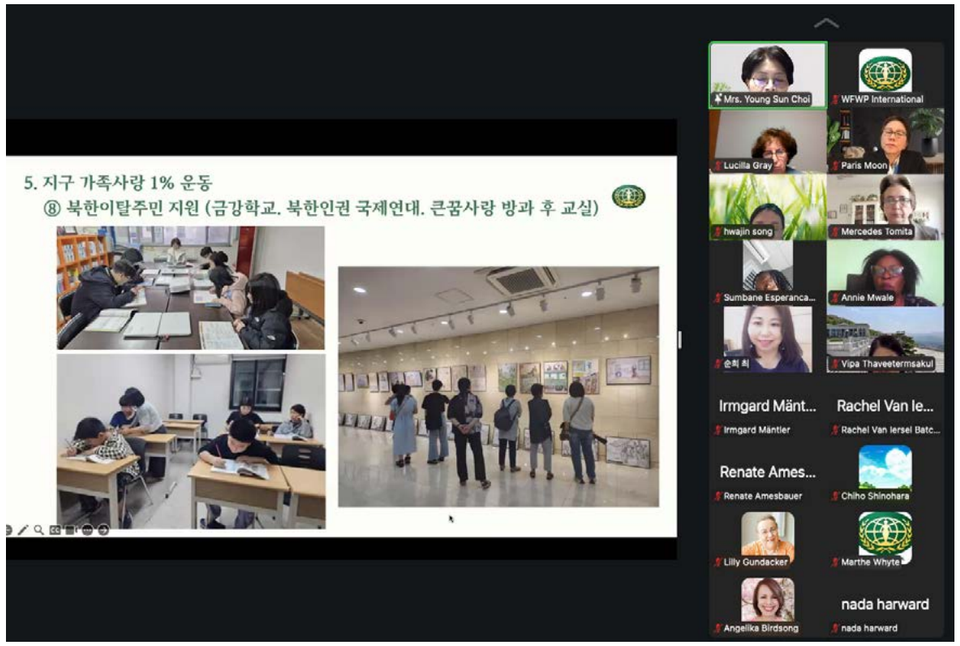
Also, she shared about the Global Women Leaders Conference in Mt. Kumgang in 2007, where 720 WFWP leaders from around the world gathered together with North Korean women leaders who had traveled six hours from Pyongyang. She described the daily realities and limitations they encountered: flickering lights in meeting rooms, toilets that did not flush, strict restrictions on where vehicles could stop and where people could step out. Once, a yellow flag marking a South Korean car fell off in a sensitive zone; an unknowing staff member stepped out of the car to pick it up. Only later did they learn that such an action could have been treated as a serious security violation. Recalling these memories, still makes her shiver.
Looking back on approximately 25 rounds of North–South exchanges in Pyongyang, Seoul, Kaesong, and Mt. Kumgang, Mrs. Choi summarized her main lesson in simple words: "Without patience, trust, and true love, North–South relations cannot move forward."

She reminded participants that the Korean Peninsula has been divided since 1945, with the trauma of the Korean War and 70 to 80 years of accumulated mistrust and hostility. Melting such deep-rooted pain cannot be achieved by a single conference or a single visit. It requires continuous encounters, sincere listening, and many small acts of love, sustained over time.

For Mrs. Choi, the work of WFWP women in this context is not about idealizing anyone, but about being honest, courageous, and faithful to the vision of "One Human Family Under God."

Throughout the webinar, participants listened attentively to Mrs. Choi's heartfelt testimony, and many expressed how moved they were by her courage, honesty, and long-term commitment, and how inspired they felt to continue working for peace in their own nations and regions.

The event once again confirmed that connecting with WFWP leaders around the world is not only about sharing reports, but about inheriting experiences, learning from one another's victories and mistakes, and strengthening the heart of a global sisterhood that refuses to give up on peace.



WFWPI Leaders Training Course Empowers Global Women Leaders

Date: February 7 and 15, 2025
Speakers: Mrs. Anne Bellavance, Mrs. Merly Barlaan, Dr. Paris Moon

The WFWPI Leadership Training Course was hosted online to equip regional and national chapter leaders with essential skills for measuring impact, advocating effectively, and creating visionary plans. The course focused on four key learning outcomes: measuring and articulating project impact effectively, developing a visionary mindset to overcome challenges and shape the future, understanding the significance of membership and advocacy within a global context, and creating actionable vision boards that align with strategic goals.

The first session, led by Mrs. Anne Bellavance, explored the theme “Great Leaders are Masters Who Rewrite Futures & Transform How Situations Occur.” This interactive 40-minute session introduced the upcoming three-part leadership series scheduled for March, April, and May. With over 40 years of experience in the nonprofit sector across Australia, the United States, and Canada, Mrs. Bellavance is a passionate advocate for women’s empowerment and global peace. As President of WFWP Australia and WFWP Oceania & Southeast Asia, she leads initiatives on leadership development and sustainable impact through Global Development Projects in the Pacific Islands. She mentors women from diverse backgrounds, fostering leadership and environmental stewardship through the Global Women’s Peace Network.

The WFWPI Membership Orientation, presented by Mrs. Merly Barlaan, provided National Chapter Presidents with guidance on WFWPI’s mission, beliefs, policies, and membership requirements. The session emphasized the importance of national chapters aligning with WFWPI’s core mission, ensuring financial transparency, and being led by women leaders. Membership benefits include UN accreditation, access to training materials, and participation in global networking opportunities, and regular reporting is required to align with WFWPI and UN development goals. With over 25 years of experience in peace and environmental advocacy, Mrs. Barlaan has spearheaded programs such as the Mothers’ Hearts Network, Asia Pacific Peace Education Center, and Young Global Women Peace Ambassadors. As Vice President for Administration and Deputy Director for WFWPI’s UN Relations office, she leads WFWPI’s UN advocacy team in New York and mentors young professionals.

The Vision Board Workshop, led by Dr. Paris Moon, provided a structured approach to creating a personalized vision board for 2025 and beyond. Participants were guided through goal-setting, image curation from sources like Pinterest and Canva, and board design to create an inspiring and motivational tool. Key takeaways included brainstorming personal and professional goals, curating meaningful images that align with aspirations, breaking goals into quarterly objectives for better tracking, and keeping vision boards visible and regularly updating them. Dr. Moon brings extensive experience from international corporations such as PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Nortel Networks, Seiko Epson, and Microsoft, specializing in strategic workforce planning and cultural development. She has played a crucial role in promoting Korean culture in Hong Kong, serving as an external examiner for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and receiving prestigious awards, such as the Best Outstanding Korean International Women Award. Currently, she serves as Secretary General of WFWP International.

The WFWPI Leadership Training Course was a powerful platform for women leaders to enhance their skills, strengthen advocacy, and drive impactful initiatives within their communities. With expert insights from three speakers, participants gained practical knowledge and inspiration to lead with vision and purpose.



Young Professionals Lead Meaningful Projects To Transform Communities

Young professionals from across continents shared their local projects that have led to meaningful change in the communities during the WFWPI-sponsored webinar titled “The Role of Youth in the Family and Society” on May 31, 2025.

The event was moderated by Ms. Kefilwe Lebepe, a dynamic youth leader originally from South Africa, now based in Germany, who guides the WFWPI Young Professionals team with passion and purpose.

The first speaker was a celebrated young entrepreneur, Mr. Boubou Sangho, who is the Founder of Boubou Lait, a dairy company turning fresh local milk into yogurt, cheese, and other high-quality products. Named the Best Agricultural Start-Up of Africa (2017), Boubou said that his work empowers rural women and youth through agriculture, skill development, and entrepreneurship.

His NGO, Les Leaders de Demain, has trained hundreds and helped fund over 38 youth-led initiatives. “Our work is not just about business..It’s about giving dignity and opportunity to those who never had it” he said.

Ms. Mallory Djendara, a community and project manager, shared a deeply personal and powerful testimony about her journey from Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to becoming a bold voice for women and displaced communities in Europe.

At Africa New Day, she led the launch of an online platform for women’s empowerment, and now speaks on international platforms, including the European Parliament, to raise awareness of ongoing conflicts in DRC. “If we have a voice, we also have a responsibility,” she urged. “We cannot remain silent.”

