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The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers



“History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today’s problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. ... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love.”

Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon
Founder, WFWP International

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WFWP is committed to:

- Serving communities – Service projects within Australia & the Pacific Islands.
- Strengthening the family – Workshops, forums, seminars, and conferences.
- Bridge of Peace - Reconciling differences and healing wounds of the past.
- Global Women’s Peace Network (GWPN) – A network of women leaders and organisations dedicated to solving pressing social issues and securing an environment for human development.

Australia - Victoria

UN World Oceans Day / UN Environment Day

June 2nd | Victoria, Australia

Overview

- WFWP Australia, Victoria Chapter volunteers joined together with Beach Patrol for World Oceans Day, and World Environment Day to address environmental problems, while also promoting education and community connection.
- Supporting Sustainable Development Goals
 - Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
 - Goal 14: Life Below Water
 - Goal 15: Life On Land
 - Goal 17: Partnerships For The Goals



WFWP Victoria members, family, and friends came together with Port Melbourne Beach Patrol volunteers to help keep Port Melbourne Beach clean and promote sustainability. Not only was it

a chance for WFWP to participate in helping the environment, but it was also a great activity to bring the community together and foster meaningful relationships.



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

To find out more, visit: <https://www.beachpatrol.com.au/about-us>

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

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

It is time to accelerate this action and transition to a circular economy. It is time to #BeatPlasticPollution. To find out more, visit: <https://www.unep.org/events/un-day/world-environment-day>



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

Romana to the left, and Anne to the right.



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



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

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

A study found that drifting plastic waste accumulates algae and gives off a smell very similar to the krill that many marine birds feed on. <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/why-marine-debris-problem/ingestion>



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

Reflection from Participants



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

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

Meenashki - I enjoyed catching up with everyone.

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

Debbie - met a wonderful young woman at the clean-up. We did not know each other and worked as a team. We had such a good connection and

hugged each other when we parted.

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In Partnership With:



Beach Patrol volunteers who raise awareness and empower communities to reduce plastic pollution and other litter in our environment.

<https://www.beachpatrol.com.au/about-us>

Written by Anne Bellavance
President, WFWP Australia





Way2Happiness and Peacebuilding Seminar Series

Theme: An Interfaith Perspective

April 15 | Melbourne, Australia

Video link: <https://youtu.be/MzRkUdWvDDc>

Overview

- The seminar series focuses on the three pillars of finding meaning and connection by:
 1. managing oneself well, and mind and body unity
 2. managing our relationships well
 3. managing our relationship with our natural environment well
- A holistic life education approach to foster good people, good education, good global citizens, promoting common benefit and sustainable development.

Twenty-six participants attended face to face, while four joined online from Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide. Four Interfaith groups participated; Monash, Dandenong, Geelong, Yarra Ranges.

This first seminar in the series focused on Finding Meaning and Purpose – An Interfaith Perspective, which is vital to live a happy life. Each fifteen-minute presentation was followed by twenty minutes of group discussion and Q&A with the speaker. The interactive program enabled participants to share insights on each topic. Rev. Daniel Meadows, chair of Family Federation for World Peace Victoria was master of ceremony.



Presenters

Ahmed Tohow - Purpose gives us a clear system of values for measuring and defining our values and our lives – A Muslim Perspective.



Ahmed is an Ambassador for Peace, the deputy chair of the Board of Directors of the Global Somali Diaspora and is currently a Director of the East Africa Security and Policy Forum.

Mr Tohow shared the core practices of Islam and how these practices sustain his life and his relationships with others. He explained that he is grateful for the blessing God has bestowed on us; these blessings remind us of our duties to society. Therefore, happiness is attained by living the life of a Muslim. Participants expressed that through the presentation they learnt much more about the Muslim way of life.

Dr John Bellavance

Morning session: Living Consciously – Know Thyself

Afternoon session: Mental prisons – Free your Mind



Dr Bellavance is a Global Vice President of Sun Moon University (SMU), Oceania Coordinator for the International Association of Academicians for Peace, Vice-President of UPF Australia, and Chair of UPF Victoria.

