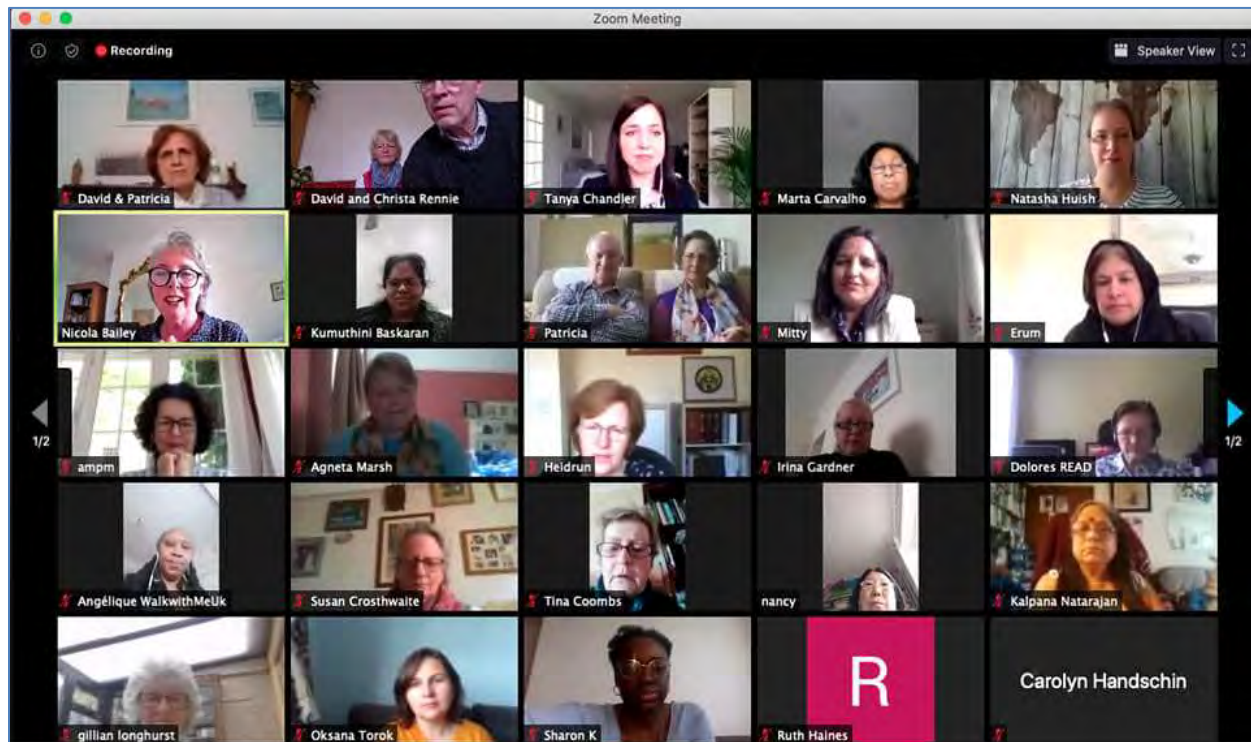


WFWP Bromley, UK's Zoom Gathering: The Value of Mothers in the Family

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To commemorate International Family Day, WFWP UK/Bromley hosted a Zoom conference on 16th May 2020 on the Value of Mothers in the Family, gathering over 45 attendees. This was a timely topic, as we know that families are the bedrock of our societies and of our own personal makeup - and we know that families are threatened in many ways, including by new challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The conference showcased a panel of powerhouse women on this topic, to give guidance and hope for mothers, women and parents alike.

To begin, the MC quoted WFWP Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon: "We carry the future of humanity in our wombs; we give birth to and nurture humankind's potential. If the role of mothers is ignored, where will the hope and future prospects for humanity come from?"

The first speaker was Mrs. Natasha Huish, who spoke on behalf of Ala Zubovskis, WFWP UK/Bromley Coordinator, about the deep and unique heart of mothers, which is nurturing and always seeking harmony and creative solutions for the benefit of the whole. Natasha shared about her personal experiences as a home educator for her seven (expecting an eighth) children and of the honour in this role.

The second speaker was Dr. Nicola Bailey, Parenting and Family Support Educationist, who spoke on the challenges for mothers and families during the Coronavirus pandemic. She laid out many nuggets of wisdom, one of which is that we all have the power to CHOOSE our response in whatever situation we are in. If we feel powerless because of world events, we must not think of ourselves as being powerless beings, but rather to acknowledge those feelings and then to choose to turn it around. We have this power of choice always - we are powerFUL.

The last speaker was Ms. Sharon Kabubi, WFWP Central London member, who shared about the Young Women's Speech Contest, WFWP UK's flagship program. She shared how this speech contest offers a platform for young women to share their innermost beliefs and passions, and that this is a way forward in raising up young women leaders who can express themselves and use their passions to solve world problems. Sharon shared a turning point in her own life, when she was encouraged that she had something to say. This program encourages all young women that they have something to say, and that the world wants - NEEDS - to hear it.

In the following QandA session, questions included concerns around parenting during this Coronavirus pandemic. One pointer was that parents must simply be there for the children, communicate honestly, and set up a balanced daily routine of fun and responsibility.

We had wonderful contributions from the participants as well, including from Angélique from Walk With Me UK, pinpointing the importance that we as women need to ask for help when we need it, even professional help.

After uplifting closing remarks from the WFWP UK President, Mrs. Mitty Tohma, we closed out the call on a high - and yet many of us stayed on just to share experiences and exchange information. A great way to honor mothers and parents everywhere, and to support one another whilst we seek to improve our families and the world we live in.

If you would like to learn more about the Young Women's Speech Contest and to keep up with WFWP UK events, please visit our website at www.wfwp.org.uk.

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THE VALUE OF MOTHERS IN THE FAMILY

Commemorating International Family Day

SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2020
2:45 PM - 4:30 PM

ZOOM LINK:

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/288405875](https://zoom.us/j/288405875)

Mrs. Ala Zubovskis, WFWP Bromley Coordinator:
"The Value of Mothers in the Family"

Dr. Nicola Bailey, Parenting & Family Support Educationist:
"The Challenges for Mothers and Families at the Time of the
Coronavirus"

Miss Sharon Kabubi:
Young Women's Speech Contest Presentation

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