The third speaker was the author, leadership coach, and Founder of Karlene Millwood International, Ms. Karlene Millwood, who brought a strategic and heartfelt perspective on what it means to lead with integrity in today’s world. From her personal story of nearly dropping out of school to founding a scholarship fund for youth in Jamaica, Karlene emphasized that “leadership begins with posture before platform.” She encouraged young people to rise with clarity and confidence, and to embrace their role as agents of transformation, starting at home.

The webinar highlighted how the youth today are uniquely positioned to bridge generations, preserve traditions while driving innovation, and strengthen families and communities through leadership rooted in empathy and service. Stories from the speakers demonstrated that leadership doesn’t require a title or wealth, just courage, commitment, and a desire to serve.

Participants were inspired by the idea that every voice matters. Even without financial resources, young leaders can empower others by providing purpose, mentorship, and community. The speakers modeled leadership that begins with action, taking initiative in their own environments to address challenges from education and employment to gender equality and peacebuilding.

Ms. Kefilwe closed the program with an invitation to participants to join the WFWPI Young Professionals Team, a creative hub for global dialogue, leadership, and cultural diplomacy.



WFWPI Honors Leaders Anne Bellavance and Young Sun Choi

WFWP International hosted a deeply moving virtual Appreciation Ceremony on June 11, 2025, to honor two of its most beloved visionary leaders, Mrs. Anne Bellavance, former Regional President of Asia Pacific 2, and Mrs. Young Sun Choi, former Regional President of WFWP Korea.

The global online gathering welcomed participants from every corner of the world, each joining to share heartfelt gratitude, cherished memories, and sincere admiration.

WFWPI President, Moriko Hori, opened the ceremony with a message of profound appreciation, emphasizing the extraordinary impact both women have made on the organization through their decades of leadership, unwavering dedication, and nurturing, motherly spirit.

Mrs. Young Sun Choi, who led WFWP Korea for an impressive 29 years, is the “heart and motor” of the movement. Her legacy includes pioneering community initiatives, promoting peace on the Korean peninsula, expanding educational outreach, and building international solidarity through acts of compassion. Notably, her leadership was instrumental in building libraries in Cambodia and earning national accolades in Korea. President Hori warmly recalled Mrs. Choi’s quiet strength and mentorship, which deeply guided her in her own leadership journey. Reflecting on her life’s work, Mrs. Choi shared: “This mission has been my life’s work and my greatest blessing. I am humbled by your warm hearts today. Let us continue to bring peace through the unity of women.”

Mrs. Anne Bellavance, who oversaw the Asia Pacific 2 region, was recognized for her instrumental role in elevating WFWP into a globally respected, professional organization. With her background as a science and mathematics teacher, she brought a structured, strategic approach to leadership development. Her emphasis on shared resources, planning, and real-world impact empowered women across nations to build stronger communities and raise WFWP’s visibility.

In her reflection, Mrs. Bellavance shared: “WFWP has been my heart’s calling. I am deeply grateful to every person I’ve walked with on this journey. As a teacher and a volunteer, I saw the need to raise the capacity of our leaders, not just in heart but in professional skills. Strategic planning, shared resources, and genuine action were essential to branding WFWP as a credible and impactful organization. My hope was to build something more than a ‘mother’s club,’ a movement with integrity that attracts like-minded, capable women who are already living for the sake of others. That is the kind of foundation that brings real change.”

Heartfelt tributes came from all over the world. Mrs. Carolyn Handschin commended Mrs. Choi for always including the UN office in her broad vision and hailed Mrs. Bellavance as a trailblazing mentor. Mrs. Lilly Tadin praised Anne as a role model for women in leadership and thanked Choi for her grace and enduring maternal leadership. Dr. Susan Kone, Go Eun Kim, Brigitte Wada, and many more shared personal stories of inspiration, partnership, and legacy.

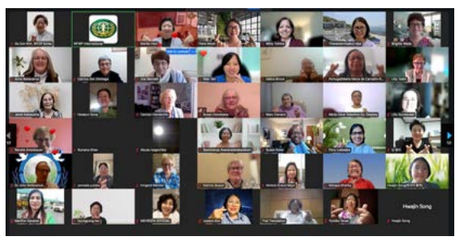
A special tribute video highlighted messages from members and friends across the Philippines, Malaysia, Portugal, Africa, Korea, and beyond. Dr. John Bellavance, Anne’s husband, offered an emotional tribute, describing his wife’s leadership as “a trendsetter for global women’s peace leadership,” and noting her elegance, strength, and lasting influence.

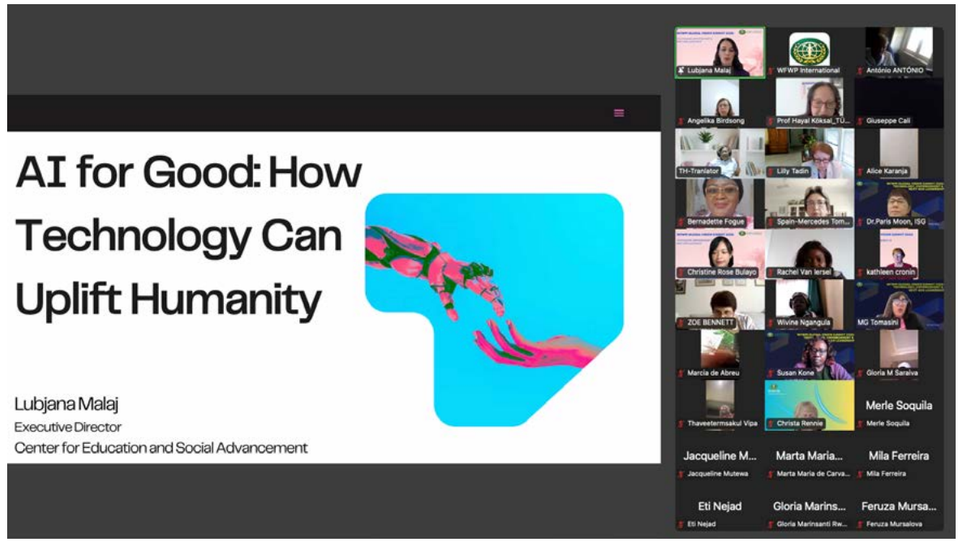
The ceremony concluded with a group photo, capturing the unity and shared joy of the global participants. One attendee commented, “Your examples will remain in our hearts forever.”

Dr. Paris Moon, WFWPI Secretary General, closed the program with a powerful call to action: “Let us carry forward the legacy of Mrs. Bellavance and Mrs. Choi not just in memory, but in action. Their love, leadership, and life of service continue to guide us.”









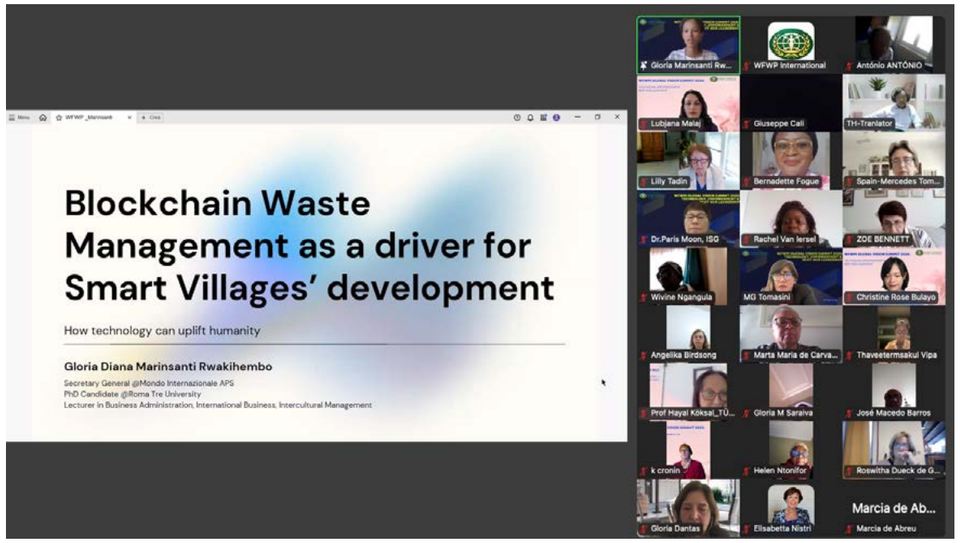
WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2025: Technology, Empowerment, Next Generation Leadership

Date: August 29-30, 2025

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) hosted the WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2025, gathering participants from across the globe for two days of inspiration, dialogue, and action. Guided by the theme "Technology, Empowerment, and Next-Gen Leadership," the summit explored how innovation, women's leadership, and youth-driven solutions can shape a more peaceful and sustainable future.

