



The latest activities around Europe

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WFWP Sweden – Participating in World Peace Awards 2023 in Stockholm.

World Peace Awards (WPA) founded by the Buddhist monk Dr Phramaha Boontin Taosiri, has held yearly conferences in Stockholm since 2018 (except during the pandemic).



The Family is a Dynamic System



The theme this year was “How to create a culture of Peace”

Participants come from all over the world, primarily from Thai and Buddhist organizations.

One high school teacher from Georgia brought her students that contributed with great enthusiasm and energy during the whole conference.

Another special guest was Nargis Hassanzai, a university professor from Kabul University in Afghanistan who gave a speech about the deprived situation for girls and women in Afghanistan concerning education and the lack of any kind of equality or human rights during the 2 year of Taliban government. She was one of several persons who received the special World Peace Award 2023.

Thanks to Lorenz Juhlin, who was part of the WPA organizing committee and instrumental in planning the event, this year WFWP got an invitation to participate in the session about Peace and Education. Because of the number of speakers, the time was limited to 8 min per speaker.

For me it was important to give the audience a little taste that would give rise to curiosity and questions and with visual impressions that would last a lot longer than the presentation itself. First I gave an introduction to WFWP, the founding, the vision and the amazing work being done all over the world from grassroots to UN-level. In three slides I continued to show the dynamic structure of our galaxy, the atom and the family and pointed out the similarities. There is order and relationships with a center that gives stability and equal value to all parts which shows the amazing patterns in the universe that also can be applied to the social structure that make up a good and stable society. I could also reveal that WFWP will launch a curriculum later this year that places great emphasis on human dignity, character education and introduces a new concept called Family-archy. This concept drew a lot of attention from the audience.

The conference ended with a two day cruise to Finland. Before the departure from the hotel Kikuko Isacson could join me in the lobby where we could mingle and connect to several of the international guests. As the two buses departed for the ferry we stood together waving goodbye with truly motherly feelings and love welling up in our hearts. By Britta Houston, WFWP President, Sweden.



WFWP SLOVAKIA

Annual meeting

Regular Annual meeting with summary of the previous period and activities regarding Slovak and international WFWPI events; The UN activities and the Conference in Cyprus 3.-5.th November 2023. We had a brainstorming session about the future plans and goals of WFWP Slovak chapter. We collected ideas and suggestions from all participants and prepare a plan for the second half of the year 2023. In the second part of the afternoon, we had a round table session and played a social game with the goal to know each other better. The whole event was met with great appreciation and was held in the good spirit, as some of the WFWP members from different cities didn't meet each other in person for long time.



Europe Leadership Conference November 3-5, 2023



Venue: Radisson Blu, Larnaca, Cyprus

You will be able to meet, listen and share with leaders from throughout Europe, and we invite you to participate with your knowledge, talents and experience in this important conference.

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WFWP DENMARK

Principles of Peace seminar

On Saturday March 25th the Nordic chapters of UPF (supported by WFWP)organized a one day seminar on the Principles of Peace from 10 am to 5 pm at Hotel ZOKU Copenhagen. Britta Houston and Kaori Neergaard from the Swedish and Danish chapters of WFWP were supporting and bringing guests for the event.



The seminar was attended by 17 Ambassador for Peace, religious leaders, politicians, academicians, artists, businessmen, entrepreneurs, NGO's and UPF members, total 50 participants. After an introductory video about UPF, three sessions of each one hour followed with the titles: * Universal values as a



foundation for peace * The root causes of conflict * Bringing peace and reconciliation



Dr. David Hanna presented the lectures with touching and very fitting PowerPoint slides. Two new Ambassadors for Peace were introduced and received their certificates, pastor of the National Church of Denmark, Ellen Margrethe Gylling and poet and writer Sadaf Mirza. Britta and Kaori visited Sadaf Mirza privately at her home a few weeks later to introduce about WFWP and give True Mother's Memoirs and arrange for future cooperation, especially in the area of women empowerment.



WFWP HUNGARY

"Peacemaking", an introduction into the WFWP's internal goals

The Szeged and Budapest branches of WFWP Hungary organized a joint event this past Sunday, 08.08.2023. The WFWP Hungary President, Mrs. Katsuyo Bendzsa travelled to Szeged together with Mrs. Hilda GrancneSebesi, and Mrs. Svitlana Li. The program started with a "Peace Starts with Me" lecture by Mrs. Gabriella PapneDancso, speaking about individuals participating in peace-making with their own lives. She referenced working on self-awareness, the importance of processing damages brought from the family, and to learn, understand and accept ourselves in order to be able to work in this self-aware state in our relationships. Mrs. Svitlana Li introduced herself and her family first, then showed a short presentation about Ukraine (its school system, culture, gastronomy), and even provided traditional Ukrainian sweets to taste.



WFWP PORTUGAL

Course for Teachers for Peace

Then WFWP Portugal in partnership with the Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Isabel Costa has since January 23rd, 2023 up to now on, held weekly Sessions of the Second Edition of the



"Teachers for Peace Course" for the Portuguese Speaking Countries, mostly African ones.

The Course is taking place in response to the request of the Co-founder (Dr. Kak Ja Han Moon), for Europe to support Africa. The Course started last year of 2022, focused in Mozambique, followed by Angola and São tome, and are held weekly using the Zoom Platform.

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