

WFP Ireland: Visit of WFP Europe and EUME President Mitty Tohma to Ireland

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Day 1 - National Action Plan Launch (Dublin)

A delegation of 5 WFP representatives attended the launch of Ireland's Fourth National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (2025 - 2030) at Iveagh House, HQ of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The event, attended by around 90 delegates, reaffirmed Ireland's strong commitment to women's full participation in peace processes, and to gender perspectives across peace and security work.

The Tánaiste, Simon Harris, emphasised that the Plan represents "a statement of values," placing women and girls at the centre of conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and recovery - echoing WFP's global vision of women as bridge-builders for peace.



Days 2 - 3 - Women's Leadership and Social Challenges

At the National Women's Council Conference in Dublin, discussions addressed how homelessness and domestic violence intersect with wider gender issues, highlighting the need for practical, compassionate policies.

The group also visited some WFP supporters, young couples, and the UPF Ireland leadership - strengthening community bonds and shared purpose across generations.

Day 4 - Peace Research and Reconciliation (Belfast)



In Belfast, meetings with women leaders, including Dr. Fatima Ali Haider, PhD researcher at Ulster University and co-founder of The Grief Directory. Dr. Haider shared insights on how academic research, trauma healing, and community-led initiatives contribute to sustainable peace.

The exchange deepened mutual understanding of how women's empathy, education, and cross-community engagement can transform division into reconciliation.

Day 5 - Community Voices for Peace



Visits were made to Falls Women's Community Centre and Black Mountain Community Centre. Ordinary women co-created and run these centers, facilitating engaging project storytelling initiatives (such as iMovie spaces) to listen, document, and share authentic peace stories.

The day underscored that peace grows in homes, schools, and local halls, and that female leadership drives genuine, durable peace. The gathering also served as a safe haven for Catholics and Protestants to pursue lasting harmony, helping to ease unresolved tensions.

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