Session 1:
The summit opened with a heartwarming welcome from Dr. Paris Moon, WFWPI Secretary General, followed by WFWPI International President Mrs. Moriko Hori's Opening Remarks. They set a hopeful tone and reminded participants that the summit was not just an event, but a movement for peace, compassion, and global cooperation.

Moderated by Mrs. Christine Bulayo, Regional Secretary General for WFWP Asia Pacific, the first session, "AI for Good: How Technology Can Uplift Humanity," opened a thoughtful dialogue on how artificial intelligence and digital transformation can become tools for peace and education rather than division.



Prof. Dr. Hayal Köksal, President of the Innovative Collaboration Association, urged participants to embrace Total Quality Management in Education, calling AI "a servant, not a master." She illustrated how technology can raise education standards when guided by ethics, sharing examples of collaborative quality circles that transform schools into communities of innovation.

Mrs. Lubjana Malaj, Executive Director of CESA, emphasized the role of youth in policy making and how technology can give marginalized groups a voice. She encouraged participants to design community-based AI projects that support social justice and inclusion.

Mrs. Gloria Rwakihembo, Co-founder of Mondo Internazionale APS, focused on digital transformation for rural development, presenting compelling case studies where AI optimized supply chains for small farmers and improved access to education in remote areas.

Session 2:
"Women Empowering Women Across Borders," was moderated by Ms. Precious Kwansun Ngobar, WFWP Africa Youth Coordinator. This session celebrated women who are breaking barriers and lifting one another up around the globe.

Mrs. Esther Padi, Chairperson of Innovating Kasi Organisation, spoke passionately

about the Mother and Daughter Movement, a grassroots initiative empowering women through dialogue circles and leadership training. She called on participants to engage citizens in solving hunger and systemic inequality.

Dr. Paola Onzaga, Founder of Mujeres Exitosas Latam, presented the remarkable impact of her network, whose Mobile Schools initiative has transformed the lives of more than 20,000 women in over 100 cities. She urged participants to become mentors and policy advocates for women in vulnerable situations.

Mrs. Kathleen Cronin, award-winning entrepreneurship advisor, inspired participants with success stories of women-led businesses scaling globally, highlighting the critical role of access to capital, mentorship programs, and inclusive trade networks. Participants left the session encouraged to strengthen cross-cultural networks and foster grassroots leadership to advance gender equity.

Session 3

Moderated by Ms. Misono Takahashi, a young professional from WFWP Japan, “Youth-Led Innovation for Social Impact” spotlighted young changemakers creating transformative solutions for global challenges.

Ms. Mailin Ferreira, a Brazilian lawyer, described her work at the UN Vienna Office and with WFWP Hungary, showcasing how she uses legal frameworks and psychological insights to empower youth to participate in peacebuilding.

Ms. Pornpatima “Esther” Woottisanwattana, Thai youth representative, presented her digital health innovation project, a medical record application improving access to healthcare in underserved areas. She also shared lessons from speaking at UN forums on food security, digital safety, and women’s rights.

Ms. Hsin-Yu Hung, Founder of Data Hub, introduced her social enterprise helping nonprofits in rural areas build databases and measure social impact. Her stories of digital transformation inspired participants to view youth as co-creators of solutions, not just beneficiaries. The session closed with an energizing reminder: “Youth are not only the future, but they are also the present.”

In the closing ceremony, participants read and signed the WFWPI Global Vision Summit 2025 Agreement, which calls for guiding technology with ethics and compassion, fostering mentorship and grassroots leadership across borders, supporting young changemakers as leaders of today. Each participant was invited to take at least one concrete action in their community to promote peace, empowerment, and innovation, creating a ripple effect beyond the summit.

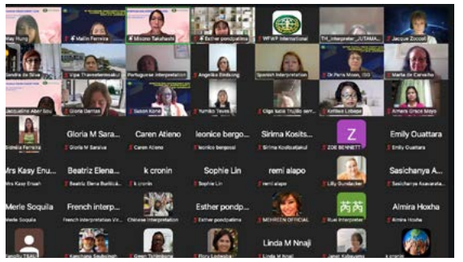
The summit concluded with a message from WFWPI President Hori, encouraging all participants to “innovate with compassion, lead with courage, and serve with love.”

These two days were more than a series of events; they were a global commitment to action, strengthening families, communities, and nations, and carrying forward the shared vision of peace and empowerment into daily life.









Women Entrepreneurs Webinars
Share Innovative Ways To Shape Better Societies

Date: September 13, 2025

Moderater: Mrs. Florida Ledwaba, Regional Secretary General for WFWP Africa
Over the past decade, self-employment and entrepreneurship have flourished, and this event provided a meaningful platform to showcase women entrepreneurs who have turned ideas into thriving businesses. Speakers shared how their vision, creativity, and decision-making processes enabled them to face today's pressing challenges with resilience and hope. Seventy-seven participants from around the world gathered to reflect on the vital role of women as innovators, creators, and leaders in shaping a better society.

Dr. Titine Kouendze, Doctor of International Law and lecturer at Université Laval, offered a profound reflection on the history and meaning of women's entrepreneurship. She traced the evolution of women's roles in families and society from being seen primarily as mothers and wives to becoming equal contributors in workplaces and communities.

Dr. Kouendze emphasized that entrepreneurship is a powerful way for women to affirm their dignity and participate fully in economic and social life. She underscored that women's entrepreneurship should be rooted in love, a commitment to goodness, and the vision of building healthy families and societies.

Quoting WFWPI's Co-founders, she reminded participants:"Women are not in competition with men… they are partners who complete the whole. When God created man and woman, He established them as ideal, reciprocal partners to achieve unity through true love."

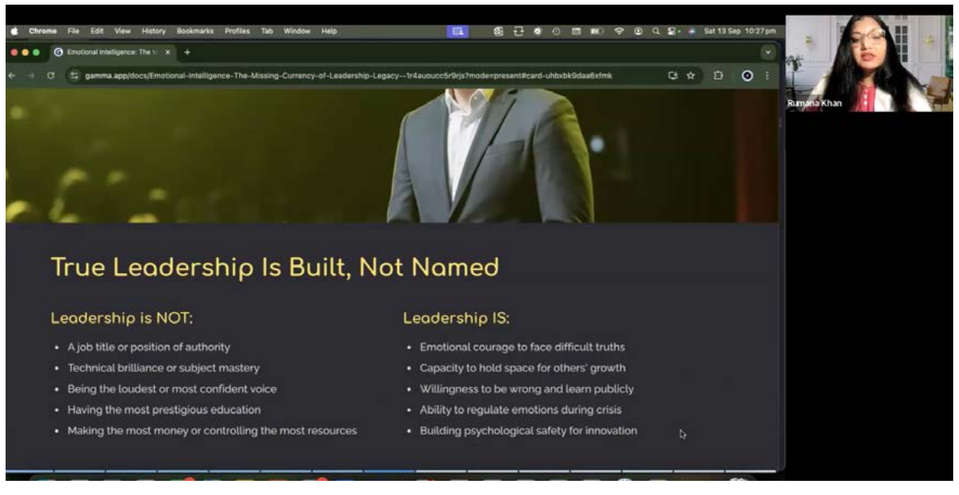
Mrs. Rumana Khan, a dynamic entrepreneur and founder of five legacy brands, shared her journey of building groundbreaking ventures such as Psy Buddy™, the world's first AI-powered platform for emotional intelligence and mental health, and Child CEO™, a global youth leadership initiative.

In her presentation, "Why EQ Matters," Mrs. Khan highlighted that: "IQ builds systems. EQ builds civilizations. We don't need more empires; we need emotionally intelligent humans to lead them."

