

WFWP Albania's Katerina Minolari: Connecting with Leaders Around the World

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At the monthly virtual series called "Connecting with WFWP Leaders Around the World," featured guest for July Katerina Minolari, president of WFWPI Albania, gave a powerful reminder of how consistent grassroots work can transform lives and communities.

WFWP International launched this virtual series in 2024 to build stronger global ties and share inspiring work from the field. This monthly networking event brings together WFWP leaders, members, and supporters from around the world to share experiences, learn from one another, and grow together as a global peacebuilding community. The platform provides a space for leaders to share their stories, exchange best practices,

and celebrate their victories, while also addressing struggles and seeking support from a truly global sisterhood.



On July 25, 2025, the spotlight turned to Albania. The event opened with greetings and introductions, transitioning into a meaningful presentation by Minolari. She guided participants through the journey of WFWP Albania, including its roots, current projects, and the unique contributions of Albanian women leaders. Her presentation featured impactful programs in family education, youth leadership, women's empowerment, and interreligious dialogue, many of which reach deeply into rural and underserved areas.



A signature initiative of WFWP Albania is its annual Youth Speech Contest, which empowers young women to express their ideas on topics such as peace, family values, youth responsibility, and moral leadership. This contest creates a platform for youth to develop confidence, critical thinking, and a voice for positive change in society.

Humanitarian Help Projects



Each year, students submit written speeches, and finalists are invited to deliver them publicly at a national-level event. To reach a broader and more diverse audience, WFP Albania has wisely employed a multi-channel outreach strategy. They actively use social media platforms, particularly Instagram and Facebook, to advertise the contest, share testimonials, and post highlights from past events. The team also collaborates with schools and universities to directly reach potential participants and encourage teachers to recommend students. Media coverage and video recordings of the contest are shared online to showcase the youth's talent and inspire others.

Environmental Awareness Activities



The presentation was followed by a lively Q and A session, where participants asked about navigating cultural norms, interfaith work, and the long-term impact of WFP programs on family and youth development.

Albanian WFP

- Launched by Japanese volunteers, registered officially in 1995
- Re-registered in 2011
- Has been well-received in society



The event concluded with reflections and expressions of gratitude from the international participants, many of whom were touched by Albania's vibrant efforts and drew inspiration for their own national activities. This session not only strengthened global ties within WFP but also showcased how local passion and vision can resonate across borders.