During the morning session, John explained that living consciously is a means to be rid of hangups and fulfil our potential. He used the analogy of Plato's Cave to explain that humans are living in a state of denial of their true human condition. Those who leave the cave into the light of day see the world as it really is and see themselves as they truly are.

During the afternoon presentation, John shared that to discover our strengths and weaknesses we must become aware of the mental prison we have create for ourselves. For example, becoming aware of our need for the approval of others and letting go of this need is a realisation that allows us to free, comfortable, and happy with ourselves and others.

Shashi Kochhar - Purpose gives us a clear system of values for measuring and defining our values and our lives – A Hindu Perspective.



Mr Kochhar is Founder of the charity organisation, Friends of Children Foundation. During the seminar he was awarded the Ambassador for Peace award for his exemplary service to the community.

Shashi explained that people who live for the sake others are happy. He shared about his own experiences serving the community to look after the environment and supporting children’s

hospitals and schools. He explained that by removing the ego you can be happy and free.

Anne Bellavance - How do we Become Self-Aware?



Anne is National President of WFWP Australia, and Vice-President of WFWP International representing the region of Asia Pacific 2 (Oceania and S.E. Asia).

Anne explained that rigid beliefs about life stem from persistent, irrational demands about ourselves, others, and the world due to the stories we create in our mind about past events.

We observe our mind racing with dysfunctional thoughts about the past and project these into the future. The secret is that we can change these thoughts into positive and loving ones by

removing the past from the reality of our present, and our future.

Venerable Bhikkhuni Bodhicitta



Venerable Bodhicitta a Theravada Buddhist Nun practicing in Melbourne and Sri Lanka. She has a Bio-Medical Science degree from Monash University and is the Spiritual Director of the International Centre for Inner Peace and Happiness.

We were blessed to conclude the seminar with guided mindful meditation.

Awards



Two new Ambassadors for Peace joined UPF, Shashi Kochhar (OAM) Order of Australia Medal recipient (left centre with Rev. Daniel Meadows).

On the right, Miss Shakilah Wesonga for her work with the Rotary SAFE Families and Inclusive Communities Initiative. This initiative provides printed translated Guides and films to the African Australian communities. Additionally, Shakilah worked with the KenAus (Kenya/Australia) fellowship to bring unity between Kenyan tribes and help others in their Christian faith and wellbeing.

Reflection from Participants



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WFWP Mission and Vision



WFWP Chapters adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative, and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families are resolving the complex problems of our societies and world.

Vision: Women working together to realise one global family rooted in a culture of sustainable peace.

Mission: Empowering women as peace builders and leaders in the family to transform the community, nation and world. Through education, advocacy, partnership, reconciliation and humanitarian service, WFWP International aims to create an environment of peace and wellbeing for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds.



Way2Happiness and Peacebuilding Seminar Series

Theme: Understanding Mind and Body Relation

May 6 | Melbourne, Australia

Video link: <https://youtu.be/MzRkUdWvDDc>

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This second seminar in the series focused on Understanding Mind and Body Relation. Each fifteen-minute presentation was followed by twenty minutes of group discussion and Q&A with the speaker. The interactive program enabled participants to share insights on each topic. Dr Jennifer Huang, Lecturer in Finance · RMIT University was master of ceremony.