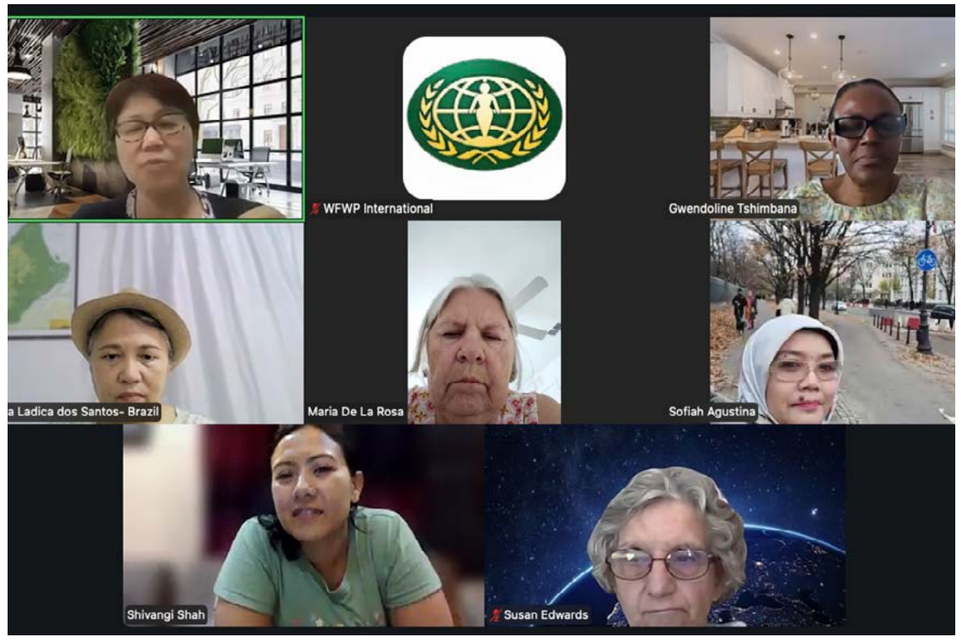
She presented the science of emotional intelligence (EQ) and introduced a 7-step framework for emotional resilience, ranging from self-awareness to community practice. Mrs. Khan concluded her presentation with a powerful reminder: "The best way to predict your future is to create it."

The webinar closed with a shared recognition that women's entrepreneurship is not simply about economic success. Rather, it is about embracing women's unique value as creators, educators, and peacebuilders. Through their businesses, families, and communities, women are uniquely positioned to shape societies founded on love, justice, and sustainability.









WFWPI Virtual Cafe: Book Club

WFWPI's Virtual Cafe Book Club series fosters a culture of lifelong learning and personal empowerment among members and friends. By exploring The Courage To Be Disliked and Atomic Habits, we build the inner resilience and practical skills that contribute directly to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and SDG 4 (Quality Education), empowering individuals as agents of positive change.

The Courage To Be Disliked
Name of Author: Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga
Date: September 26, 2025

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) hosted its Virtual Café that introduced a Book Club edition for the first time, on September 26, 2025. It was a warm, intimate space designed to encourage thoughtful discussion in a small group setting.

The session featured the international bestseller, The Courage to Be Disliked by Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga, and was facilitated by Dr. Paris Moon, Secretary General of WFWPI. Participants from Brazil, South Africa, the Netherlands, Austria, and the USA gathered online to explore the book's transformative ideas together.

Translated into more than 30 languages, The Courage to Be Disliked presents Adlerian psychology through a lively dialogue between a philosopher and a young man, emphasizing self-acceptance, personal responsibility, and the freedom to live authentically—without seeking external validation.

Dr. Paris Moon opened the session by sharing why she chose this thought-provoking title:
"This book challenges us to take responsibility for our choices instead of blaming our past. Adler's message empowers us to live authentically, even if it means having the courage to be disliked." Participants reflected on core Adlerian concepts, especially "ownership of one's life" and "separation of tasks" learning to focus on what truly belongs to one's own responsibility and letting go of unnecessary burdens.

Ms. Gwendoline Tshimbana shared how the book helped her understand the importance of supporting her teenage daughter's growth without interfering in her personal responsibilities: "The greatest gift we can give our children is to let them

learn by themselves while letting them know we are ready to help if they ask."

Mrs. Diosdada Ladica dos Santos highlighted how the book resonated with her family's experience as an intercultural household with seven children: "The title itself is powerful. It teaches our children how to find inner strength and confidence." Mrs. Maria De La Rosa reflected on the "separation of tasks" concept as transformative for managing emotional burdens: "I often carry the problems of others without realizing it. This principle helps me set healthy boundaries and find more peace at home."

Ms. Sofiah Agustina shared how the book encourages immigrant families to build resilience and adapt to life in new cultural settings.

Participants agreed that Adler's philosophy is particularly relevant in today's social-media-driven world, where the pressure for external approval often overshadows authentic living. The book's focus on purpose over past trauma and its call to take full responsibility for one's happiness offered participants both challenge and hope.

Dr. Moon summarized: "Reading empowers us. Through this Book Club, I hope to introduce more titles that nurture personal growth and emotional well-being, especially for international families and women leaders."

Atomic Habits
Name of Author: James Clear
Date: November 8, 2025

Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) continues to nurture a global culture of learning, reflection, and personal development not only through community projects but also through meaningful dialogue spaces that inspire inner growth. Our latest Virtual Café Book Club was centered on the global bestseller, Atomic Habits by James Clear, an empowering guide on how small, daily actions lead to extraordinary transformation.

This inspiring session highlighted the deep connection between personal habits, emotional resilience, and the practical steps needed to build consistent, purpose-driven routines. More than a discussion, it became a shared journey into how women, despite busy lives, responsibilities, and limitations, can begin to reshape

their future through tiny yet powerful lifestyle shifts.

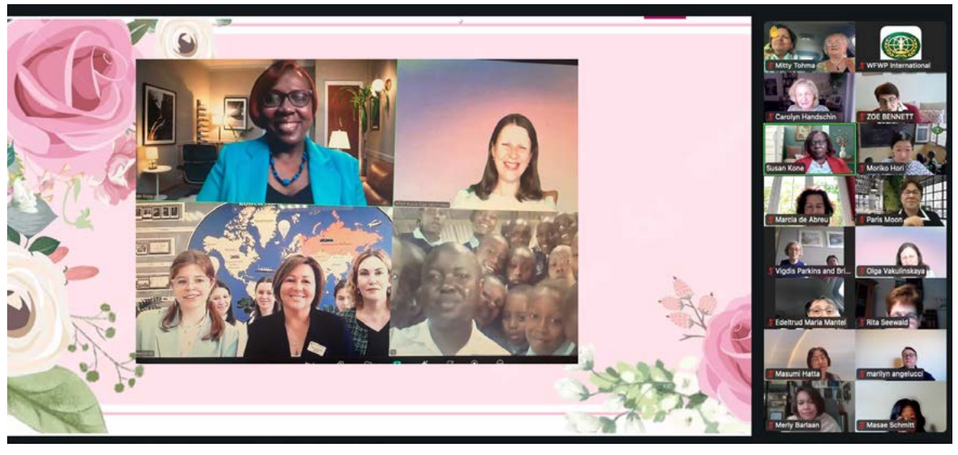
During the discussion, participants shared how the book shifted their understanding of personal growth, particularly the idea that lasting success is not created by ambitious goals alone, but by the systems we build to support them.

Throughout the session, participants shared personal experiences that highlighted how deeply the book resonated with their lives. One major insight was the realization that true transformation is not driven by big goals alone, but by the systems and routines we build to support them over time. This shifted the mindset from "achieving results quickly" to "developing habits that naturally produce results."

Several attendees openly expressed that they had previously struggled to maintain habits despite motivation or strong intentions. They found comfort in the idea that maintaining habits is often even harder than starting them, and that perseverance matters more than doing things flawlessly. This realization helped reduce guilt and brought more self-compassion into their growth process.

One participant shared how reading the book helped her understand that systems bring a sense of calm and clarity, especially when juggling family, work, community responsibilities, and daily expectations. She explained that, after implementing simple structured habits, she realized she actually had more time and mental space than she previously believed. Another participant reflected on the emotional journey of rebuilding healthy routines while recovering from health challenges, describing how small daily actions like meditation and breathing exercises transformed her stress level and mindset, even though such habits once felt impossible to begin.

