

UPF Europe and Middle East News: Stronger Families, Stronger Communities

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Highlights

UPF Burgenland hosts its Fourth “Festival of Peace”



On May 17, 2026, UPF Burgenland, with the support of the Municipality of Parndorf, held a commemorative event honoring the victims of National Socialism.

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Peace Cup, fair play wins: twelve teams compete in sport and inclusion



On May 1, 2026, the Ticino branch of UPF Switzerland organised the thirteenth Peace Cup.

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UPF Representative Among Five Women to Receive Sorellanza Award



Maria Gabriella Mieli was among the women who received the 2026 Sorellanza (Sisterhood) Award, now in its eighth year.

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Marriage and Family

Family – School of Love: Strong Families, Happy Children



UPF Austria organised a conference to commemorate the International Day of Families on May 30th 2026 in Vienna.

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UPF Germany Celebrates Families as the First School of Love



On 30 May 2026, UPF Germany held a Peace Talk on the International Day of Families and Global Day of Parents.

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The Family – The Foundation of Peace and Social Order



On 25 May, 2026, UPF Albania and the Tirana Regional Peace Council commemorated the International Day of Families.

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International Day of Families Celebrated in Czech Republic



On May 25, 2006, UPF Czech Republic hosted a conference featuring experts on family issues.

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The Struggle to Protect Unborn Life and Family



As in past years, on 18 May 2026, UPF Slovakia held an event to commemorate the UN International Day of Families.

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UPF France Holds 52nd Scriptural Reasoning



On Sunday 17 May 2026, the Dialogue & Alliance circle commemorated the International Day of Families.

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UPF Netherlands celebrates the International Day of Families



The event on May 17, 2026, considered the IDF 2026 observance: Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing.

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UPF France Promotes Living Together in the Family and in Society



On 16 May 2026, UPF and WFPF France celebrated the International Day of Families and International Day of Living Together in Peace.

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UPF Switzerland Celebrates the International Day of Families



Texts featuring major religions on “separation from the world” were read by participants onsite and online, from Europe and Africa.

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UPF Albania Hosts Round Table on International Day of Families



On 8 May 2026, UPF Albania held a discussion on “Family in Transition: Economic, Social Challenges and Policies for Sustainability”.

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UPF-Italy Continues its Seminars for Married Couples



UPF Italy organised a set of meetings on the topic “Our Life Together” at the multipurpose hall in Ponte San Pietro, near Bergamo.

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UN-Related Activities

International Day of Living Together in Peace Celebrated in Switzerland



Nearly twenty Ambassadors for Peace and friends gathered in Biel, Switzerland, on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

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UPF Albania Celebrates Cultural Diversity and Dialogue



On 14 May 2026, UPF Albania organised an activity at the Fier City Library entitled “Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Dialogue”.

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Interreligious Activities

UPF Portugal Contributes to "A Path to Peace"



The event, "A Path to Peace", held in Fátima, on May 29, 2026, brought together representatives of different religious traditions and others.

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UPF Czechia Organises Lecture on Judaism



"Encounters with Judaism" was the title of a lecture, which attracted a capacity audience to the Peace Embassy in Prague on April 27, 2026.

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Education

UPF UK Kicks Off its 'Youth Development and Leadership Programme'



The first session of this programme on 16 May 2026 was intended to provide a taster and explanation of the programme.

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UPF Düsseldorf Promotes "A Drug-Free Future for our Children"



On May 9, 2026, an information event was held by UPF Düsseldorf on the topic of "Together for a drug-free future for our children".

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Freedom of Religion

Religions, Cultures and Societies - The Importance of Identities



On May 15, 2026, the Round Table "Religions, Cultures and Society - The Importance of Identities" took place in the Sala Colonne of the Palazzo Civico in Turin.

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Arts and Culture for Peace

UPF Stuttgart Holds World Day of Art Exhibition



On 10th May 2026, members and friends of UPF Stuttgart celebrated World Art Day together.

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Other Activities

Searching for God, Becoming Human – My Years in Asia



An audience of 25 who attended the May International Café event organised by UPF Giessen on 9 May, 2026.

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