

WFPW Rome Italy, Standup for Someone's Rights

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The “Stand up for Someone’s Rights” Convention was held in Rome on 13th December in the refectory rooms in Palazzo San Macuto (Deputy’s room). It was organised by WFPW Italy and UPF in collaboration with the International Association of the Parliaments of Peace, the Global Women’s Peace Network, EURISPES and INPEF and Promoted by the Hon. Eleonora Bechis. The event took place to mark the International Human Rights Day.

The convention was enriched both by the themes promoted by the speakers and by the active participation by the public who intervened with deep reflections and ideas. Those participators were: Hon. Eleonora Bechis who opened the event speaking about immigrant children who disappear after they arrive in Italy, to usually end up in infant prostitution or in sale of human organs. Carlo Zonato, President of UPF gave a panoramic view of the international work for Peace that the UPF is working on and realising. Antonio Stango, President of LIDU, “Education about Human Rights and the Contemporary International Crisis.” The director Ilaria Borrelli spoke to us about her film “Talking to the Trees”, an open denunciation on sexual tourism on children. Vincenzo Palmieri, National President INPEF “When we are many” Elisabetta Nistri, WFPW ITALY president “Peace and Human Rights Protection” Marco Ricceri, Secretary. General EURISPES “The rights of those excluded from social progress” Giuseppe Cali’ “Inter-religious cooperation and Human Rights” Souad Sbai President of the Association for Moroccan Women in Italy. “Women and mutual rights in the Arab world”.

Each speaker spoke about situations in which human rights are trampled on, and this wasn’t only in nations where there are evident wars. Elisabetta Nistri spoke in detail about the importance of children having access to education, since this allows them to be a part of society and to have more possibilities where their human rights can be respected, such as to: being able to freely choose their spouse, as opposed to being sold into forced marriage, being able to work professionally so they can help their families, being able to give their children the possibility to study. In a society where women have more access to a public life, the whole family and society benefits.

Elisabetta Nistri added, saying that if we want to really realise the objectives of AGENDA 2030, we need to work hard to overcome our selfishness and be an example for others in this change that we want in society and eventually in the government. After this speech, the most recent national activities of the WFPW were presented, including phrases from Dr. Moon that characterize the spirit and soul of WFPW. More than 70 people attended all the conferences including journalists, parliamentarians, politicians, associations' presidents and opinion leaders interested in Human rights.

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