

FFWPU UK: Report From The EUME Sunday School Teacher's Training

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On the 31st of May, the 3rd EUME Sunday School Teaching Training was held, hosted by the UK Children's Ministry Team, read all about it here...

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the UK Children's Ministry team hosted the 3rd EUME Sunday School Teacher Training, welcoming 28 participants from across Europe and the Middle East. The online event aimed to strengthen children's ministry in diverse communities through inspiration, education, and practical tools for teachers and coordinators.

The session opened with a warm welcome from Dawn P., who introduced the day's structure and welcomed Rev. Inguk Seo, the new regional director of the Southwest region. Rev. Seo shared encouraging words and insights from his travels, affirming the importance of investing in the next generation.

Presentations showcased successful models from around the region. Tatiana T. (Italy) shared activities from the Bergamo community, and Carlos B. (Spain) explained how he built a thriving children's ministry in Madrid. Both emphasised the value of teamwork and tailoring education to meet each child's needs.

UK Children's Ministry Officer Ala Zubovskis introduced a model for sustainable ministry based on five pillars: a dedicated coordinator, a committed team, a well-structured curriculum, proper budgeting, and an engaging physical environment. She highlighted the UK team's advocacy for paid part-time coordinators and presented new resources, including four books and the 32-lesson Heavenly Mother Curriculum, focused on virtues and faithful women in God's providence.

Two breakout discussions allowed participants to reflect deeply on key issues: "Envisioning Heavenly Education for Today's Children" and "Introducing the Concept of Heavenly Mother." Challenges such as language diversity, mixed-age classes, limited resources, and a lack of local support were openly discussed. Teachers expressed the need for more joyful and creative learning environments. In the UK, the idea of rebranding "Sunday School" as "Peace School" was introduced to help make spiritual education more inclusive and appealing.

Participants also explored strategies for community building, parent engagement, and involving older children in leadership roles. A moving testimony was shared by Michelle M., who pioneered a Sunday School in a small German community. She stressed the importance of introducing children to both the fatherly and motherly aspects of Heavenly Parent's love through playful, heart-based teaching.

The training concluded with a set of action points: share Heavenly Mother Curriculum resources, form a regional WhatsApp group for educators, promote the five pillars model in local communities, and explore the development of a regional EUME Education Department. Participants were invited to complete a feedback form and mark their calendars for the next training on May 30, 2026. This training affirmed a shared regional vision to nurture children's faith and spiritual growth. Through collaboration and creativity, Sunday School educators are laying strong foundations for the next generation to understand Heavenly Parent's love and the value of True Parents' legacy. With deep gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for their love and guidance, we thank everyone who contributed to making this event a success.