Participants also discussed the importance of identity-based growth and recognized how powerful it is to focus on who they are becoming, not merely what they want to accomplish. This perspective made habit-building feel more meaningful and deeply connected to long-term purpose, values, and personal well-being.
Together, these reflections created a supportive and heartfelt atmosphere where attendees not only learned from the book, but also from each other's journeys of resilience and hope.



Dedicated Service Awards: Leaders Honored for Decades of Peace Work

Date: October 11, 2025
MC: Dr. Paris Moon

WFWPI held a virtual appreciation ceremony honoring two pioneering leaders for their decades of service. Dr. Zoe Bennett and Mrs. Olga Vakulinskaya were celebrated for their lifelong dedication to peace education and women's empowerment. The event, warmly hosted by Secretary General, Dr. Paris Moon, engaged a global online audience.

WFWP International President, Moriko Hori, opened the ceremony with heartfelt words of appreciation, honoring Dr. Bennett and Mrs.Vakulinskaya for their "unwavering love, quiet strength, and lifelong commitment to peace." She spoke of Dr. Bennett's tireless work in reconciliation and bridge-building across the Middle East, and Mrs. Vakulinskaya's dedication to moral and character education throughout Eurasia, calling them "living examples of WFWP's founding spirit; service through love."

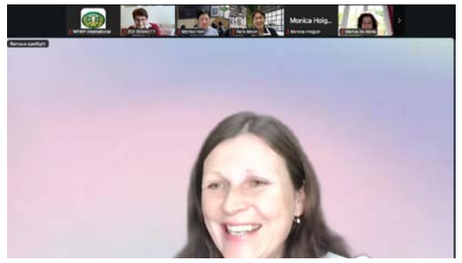
A touching tribute video followed, filled with laughter, tears, and messages of love from colleagues and friends across continents. Each voice carried a story of mentorship, inspiration, and friendship, revealing how Dr. Bennett and Mrs. Vakulinskaya had quietly shaped countless lives through their kindness and faith. In their reflections, Dr. Bennett recalled on her 21 years of service in the Middle East, sharing the deep gratitude she feels for the relationships and trust built

through WFWP's mission.

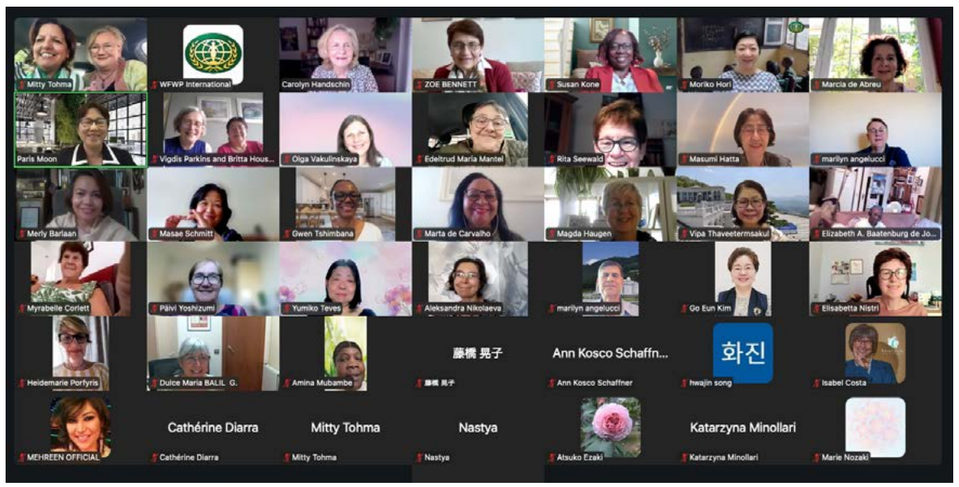
Mrs. Vakulinskaya, with her gentle warmth, expressed heartfelt thanks to her colleagues and reaffirmed her desire to keep nurturing future generations with faith, love, and compassion.

The program continued with messages of appreciation from around the world, including leaders, members, and friends whose lives had been touched by their example. Many shared how Dr. Bennett and Mrs.Vakulinskaya's guidance and sisterly hearts had inspired them to serve with renewed sincerity and hope.
The ceremony concluded with a joyful group photo and closing message encouraging everyone to "carry forward their legacy and serve with sincerity, to lead with love, and to build peace across borders."

As the evening came to an end, the atmosphere was filled with warmth, gratitude, and inspiration. Though Zoe and Olga are stepping back from their official roles as Regional Presidents, their spirit continues to shine brightly in the hearts of all who have walked alongside them.







Catalyst Now Summit 2025: WFWP International Co-Sponsors Global Gathering of Innovators in Fukuoka

The Catalyst Now Summit 2025 was successfully held in Fukuoka, Japan, from October 9 to 10, 2025, with the theme “Accelerating Social Innovation with Leading Social Entrepreneurs and Innovators from the Asia-Pacific Region.”

Launched in 2019, the Catalyst Now movement has grown into a global network of more than 6,000 social innovators and over 100 collaborations across 150 countries, all committed to driving systems change through radical collaboration. This year’s summit, co-sponsored by WFWPI, gathered 40 outstanding social innovators and changemakers from across the region, together with leaders from government, business, academia, and civil society. The goal of the summit was to move beyond isolated efforts and build collective, cross-border impact for sustainable change.

Representing WFWPI, President Hori and Administrator Mion Tsuchiaka, along with 10 members of WFWP Japan, actively joined the sessions, contributing to dialogues on women’s empowerment, peacebuilding, and systems transformation. Unlike a typical conference, the Catalyst Now Summit was designed as an action-oriented platform, combining high-level discussions, hands-on workshops, and solution pitches.

President Hori led the “Co-Creation Sprint Workshop,” guiding participants through a dynamic, collaborative process of identifying social challenges, mapping leverage points, and designing innovative, practical solutions. This “Future-Shaping Sprint — Co-Design Tomorrow” session introduced the Collaborative Solutions Lab methodology, encouraging participants to co-create ideas across sectors and develop pathways for real-world implementation.

The outcomes from these workshops will continue to grow through the Catalyst Now Collaborative Solutions Lab, transforming ideas from the summit into concrete projects for social transformation.

An Evening Networking Cocktail held at the Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel Fukuoka, gave participants a relaxed atmosphere to connect, exchange ideas, and explore possibilities for future collaboration. The informal gathering strengthened relationships and inspired renewed commitment to joint action.

On October 10, WFWPI hosted a special session titled “Women’s Empowerment and Social Stability.” Distinguished speakers included Mitsui-Sumitomo Insurance Welfare Foundation and former member of the House of Representatives in Japan, Hiroko Oizumi; Professor of Osaka University of Commerce, Professor Koji Nakatsu; and WFWPI President, Moriko Hori.

The panel emphasized that women’s leadership and gender equality are fundamental to building peaceful, resilient societies and fostering trust-based collaboration across all sectors.

WFWPI and Catalyst Now are building bridges of peace and innovation, transforming challenges into opportunities for global well-being by engaging more youth, women, and community innovators across the Asia-Pacific region.







WFWPI Welcomes New Board Members Representing Youth

WFWPI recently welcomed two new members of the Board representing youth – a medical doctor and a youth training expert. This brings seven to the WFWPI Board.

Dr. Giyeon Mutewa is a medical doctor and surgeon in Zambia. She served at World Bank's emergency effort to aid the provision of medical care and services necessitated by the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and consequently high infection cases in Zambia. She currently works at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH).

Despite her busy schedule, Dr. Mutewa always volunteers her services as a young WFWP Africa professional and leader. She shares her expertise on health matters and promotes the wellbeing for women and their families. Her values are well grounded and portrayed in her work, vision, and her leadership skills.

