

WFWP Malta's Holocaust Remembrance Day at San Anton Palace, in Attard

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WFWP Malta was invited by the PFWS (President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of the Society) to attend Holocaust Remembrance Day, on 25 January 2018. Ms Tomoko Cassar and Ms. Elona Mule' Stagno attended this activity held at Antoine De Paul Hall at San Anton Palace, in Attard.

The opening speech was given by Director General of the foundation Dr. Ruth Farrugia followed by the President of Malta, Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca who addressed the audience with touching words: 'The interest that has been experienced by our children and young people at every Holocaust Remembrance over the last few years, gives me much hope. The Remembrance should always be a statement in favour of peace and inclusion'.

A presentation by Anne Frank House Representative Dienne Hondius was exhibited after the President's address. This was followed by the video interview with the Holocaust survivor Eva Schloss, the stepsister of Anne Frank. In her young life she experienced trauma, especially images of the concentration camp appeared to haunt her at night. But once she started talking about and sharing her traumatic experiences it helped her to let them go.

After the video, a panel discussion was opened where the following personalities responded to questions from the audience. These personalities included: Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Malta Her Excellency Gudrun Maria Sraga, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Malta, His Excellency Johannes Jacobus Peter Nijssen, Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies representative Birte Hewera, and Anne Frank House Representative Dienne Hondius. The reunion ended with a reading from Anne Frank's diary in English and Maltese.

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