Presenters

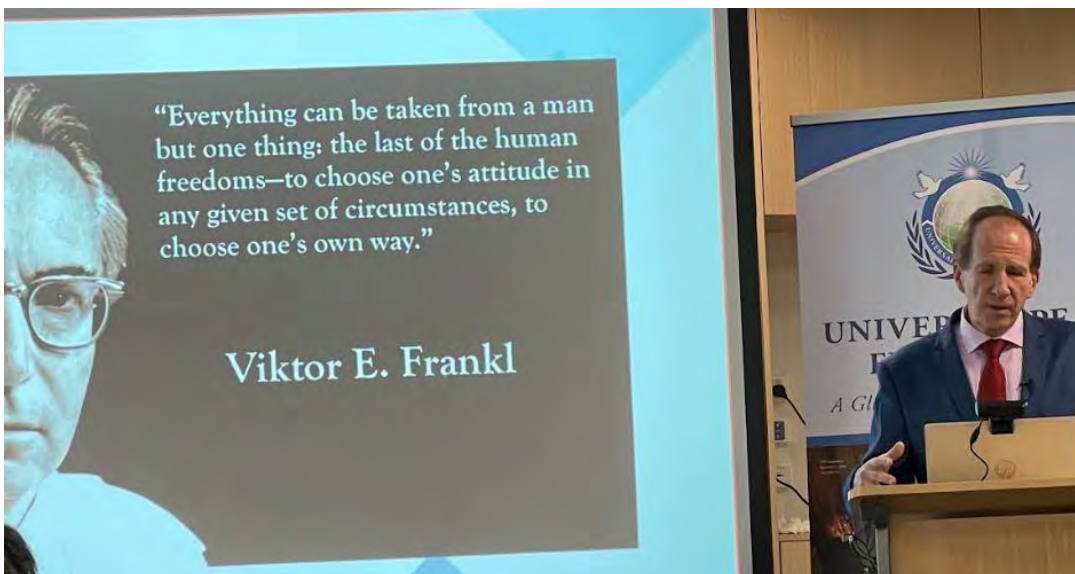
Topic: Personal Responsibility and Happiness

Happiness starts when we realise that life does not owe us happiness. Happiness cannot be pursued; it ensues from how we live our lives and take responsibility.

Presenter: Shashi Kochhar



In 1998, Shashi determined to give something back to the community as gratitude for the love, respect, and honour he received in Australia. He started a not-for-profit charitable organisation called Friends of the Children Foundation to serve the community, look after the environment, and support children's hospitals and schools.



Presenter: Dr John Bellavance

Oceania Coordinator, International Association of Academicians for Peace | Vice-President, Universal Peace Federation Australia

Dr Bellavance spoke on two topics, the first was “The Story of Mind (Reasoning and Consciousness) and Brain (Biology)”

Who are we? How can we understand consciousness? Is the cosmos without purpose? Do I just follow what my body wants? Am I an outcome of my body and my mind (consciousness).

With respect to human development two parallel currents occur; one focuses on physical satisfaction and science, while the other focuses on the mind by seeking to elevate human consciousness through pursuing moral ideals and practices transcendent of the human body. It is critical to understand these two currents when pursuing human development and self-actualisation.

The second topic was on “**Conflict Between Mind and Body - Peace Begins with Me.**” Since wars begin in the mind, it is in the mind that the defences of peace must be constructed. Although mind and body work together, there are times when they come into conflict. Understanding the conflict between the mind and body and resolving this is vital for our personal development.

Guided Meditation: Venerable Bhikkhuni Bodhicitta



Venerable Bodhicitta is a Sri Lankan Theravada Buddhist Nun based in Melbourne and Sri Lanka. Venerable has a Bio-Medical Science degree from Monash University and is the Spiritual Director of the International Centre for Inner Peace and Happiness INC.

Presenter: Anne Bellavance



Anne is President, Women’s Federation for World Peace Australia and WFWP International Vice-President, representing the region of Asia Pacific 2

The final presentation was on the topic, “**Love; Managing Mind and Body Well.**” The first and most important method for bringing our mind and body into unity is by becoming a person of love – loving another. Emotions such as empathy, gratitude, remorse, and love are felt in relation to others, which results in the growth of our hearts and care for others.

Awards



Award-winning journalist and producer at SBS radio, Iman Riman was presented the UPF Ambassador for Peace Award.

