

## WFWP Albania's Charity Project Donates Chairs to a Public Kindergarten

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In December we usually focus on a charity project. This year, upon the suggestions of our elder members working in the education system we decided to gather money to donate chairs for a kindergarten. This issue is quite a priority for the Municipality of Tirana, since last year it focused on the reconstruction of the kindergartens and this year the focus is on providing new furniture. The Tirana city mayor constantly appeals for a cooperation from the side of private businesses and NGOs to achieve this goal. Providing new chairs not only helps provide a better environment for the children, but also strengthens our cooperation with the local government and opens the way to work with public educational institutions.

As a first step, our representative, Dorina Ndrejaj met with Director of the Department of Education in Tirana to present our initiative and appoint a kindergarten which needs our help. We then fundraised among WFWP guests during our festive end of the year meeting. In this way, however, we were only able to raise around 60 Euros. Luckily, we were able to receive support from volunteers in Europe, namely Mrs. Ute Lemme from Germany, and Mrs. Mercedes Gonzalez who mobilized help from FFWPU members in Madrid. Eventually we were able to buy 40 new, good priced chairs, and donate them to the Public Kindergarten nr 51 in Tirana on 27 December 2017. Overall, the kindergarten needs around 100 chairs to cover their needs fully, so we hope we can be able to gather more financial resources to provide the remaining 60 chairs in the future.

The director of the kindergarten, Ms. Aferdita Harhulla welcomed us warmly on the day of the donation and invited us for a coffee and a friendly chat. She expressed her desire and will to cooperate with us in the future, not only in terms of receiving help, but also to attend our events, and contribute. She shared that she has always liked to organize and participate in voluntary activities.

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