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OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS



WFWP Russia – Discovering True Love: A Journey into Moral Education.

The event took place Friday 6th October 2023. 7.00 pm CET. Unlock the secrets of true love and deepen your understanding of its profound impact on our lives. As an experienced practitioner in the field of moral education for over 25 years, Olga Vakulinskaya brings a wealth of knowledge and practical insights to this thought-provoking session. Her dedication, combined with her role as a happy wife and mother of three daughters, provides a unique perspective on fostering love, compassion, and ethical values in our lives. Check our event menu for next talk by Ms. Vakulinskaya.



WFWP France
BRIDGE OF PEACE to commemorate the international day of Peace.

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WFWP Italy
HERSTORY'S guest speaker this month was peace activist Ms. Lisa Clark,

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WFWP Spain
Young Women in the working sphere: challenges and successes.

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WFWP UK - Young Women's Speech Contest finals

The contest was showcasing the incredible talent and passion of seven finalists from across the UK. The atmosphere was electric with anticipation as these young women delivered thought provoking speeches on the theme of youth participation and leadership in peace building and reconciliation.



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WFWP Slovakia
Art of Calligraphy. Two part program where



WFWP Jordan
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WFWP France -Bridge of Peace to commemorate the international day of Peace



To commemorate the international day of Peace , on September 24th, took place a "Bridge of Peace" 's event in *the House of Associations* in Lille, a city located in North of France. This event organised by Fumiyo Vanalderwelt, chairperson of the local branch of WFWP in northern France was co-hosted with 6 keys local associations (MDA Lille, COSIM, Avec et pour le Mali, AVERS, FSP et AVEC's). Stands from 10 associations surrounded the audience and in the front of the room stood a colorful handmade

BRIDGE of PEACE next to a large display of world flags with a new creation: the TREE of PEACE.

Two talented guitarist-singers Gaby and Ronny, wholeheartedly warmed up the assembly and punctually continued to entertain the program.

In her opening remarks, Karen Makosso, president of the association COSIM HDF and Founding member of the F.A.N.A association, recognized the head of The House of Associations of Lille for her ongoing dedication and the kindness with which she welcomes that novel event here.

Next, Virginie Pinhas, vice president of WFWP-France, introduced the program with a slide show illustrating the origin and history of WFWP. Then with a charismatic eloquence she guided the 30 pairs of participants to walk through the steps crossing the Bridge of Peace while each of them was presented on screen by slides.

Fumiyo Vanalderwelt, with the 3 local key women leaders (Karen, Martine and Gwenaëlle) planned to upgrade that edition by inviting each participating pair to not only strive to sincerely reconcile their cultural, social, or religious differences but to aim to strengthen their bond of friendship with an altruistic engagement to meet together regularly and further get involved in creative peace projects . Each pair chooses to identify itself with a pertinent motto such as solidarity, harmony, union, love, peace...

Thus, before receiving their diploma, each pair advanced up to the TREE of PEACE where on various branches they engrafted the label of their own motto. Several ladies spontaneously came up to the microphone and with a sense of pride and duty, passionately testified to the significance of their own motto and of their willingness to substantiate its meaning in practice.

In conclusion, a spirit of enthusiasm and shared purposefulness glued the whole assembly. The organizing team expressed to all their appreciation for contributing to the success of that uplifting event as well as their heartfelt gratitude towards its original inspiring founder: Dr Hak Ja Han Moon.



_France Bridge of Peace



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LISA CLARK

Peace Activist,
Contributed to
the Nobel Peace
Prize Winner Intl.
Campaigner,
Leader



Lisa Clark

19th Oct. 7pm cet

Lisa Clark is an Italian-based peace activist with a remarkable track record. She lived in war-torn Sarajevo, worked on reconciliation in Kosovo, and organized a peace symposium in Eastern DR Congo. Lisa's recent focus has been on disarmament, notably with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017.

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Iris Dotan Katz

Senior Clinical
Psychologist,
Peace Advocate
Women's
Empowerment
Leader



Dr. Iris Dotan Katz

21st Sep. 7pm cet

Dr. Iris Dotan Katz is a senior clinical psychologist, peace advocate, and women's empowerment leader. With over 27 years of experience, she combines therapy, organisational development, and spiritual practices to promote reconciliation and social change. Dr. Katz actively engages in peace organisations, fostering dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians through compassion and prayer.