Iman has contributed to community relations through her tireless work in the media and community services. Iman arrived in Australia from Lebanon in 1989 and gained a degree in Community Development from Deakin University. She then worked as a support and advocacy worker for victims and survivors of

domestic violence, and then for migrant youth.

During her community work, Iman was active in many community networks and organisations promoting harmony and collaboration. Iman proved her belief in and respect to diversity and inclusion and peace building through her work.

Iman was instrumental in establishing the Victorian Arabic Social Services and the Victorian Lebanese Community Council. She also served as board member for other community organisations such as the Australian Muslim Centre for Human Rights and Al Kamal Arabic school. She volunteered with Children First Foundation looking after sick children, and with Australian Multicultural Community Services looking after the elderly.

Reflection from Participants



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Australia - Queensland

Start Your Pathway to Inner Peace and Happiness

April 22nd | Brisbane, Australia

Overview

- A workshop promoting the unity of the mind, body, and soul through four different health disciplines: clinical psychology, counselling, kinesiology, and Korean/Chinese medicinal therapy perspectives.
- Participants discussed limitations of western medicine and how holistic approaches used by health practitioners allows patients to nurture a peaceful mind during their busy lives. Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, Co-Founder of WFWP International emphasised that world peace starts from peace within ourselves.

WFWP Queensland held their first Inner Peace & Happiness workshop in Brisbane, Australia.



Dr Ye Jeong De-Geer, WFWP Queensland President spent four months collaborating and planning the special event with the executive team. Titled, 'Start Your Pathway of Inner Peace and Happiness', the workshop is one of many planned in the series to highlight complexities of living in today's modern society with ongoing exposure and pressure from stress, chronic illnesses, and emotional relationship difficulties. Consequently, attainment and understanding of inner and world peace can sometimes be forgotten as people navigate these challenges.

Fifteen participants shared their personal life experiences, participated in support groups, and learnt best practice from health practitioners who shared their expertise. Participants were able to tap into their inner strength and adopt new perspectives and resilience to combat life's hardships and challenges.



Four guest speakers from the health disciplines of clinical psychology, kinesiology, acupuncture, and mental health counselling presented positive and helpful suggestions to achieve mindfulness, acquire inner peace, and wellness daily practices. The event provided a safe and supportive space for participants to share their personal experiences about past hardships and discuss multiple implementation and treatment strategies with qualified and professional health practitioners.

Furthermore, the workshop elaborated on the limitations of Western medicine, and how adopting approaches from a variety of health practitioners encourages a more insightful and holistic understanding to obtain inner peace for both our mind and body.



Post-natal depression, chronic illnesses and feeling overwhelmed are common symptoms most evident in the lives of today's busy people. The workshop addressed thought-provoking methods to navigate ones energies, locate ones divine self to reach full potential, and learn how to commit to loving oneself with kindness and lifelong compassion. Learning these methodologies results in the attainment of loving and healthy

relationships, not only with oneself, but with family and friends as well.



One of the many fascinating highlights included Susan Andrews, a kinesiologist, and Mya Balogh, an acupuncturist, who guided participants to bring out their inner divine energies. Many of the new participants were also intrigued by Veronica Hellier's step-by-step approaches to achieve mindfulness using psychological perspectives.



'Start Your Pathway of Inner Peace and Happiness' was a highly successful event and featured an introductory acknowledgement video from WFWP International President, Julia Moon.

WFWP Queensland will conduct regular mindful workshops for all members, focusing on learning to embrace mindfulness, cultivate habits of inner peace, and embark excitedly on a journey to world peace.

Presenters

Nadia Anand – TOPIC: Resilience and Making Smarter Life Choices.



Nadia Anand has over 7 years of professional experience within various aspects of the medical industry. She is currently studying counselling, majoring in chronic diseases. Nadia has a special interest in ayurvedic psychology, as well as complementary medicine, (also referred to as an orthodox medicine) used in conjunction with ancient medical practices as an effective approach to patient care. Nadia has a special appreciation for the theoretical approaches produced by Dr. Maya Angelou, Dr Gabor Mate and Paulo Coelho.