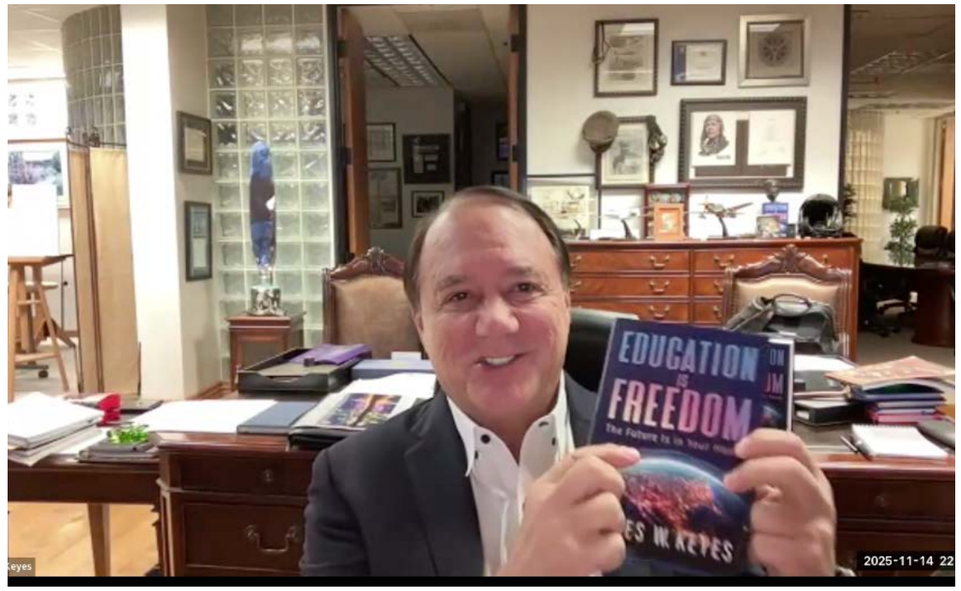
Ms. Yu Nakayama is currently the Youth Coordinator for WFWP Japan who oversees the International Youth Volunteer Program and the National Youth Study Sessions. She heads public relations activities, including website management, article writing, social media operations, and public speaking and lectures.

Ms. Nakayama's five-years at WFWP Japan brought a rare combination of strategic insight and heartfelt dedication to youth empowerment. She leads with humility and clarity, ensuring that young voices are not only heard but empowered to shape the future. Ms. Nakayama holds a degree in Bachelor of Arts from Meiji Gakuin University.

President Hori, expressed delight with the inception of Dr. Mutewa and Ms. Nakayama, saying that with the younger generation, WFWPI could effectively respond to the issues of youth at the grassroots level.







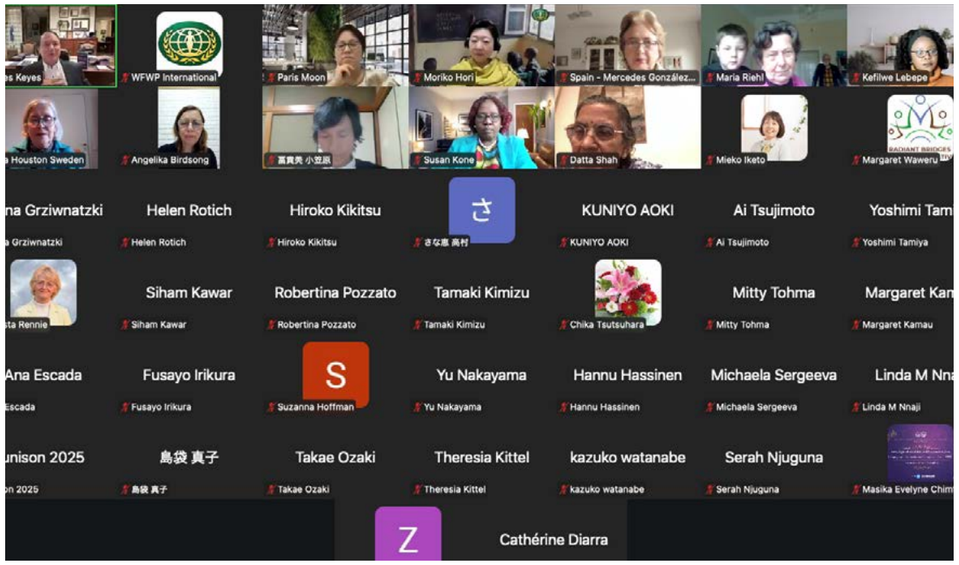
WFWPI Global Webinar "Education is Freedom - The Future is in Your Hands"

Date: November 14, 2025
Speaker: Mr. Jim Keyes

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) successfully hosted a powerful global webinar titled "Education is Freedom: The Future is in Your Hands," featuring world-renowned business leader, philanthropist, author, and educator, Mr. Jim Keyes. About 70 participants from different continents gathered with great excitement, proving once again that learning has no borders, no limits, and no age.

The webinar was moderated by Ms. Kefilwe Lebepe, leader of the WFWPI Young Professionals Team and Sub-regional Director for WFWP Central Europe, who created a warm, engaging, and high-energy atmosphere for the online event.

Mr. Keyes, former CEO of 7-Eleven, Inc. and Blockbuster, Inc., captivated participants with his inspiring life journey. From childhood adversity and poverty to leadership at two globally recognized Fortune 500 companies, his message served as a living testament that education is the greatest equalizer and the true key to freedom.



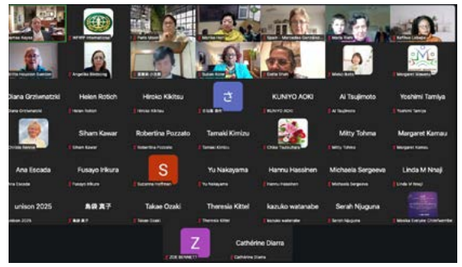
His foundation, Education Is Freedom, has helped thousands of youth pursue higher education, raising more than $450 million in scholarships and fellowships, amplifying the idea that empowered learners can change not only their own lives, but also their communities and nations.

One of the most unforgettable moments of the event was when Mr. Keyes confidently declared: “Today, I want to teach you how to fly.”

He revealed three powerful principles and his personal life gifts that shaped his success. First, he emphasized the power of embracing change, explaining that although change is often uncomfortable and unpredictable, it is precisely where new opportunities begin. Second, he highlighted confidence, not as something a person is born with, but something that can be learned, strengthened, and proven through action, curiosity, and the courage to try. Finally, he spoke about clarity, the ability to take something complex and simplify it into meaningful, understandable steps that lead to a solution and progress.

Together, these three elements form the mindset that allowed him to overcome fear and rise beyond circumstances many would consider limiting. He further emphasized that fear, not failure, is humanity’s greatest limitation, and knowledge combined with faith is the antidote that allows individuals and societies to rise and thrive.







The interactive Q&A session covered crucial questions related to overcoming fear, maintaining inner peace, and the future of global education, especially in the age of AI. Keyes encouraged daily purpose, meditation, learning, and gratitude, as tools for emotional resilience and spiritual groundedness.

He also shared his belief that universal literacy is now possible through digital tools, AI-based learning, and global cooperation, urging the world to imagine every child, especially girls, equipped with knowledge and confidence to shape their own destiny.

Keyes closed his talk with a memorable message : “Educate a woman, and you educate a family. Educate a family, and you educate a community, and eventually the world.”

WFWPI appreciated Keyes for sharing his deep wisdom, hope, and empowerment with women, youth, educators, and peace advocates worldwide.



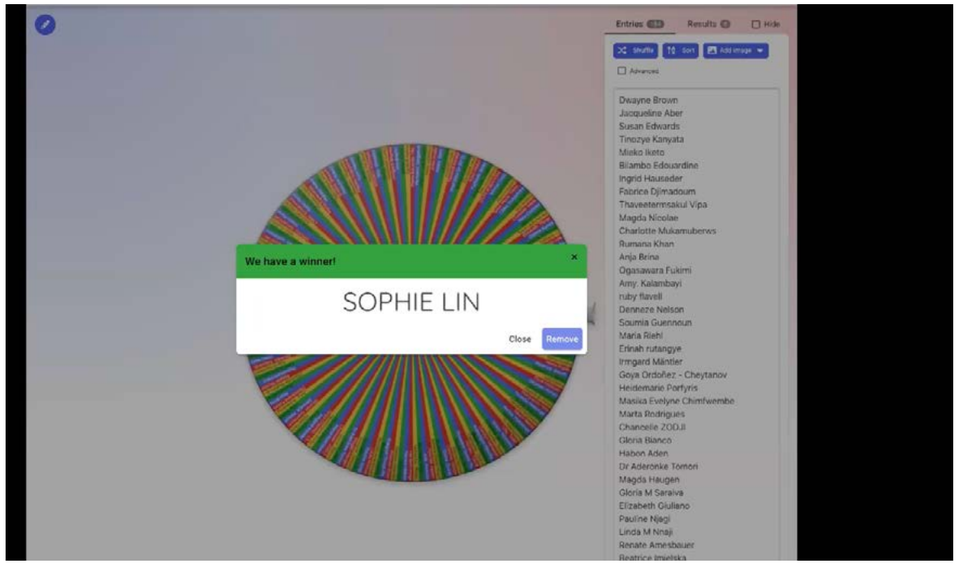
WFWPI Year-End Celebration 2025

On December 13, the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) brought together its worldwide family for the annual Year-End Celebration. It was a bright, heartwarming, laughter-filled evening that united participants across oceans, time zones, cultures, and traditions.