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Patricia Lalonde

Former Member
European
Parliament -
Foreign Affairs
Committee -
Activist



Patricia Lalonde

17th Aug. 7pm cet

Patricia Lalonde worked in Afghanistan for 15 years, building girls' schools and promoting women's rights. She was a member of the European Parliament, conducted research, and attended international conferences on human rights and peace. Now, she is Vice President of the French Think Tank GEOPRAGMA, having recently visited Iran and Syria.

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Renáta Ocilková

Doctor -
Educator
- Author



Renáta Ocilková

22nd Jun. 6pm cet

Renáta Ocilková is a Slovakian graduate of Comenius University and Catholic University. She has attended international internships and trainings and is involved in ministry to Roma women. She lectures and publishes on education, bioethics, and gender issues. Currently, she is the President of the Forum of Life in Slovakia.

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Laetitia van Haren
Cultural Anthropologist – Coach – Activist



Laetitia van Haren

20th Apr. 7pm cet

A cultural anthropologist who has lived and worked for decades in sub-Saharan Africa and south-east Asia. In Geneva she was director of Defense for Children–International, Humanitarian Policy with Action by Churches Together.

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ASHA GEESDIIR
Government Advisor – Human Rights Activist



Asha Omar Geesdiir

16th Mar. 23

Has over 20 years experience in policyrelated development, particularly in participatory development, advocacy, human rights, refugee welfare, good governance, constitutional development, education, and as an expert on conflict resolution, peace building and conflict management projects. " Her story" this month featured Asha Omar Geesdiir, a strong human activist from Somalia that spent many years in Sweden before returning back to Mogadishu Somalia as a special advisor to the government on women and childrens issues. She shared about how the love in her family was the platform from which she could believe in herself and her ability to contribute to positive developments in her country .

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Maria del Carmen Quintanilla Barba
Politician – Activist



MEP Maria Carmen Quintanilla Barba

February 16, 2023, at 7 pm CET

MEP Maria Carmen Quintanilla Barba, Spanish National MP (2000-2019) Spanish Senator (2020). Permanent Parliamentarian in the European Council. Founder and President of AFAMMER, organization dedicated to the family and women's development in the rural area. She shared about her experience in the 40 years since AFAMMER was founded. Maria Carmen shared the dream from her youth of seeing the establishment of Gender Equality at various levels. She ensured the rights of Rural Women in Spain, which later led her to defend many other causes linked to Gender Equality, and she consequently earned her place at the European Parliament as MEP. She contributed and promoted the creation of the Convention for the Elimination of all kinds of Violence against Women. Mrs. Carmen spares no efforts in her work of highlighting the issue of Violence against Women. She is the founder of the well-known AFAMMER Association, where she is President, and which is dedicated to the Family and Women's development.

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KHOLOUD W. KASSEM
Politician – Social Servant – Author – Activist



KHOLOUD W. KASSEM

19th Jan. 23

Active Member of the Global Network of Women in Politics. Several times Candidate to the Parliament - Lebanon. Founder and active member of several organisations to empower women in politics and decision making

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WFPW Spain -Young Women in the working sphere: challenges and successes



The event consisted of a conversation with 3 young women as speakers and a moderator, Anais Vega, a Biologist. They shared how they assess their professional development, focusing on those aspects that have helped them to progress and develop towards becoming a better professional ensuring that the service they deliver to society in the end, is of quality and efficient.



Sunhwa Sara Marchan, nurse at a Public Hospital, Gracia Fehlberg, leader in billing processes at IBM and Diana Sanchez de Abreu, engineer of Telecommunication at Spotify made beautiful presentations about how they engaged in their area of studies, and then later into their different jobs; their challenges, difficulties and successes. They shared a deep desire to offer the best service they can to the people they enter in contact with or the project they are supposed to develop. Ethics is a high priority to them and they expressed that it is important to dream big and be passionate about their choices.

The photo is of Anais Vega.