Nadia's chronic illness is type 1 diabetes, which causes limitations to her daily living practices. When she was a high school student, she experienced symptoms of self-harm and depression. After realising the stress her family was under, Nadia decided to study counselling to help others. According to Nadia, a beautiful lotus blooms in the soil once it absorbs nutrients from the ground.

Susan Andrews – TOPIC: How to navigate your energy.



Susan Andrews is a registered kinesiologist, reiki, and tantra practitioner based at Bokarina on the Sunshine Coast. She is passionate about help others find enlightenment by releasing stress and balancing the mind, body, and soul. She loves witnessing the changes in her clients as blocks are removed and they lead more fulfilling and happier lives. Susie studied Tantra through the Sanctuary of Ananda. Tantra is the path to know thyself. Her teacher, Catherine Woods, attuned her to Reiki Energy.

Our body is made of multiple channels and chakras. By utilising drums and singing bowls, we can awaken different chakras. Vibration and music help our soul to channel into a better moral state. Susie taught guests some exercises to open their higher moral channels and chakras to achieve a greater purpose. She explained the concept of the third eye and how to achieve peaceful mind by meditating daily.

Veronica Hellier – TOPIC: Psychological tools to find your own flow state.



Veronica Hellier is a registered Clinical Psychologist. She works with people who want to understand how unconscious processes and patterns are manifested in their present-day behaviour to relieve distress and increase joy and fulfilment. Veronica has completed a Bachelor in Psychological Science (Hons) and a Masters in Clinical Psychology. She is a registered psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia and endorsed in the practice area of clinical psychology. Veronica is a member of the Australian Psychological Society, APS College of clinical Psychology and the APS Psychoanalytic Oriented Psychology Interest group.

Veronica discussed the psychological definition of 'mindfulness'. Every day we judge others and retrospectively we use that critical eye on ourselves, therefore feeling shame, guilt and unhappiness. Veronica talked about how to de-escalate life crises and situations to prevent emotional impulsivities, and how to step back and choose mindful responses that derive from our hearts. To live our life to our full potential, we should be active participants in our lives. This requires acknowledgement of others in a non-judgemental manner.

Mya Balogh – TOPIC: ‘Acu-points’ to help your health mind and enhance mindfulness.



Mya is a licensed acupuncturist who holds registrations with AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency), CMBA (Chinese Medicine Board of Australia), and AACMA (Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association).

Her studies in Health Science (Acupuncture) began in 2012. Mya has partaken in short courses and clinical studies at the Guangzhou TCM hospital and University of Chinese Medicine, where she gained further expertise in stroke rehabilitation and ancillary methods.

Having previously worked for a national physiotherapy clinic in a multidisciplinary team has widened her therapeutic toolbox.

There are several chi-points to enhance mindfulness when we are distressed. Mya demonstrated tai chi exercises and the fundamentals of Korean/Chinese medicine to rejuvenate our body. When our sympathetic nerve is over-stimulated, it becomes

difficult to align our mind, which gets foggy. A peaceful mind comes with peaceful body. As part of her interactive presentation, Mya healed one of the participants who was suffering from vertigo.

Reflection from Participants

“...We should have more events like this. It brought goose bumps to my body. Peace comes with full mindfulness and this event has really motivated me to start that journey.” - Marion

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Written by Dr YeJeong DeGeer Kim

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Malaysia

Hari Raya Celebration at RKNH Children's Home

April 30 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Overview

- WFP Malaysia celebrated the Hari Raya through a variety of exciting festivities with 30 children at Rumah Kasih Nurul Hasanah (RKNH), a children's home in Ampang, Kuala Lumpur. The celebration united volunteers and children from many different backgrounds to promote intercultural awareness and understandings.
- Festivities included delicious and nutritious home-cooked meals, as well as a range of exciting activities and performances for all 56 attendees. Children received duit rayas and fun-filled goody bags.
- Many generous donors, volunteers and attendees contributed food and essential items.