The event was hosted by Ms. Sonomi Takahashi, a cheerful and energetic Young Professional from WFWP Japan. Her natural warmth, humor, and ease made the celebration feel like gathering around a table with long-time friends. With her guidance, participants immediately felt at home, chatting, smiling, and waving to one another in the virtual room.

The celebration officially opened with an inspiring address from WFWPI International President, Mrs. Moriko Hori. She shared how the year had taken her to 15 countries, where she met countless women courageously leading peace dialogues, supporting families and youth, caring for vulnerable communities, and quietly shaping culture through compassion. Her words captured the essence of WFWP's mission: "Thank you to each and every one of you. Your dedication is the true foundation of this movement."

Soon after, the atmosphere shifted into a joyful, celebratory moment as the MC invited everyone to raise their cups. In a unified gesture, participants lifted their



glasses, mugs, water bottles, and festive cups toward their screens. "One… two… three… Cheers! Kanpai! Salud! Santé!" she counted. Instantly, hundreds of small squares lit up with laughter and sparkling smiles.

The spirit of gratitude continued as participants filled the chat with heartfelt messages. Many expressed thanks for their families, for new opportunities, for the support of WFWP sisters, and even the strength to overcome a challenging year. The MC read some aloud with tenderness, saying, "So much love and courage in this room, which is what makes WFWP a real family."

Participants were then placed into small breakout groups to share one lesson they would carry into 2026. These intimate conversations became some of the most memorable parts of the evening. When everyone returned to the main session, several people shared their experiences. One participant joyfully mentioned meeting two new friends from Korea and the Dominican Republic. Another reflected on learning that reaching people's hearts requires patience, investment, and sincere listening. The reflections were simple, honest, and profoundly human, reminding everyone that wisdom is often found in one another.

As part of the Best Practice presentation for 2025, the WFWP UN Vienna Team offered a fascinating and inspiring look into their work at the United Nations. Led by Dr. Maria Riehl and Mrs. Renate Amesbauer, they shared their involvement in six UN committees and their numerous Side Events on drug prevention, social justice,

crime prevention, and peace education. They highlighted their collaboration with ambassadors and government missions, their educational programs for youth, and their training for social workers in Uganda. Their presentation showcased the incredible reach of WFWP's voice, proving that from grassroots villages to international diplomacy, WFWP continues to shine as a beacon of compassion and leadership.

The mood then shifted to playful excitement as the MC kicked off the Zoom Scavenger Hunt. Participants hurried to find three meaningful items: something from their culture, something they use when serving others, and something that reminds them of a challenge they overcame this year. What followed was a delightful mix of traditional hats, cultural crafts, aprons, notebooks, pens, symbolic objects, and heartfelt stories. With each round, the room echoed with laughter, applause, and genuine appreciation. It was fun, slightly chaotic, and beautifully human.

One of the most anticipated highlights of the evening soon followed: the Lucky Draw, featuring handmade dresses created by the talented students of the WFWP School in Rwanda. Using a spinning wheel, names were selected from those who pre-registered. Each time a winner was announced, the screen filled with surprised reactions and joyful cheers from the global family. Participants were also invited to pre-order Rwandan dresses and support the school through donations.

As tradition continues each year, the Best Dresser contest brought color and excitement to the screen. Many participants joined in festive or cultural attire, turning the Zoom gallery into a vibrant fashion show. Finalists were spotlighted one by one, each offering a shy smile, a wave, or a confident pose. The chat filled with cheers and hearts as participants celebrated one another's beauty and cultural pride. A live Zoom poll determined the winner of the Best Dresser Award, who received a handmade pouch and custom bag from the Rwanda School students. As the evening came to a close, WFWPI introduced the Global Themes for 2026, which will guide the organization's educational work, humanitarian efforts, and peace projects in the coming year. President Hori offered her closing reflections with deep warmth and encouragement: "Let us step into the new year together with renewed courage and compassion."

Screens soon filled with waves, hearts, and messages of gratitude. Some participants stayed behind to chat a little longer, not wanting the night to end. Others sent blessings for the new year, expressing how meaningful the gathering had been.

The 2025 WFWPI Year-End Celebration was a beautiful reminder that WFWP is a living family, bound not by geography but by shared purpose, shared heart, and an unwavering love for peace.









WFWPI FUNDING PROJECT 2025

Building Leaders, Transforming Communities: The $1,000 (USD) Grant Initiative
In 2025, WFWPI, with the grants provided by WFWP Korea, supported grassroots peacebuilding and community resilience through the WFWPI Funding Project. These small grants are designed to create visible, local impact. Across multiple countries, chapters transformed limited resources into practical solutions: cleaner communities, women's vocational skills, climate-conscious daily habits, and healing spaces for those affected by conflict:

- 7 chapters each received $1,000 (USD): Burkina Faso, Mali, Togo, Malaysia, South Africa, Ukraine, and Haiti
- Women Reached: 827 women engaged in Mali and 50 families supported in South Africa
- Sustainability Focus: waste reduction, renewable energy, and community environmental action
- Peace & Recovery: Ukraine established an art-therapy rehabilitation space inside a hospital and ran multiple exhibitions and sessions.

Bangladesh

Empowering Women as Leaders in the Family and Community through the Candicrafts (Macrame/Jute Production) Skill Development Training Program

A 5-day training program empowered women in Ukhiya Upazila to start their own business and enhance leadership capacity and self-reliance.

Challenge: Marginalized stay-at-home women have limited access to skills training, income opportunities, and market networks.

What The Grant Enabled: 5-day practical skills training in macrame and jute product making, paired with sessions on quality control, finishing, design variety, marketing, and entrepreneurship. To bridge the gap between training and real income generation, WFWP Bangladesh provided IGA (income-generating activity) starter materials so beneficiaries could begin production immediately.

Reach: 200 women surveyed over 5 days, 30 marginalized women selected and trained, 30 women received IGA materials/kits to start production at home.

Impact: Participants reported increased confidence to start home-based microenterprises and a clearer understanding of marketing strategies, including basic digital opportunities. 100% began using the distributed kits; the majority produced sample products. Fifteen women are producing regularly, and eight women have already sold products to neighbors or in local markets. Some also began social media promotion.

Voices from the Field:
"Now I feel confident that I can make products from home and contribute to my family's income."
"We are discussing working together, buying materials in bulk, and selling as a group to reach more customers."

Burkina Faso

Environmental Awareness and Call to Action

Women volunteers turned public health spaces into cleaner, safer community environments.

Challenge: Community cleanliness and environmental awareness were urgent needs, especially around health centers.

What the grant enabled: A series of community cleaning activities and awareness actions in Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso under the project "Environmental Awareness and Call to Action."

Reach: Multiple activities recorded participation counts, totaling 156 across scheduled sessions.

Impact: Participants expressed appreciation and encouraged WFWP to continue; the project also opened doors for follow-up trainings for women.

Voices from the Field:
Community feedback highlighted gratitude and recognition of WFWP's commitment to a cleaner environment and women's training initiatives.









Haiti

5th Sewing Classes Project for Vocational Training

Sewing training restored confidence and dignity, helping women shift from “dependent” to “contributor.”

Challenge: Women needed practical livelihood skills and a pathway to regain stability and agency.