_Spain Youth Leadership



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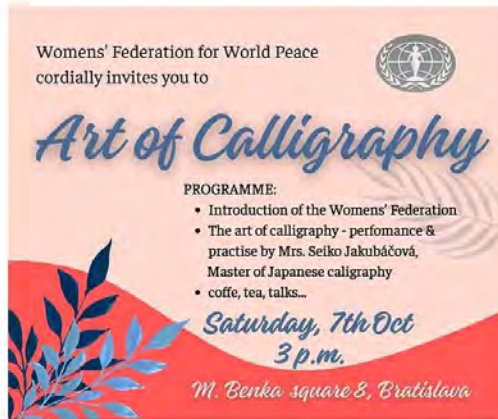
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Oct 20

WFWP Slovakia -Art of Calligraphy



In the beginning of our event WFWP President Lubica Magnusson introduced Women's Federation for World Peace and its founders. She gave overview of our activities during the last year in Slovakia and explained about the UN work and international events of WFWP. At the end she promoted also our European WFWP Annual conference in Cyprus.

In the second part of the programme Mrs. Seiko Jakubáčová - Master of Calligraphy presented this art, explained about the origin and meaning of different calligraphic

symbols and taught the participants how to practice it. Everybody could try to make a little piece of calligraphy at the end.

It was a joyful event. We could create a nice, friendly atmosphere with lots of happy moments, sharings over coffee, tea & cakes and make friendship with new guests and each other.



_Slovakia Various meetings



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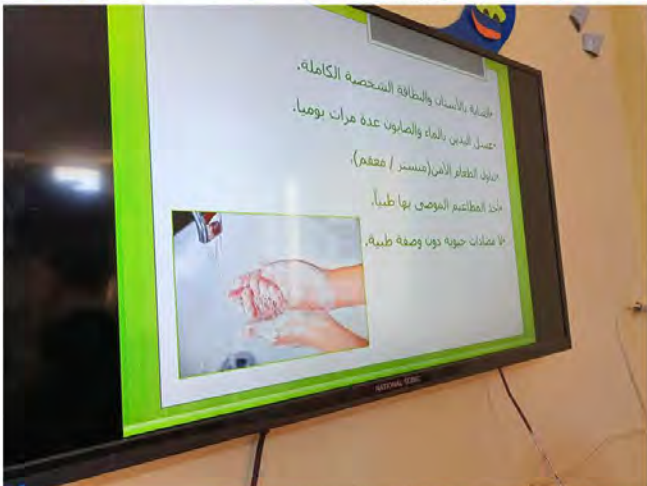
WFPW Jordan -Health and Nutrition Education Program



Dr Basem Abu Baker from the Islamic Hospital, a private renown hospital in Jordan, gave a course on nutrition to the women of our area. The Islamic Hospital chose WFPW, as a charitable organization, to inform and educate the local civil society.

The hospital requested from the WFPW representative to gather the women of the area and organize the event.

The participants were very happy to learn about healthy nutrition and have their questions answered.





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Nov 10

WFWP Europe - Couple Communication



Mommy Matters is a safe space for mothers of young children (up to 6 years old) to share their heart and their experiences, as well as to receive advice and support from each other!

This is a project born from the cooperation between Lynnda Houston and Deborah Cali-Matsugane.

They are qualified professional coaches and they have a strong passion and desire to support mothers in their everyday life's adventures.

You have likely heard the expression: "It takes a village to raise a child", and even though most parents agree that it is true, mothers are often left with the primary caretaker responsibility, feeling isolated, disconnected and unsupported.

Many of us live away from their own families and don't have the support we need and deserve, so we want to create a virtual village that can empower and give us strength.

This circle is designed to be a safe space to air frustrations, get tools, support and connect with other mothers and to be able to show up in the most important role as mom with renewed energy.

Register now for this great opportunity and join us for an unforgettable experience!

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All the best,
Lynnda

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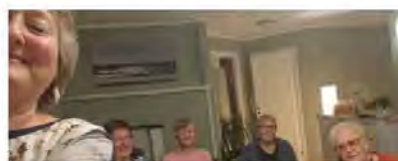
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