It was a joyous occasion that began with Ustaz Zawawi and the children gathering in the living hall for prayers, followed by a delicious lunch. Children were seated on the floor covered with beautifully coloured kain saprahs. There was a delicious array of authentic and home cooked

dishes to choose from; beef rendang, curry chicken, and acar timun, all prepared with love and care by the RKNH staff members.



After lunch, Madam Kak Umi, founder of RKNH gave a heart-warming speech thanking all the guests and volunteers for their assistance, time, and contributions. She emphasised the role RKNH had in educating and nurturing children from impoverished circumstances. “Every donation and item we receive not only goes to the children, but also to their struggling families who have reached out to us for support”, Kak Umi stated.

Datin Wellens Mimi Maria Farizan, Deputy President of WFWP, expressed her sincere hopes and desires for WFWP members to bring love, cheer, and joy to the children to cultivate this momentous and unique occasion.

One of the activities included a fantastic game of Hot Potato, led by Abang Adha. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and delight, encouraged by the prospect of winning prizes. In addition, the emcee of the day, Ms Wan Yee, sang “Count on Me”, with Ms Pan XingYu, an international volunteer from China, played the ukulele.



Using traditional Malaysian instruments such as the gendang and rebana, many children performed Nasyyid, known as Islamic devotional songs. To top things off, they danced to the Malaysian folk song classic “Chan Mali Chan”.



Ms Wan Yee guided the volunteers and children through a series of dance actions, causing ripples of giggles and laughter as everyone moved their arms and legs with energy and glee. The children received duit rayas, a cultural Malaysian custom of money packets, as a symbol of blessing and generosity in celebrating the Hari Raya. These were donated by philanthropist Puan Azra. WFWP Malaysia provided exciting goody bags for all the children.



President of WFWP Malaysia, Mdm Lina Cheng extended her appreciation for the friendship between RKNH and WFWP in her closing remarks.

Lina emphasised the importance of tolerance and respect for one another in fostering peace and harmony within multicultural

communities in Malaysia.

Reflection from Participants

"The atmosphere of the programme was excellent. It was a new experience for me to celebrate the festive season together with the kids who are so adorable and well-behaved. They seemed to be genuinely happy during the event." – Hui Ping

"I had the privilege of volunteering at a charity game organised for orphan children, and it was an incredible experience. The joy and excitement on the children's faces were heart-warming, and it was evident that they were having a great time. More than anything, it was humbling to be part of something that brought so much happiness to these children who have had a tough start in life. I left the event feeling fulfilled, knowing that I had contributed to making a positive difference in their lives." – Adha

Written by Tan Wan,
Secretary, WFWP Malaysia

Global Women's Peace Network



Purpose: A network of women leaders and organisations dedicated to solving pressing social issues and securing an environment for human development. It seeks to ensure mutual prosperity and lasting peace through feminine peace leadership rooted in a culture of care, responsibility and education in family values.

GWPN inaugural assembly: the founders of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon called for a new era of women's leadership in peace building. The assembly highlighted the need for a body of NGO leaders, whose collective wisdom and judgment can complement the deliberations of the United Nations; which as a body of government representatives is overwhelmingly male. GWPN is a project of WFWP international.

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Pasifika Scholarship Fund: The scholarship is committed to providing young adults living in the Pacific Islands an opportunity to access empowering education programs, and supports young adults who are passionate about getting an education to become future leaders, and who align their beliefs and goals with the values of WFWP International, 'Living for the sake of others'.

Pasifika Micro-Credit: Taking a partnership approach between WFWP Australia and the WFWP Chapters within the Pacific Island Nations, Pasifika Micro-Credit aims to empower women in the Island Nations of Oceania by directly investing in their business idea, economic activity or micro-enterprise with a micro-credit loan.