What the grant enabled: A 5-month sewing training program (April 14 to September 14, weekdays) at Miragoan Alphabetization School, supporting vocational skill-building and completion recognition.

Reach: Participation across months with groups averaging around 6–11 participants, depending on the period.

Impact: Beyond technical skills, participants reported increased confidence and mutual support (a “domino effect” of community encouragement).

Voice from the Field:
“Now, when I wear the dress I sewed… I feel strong. I am capable.”







Mali

Let’s Improve the Living Conditions of Women in Our Villages Through Light. One Woman, One Lamp.

olar lamps helped women transform from darkness to dignity, supporting family life, learning, and livelihoods after sunset.

Challenge: Many villages lack electricity, limiting women’s safety, household work, children’s study time, and income activities.

What the grant enabled: Solar lamp donations and community mobilization under the project “Let’s improve the living conditions of women in our villages through light. One woman, one lamp.”

Reach: The initiative reports reaching more than 827 women, with 60 women receiving solar lamps directly.

Impact: Women reported being able to do household duties and crafts at night, while children could study more safely after sunset.

Voice from the Field:
One beneficiary cried, saying, “Today, my children and I will leave the dark.”









Malaysia

Reuse, Remake, Rebeautify: Upcycling Handicraft Workshop

Women turned “trash” into crafts, and sustainability into a practical, teachable skill.

Challenge: Single-use packaging waste is widespread; many people want to help the environment but don’t know where to start.

What the grant enabled: Two hands-on workshops (Level 1 and Level 2) transforming used beverage sachets into coasters and baskets.

Reach: 30 participants joined Level 1 and 23 returning participants joined Level 2; the collection campaign gathered 4,000 used sachets from 30+ households, reaching 50+ families through outreach efforts.

Impact: Increased awareness of waste reduction, practical upcycling skills, and motivation to teach others, linking sustainability to empowerment and potential income skills.

Voice from the Field:
“Now, every time I finish a sachet, I see it as craft material instead of trash.”






South Africa

“Less Waste, More Love – Eco-friendly Baby Nappies Project

Reusable nappies reduced financial burden for families while cutting landfill waste, turning daily parenting into climate action.

Challenge: Disposable nappies are expensive and contribute heavily to landfill waste; families needed affordable, earth-friendly alternatives.

What the grant enabled: Sewing training, distribution of reusable nappies, and climate awareness activities across Johannesburg, Randfontein, and Cape Town.
Reach: The project aimed at economic relief for 50 families and included multiple community distribution/awareness activities.

Impact: Families saved on recurring costs, reduced waste, and improved baby health (breathable nappies reduced irritation/infection risks).

Voice from the Field: “Now I can save, and I also feel good knowing I am reducing waste that harms the environment.”






Togo

Training of Women in Soap Production and Education for Effective Resource Management

Skills training helped women and girls build pathways toward income and family stability.

Challenge: Women needed practical vocational skills and stronger capacity for managing income and resources.

What the grant enabled: The project ran from 2025, with targeted training periods covering soap production and management techniques.

Reach: The program originally planned 40 participants, and ultimately trained 16 women and 4 girls directly (with the intention that others will be trained through peer transfer during production).

Impact: Participants gained capacity for income generation; soaps produced during training were planned for sale, and a team was formed to manage production and sales.

Voices from the Field:
The report notes participants' enthusiasm and expectation that increased income can improve food security, access to healthcare, and children's schooling support.






Ukraine

Integration and Rehabilitation Through Art: Right to a Healthy and Peaceful Life

Art became a "safe haven" for healing, supporting emotional recovery for war-affected individuals.

Challenge: War trauma impacts wounded soldiers, displaced civilians, and families; recovery requires emotional and psychological rehabilitation, not only medical care.

What The Grant Enabled: The project established an art therapy space within Kyiv City Clinical Hospital No. 8 and ran ongoing sessions and exhibitions.
Reach & Activities: The project conducted 6 thematic exhibitions, engaged medical staff and artists, and supported emotional resilience and stress reduction among participants.

Impact: Participants reported reduced anxiety/post-traumatic stress symptoms; hospital staff observed a more positive atmosphere and patient optimism toward recovery.

Voice from the Field:
"Art therapy helped me reconnect with my emotions and believe that beauty still exists."






ADVANCING GLOBAL PEACE THROUGH WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP



HIGHLIGHTS OF WFWPI'S WORK:

Advocacy and peacebuilding initiatives across all global regions.

From 2021 to 2024:
reached *552,000* people:
- ***77,188*** **women,**
- ***62,576*** **youth,**
- ***412,106*** **children.**



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORK OF THE UN:

Submitted statements to CSW65–CSW68.
- **Hosted events during CSW, HLPF, UNGA, and Summit of the Future.**
- **Launched Young Global Women Peace Ambassadors Program.**
- **Campaigns to end violence against women; contributions to Pact for the Future.**



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORK OF THE UN:

- **Geneva: *36* statements to HRC,**
- ***16*** **side events,**
- ***3*** **'No Peace Without Women' conferences in Europe.**
- **Advocacy training for youth and women from *19* countries.**



REGIONAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Africa: Education, maternal health, anti-FGM campaigns, peacebuilding.

Asia & Oceania: Literacy, hydroponics, permaculture, humanitarian aid.

Americas: Education, skills training, health & wellbeing programs.

Europe: Bridge of Peace, humanitarian relief, SDG advocacy.

Middle East, Eurasia: Character education and community healing.



PARTICIPATION IN UN MEETINGS

Side events at CSW65–CSW68, HLPF, UNECE Beijing+30 Forum.

Participation in *12* Human Rights Council sessions.

Contributions to UN Women, UNODC, and various regional briefings.

Statements and best practices shared by chapters globally.

COOPERATION WITH UN BODIES

Co-hosted events with UN Women, UNECE, UNDP, ITU, UN DESA.

- **Leadership in NGO CSW Geneva, Beijing+30 CSO Forum.**
- **Joint statements on Beijing Platform for Action's *12* Areas of Concern.**
- **Digital inclusion advocacy and family-centered education follow-up to CSW67.**



ALIGNMENT WITH THE SDGS

- ***SDG3:*** **Hygiene & maternal health in Africa and Latin America.**
- ***SDG4:*** **Peace education in 128 countries, early childhood literacy.**
- ***SDG5:*** **Reintegration of widows, domestic violence survivors.**
- ***SDG13:*** **Permaculture in Asia, eco-projects in Oceania.**
- ***SDG16 & 17:*** **Bridge of Peace, UN partnerships, local-global action.**



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A CALL TO ACTION FOR 2026

As we look toward 2026, we do so with deep gratitude and confidence. The dedication shown across our global chapters has been the driving force behind WFWPI's impact, and the progress made in recent years has created strong momentum for the future.

WFWPI will remain committed to the four Global Themes in 2026. This decision reflects the ongoing urgency and relevance of these pillars and allows us to deepen outcomes through sustained, long-term efforts in communities worldwide.

Global Themes and Focus Areas for 2026

1) Women, Peace and Security
Focus: Promoting Bridge of Peace: Strengthening women-led peacebuilding, reconciliation, and cross-community dialogue.

2) Women's Leadership through the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN)
Focus: Advancing collaborative intercultural and interfaith leadership to foster mutual understanding with shared action for peace in the global community.

3) Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability
Focus: Empowering communities through climate-resilience strategies, nature-based solutions, and environmental stewardship.

4) Global Development, Aid and Service
Focus: Enhancing social impact through education, capacity building, and community programs that alleviate poverty and safeguard the well-being of women, youth, and children.

These focus areas are designed to be interwoven across our initiatives, helping chapters align local activities with a unified global strategy while still responding to local realities and needs.

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With this framework, we encourage each nation and region to interpret the themes through the lens of your local context and identify practical, achievable, initiatives that create measurable impact.

Your creativity, commitment, and firsthand experiences are essential to WFWPI's success. We look forward to seeing a diverse portfolio of projects that reflect our shared direction and address the needs of your communities with wisdom and compassion.

On behalf of the international leadership, thank you for your continued devotion. Let us move into 2026 united in purpose, strengthened by our shared vision, and determined to build a more peaceful, sustainable, and equitable world.

