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WFWP AT THE 15TH UN CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE



On September 27, 2026, WFWP organised a side event at the 15th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Abu Dhabi, highlighting the role of education in preventing crime, promoting peace, and building safer communities. The event brought together women leaders from Europe and the Middle East to exchange experiences and strengthen international cooperation.

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WFWP RUSSIA - COMPASS OF CONSCIENCE: INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH MORAL EDUCATION



From September 26–28, 2026, WFWP held its second “Compass of Conscience” master class in Moscow, bringing together 40 participants from 13 schools. The programme focused on respectful communication, bullying prevention, healthy lifestyles, and strong family relationships, equipping educators to inspire young people through practical presentations and real-life experiences.

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ALBANIA - 7TH EDITION OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



On September 26, 2026, WFWP Albania held its 7th public speaking competition, “The Heart of a Woman – The Voice of Peace,” in Tirana. Twelve young women shared their perspectives on women’s role in promoting peace. Manjola Bani won first place.

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FRANCE: THE FAMILY AS AN EVERYDAY ACTOR FOR PEACE



WFWP and UPF France organised a meeting entitled “The Family as an Everyday Actor for Peace,” highlighting the family’s role in building peace through love, respect, communication, and conflict resolution. The event concluded with an open discussion and the presentation of Peace Ambassador certificates.

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On September 29, 2026, Dr. Lindhard led a workshop titled “A Trip to Consciousness,” bringing together around 22 participants for self-reflection, greater self-awareness, and personal growth. The session introduced ways to explore consciousness and overcome personal blocks, with further learning available through a five-session Arka Dhyana course.

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WFWP Andorra Promotes Women’s Dignity
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On October 10, 2026, WFWP UK held its Young Women’s Speech Contest under the theme “Courage in Action: Stories of Feminine Leadership and Its Relevance Now.” Gabriela Bedford won first place, followed by Han-Sun Nkumu and Bonnie Hunt. The event celebrated young women’s leadership, courage, and potential to inspire positive change.

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WFWP Iceland launched the eighth series of its monthly painting gatherings, welcoming participants of different ages and skill levels. Through creative activities and friendly social gatherings, the course encourages artistic expression, learning, and meaningful connections.

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WFWP Austria brought together experts from education, healthcare, diplomacy, and civil society to discuss preventing youth violence and crime. Speakers emphasised early support, strong family relationships, values-based education, and youth empowerment as essential foundations for safer communities and lasting peace.

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On June 27, WFWP Hungary members volunteered at the Midsummer Night Programme in Dorozsma, near Szeged, helping with refreshments, origami activities, and event preparations. Their contribution strengthened cooperation with the local cultural centre and fostered community connections.

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On September 26, 2026, we held the 7th edition of its Public Speaking Competition, "The Heart of a Woman – The Voice of Peace," in the conference hall of the Peace Embassy in Tirana. The final event, moderated by Majlinda Ziko and Eranda Haziraj (WFWP Albania Secretary General) brought together 12 young women who had reached the final stage of the competition and presented their speeches before an audience, sharing personal stories, experiences, reflections, and messages inspired by the theme of women and peace.

The main purpose of the competition was to encourage young women to develop their public speaking and communication skills, strengthen their confidence, and create a supportive space where their voices and ideas could be heard. The event also encouraged participants to reflect on the role of women in promoting peace, understanding, and positive change in their communities.

The presentations were evaluated by a five-member jury composed of Klajda Gjosha, former Member of Parliament, Saemira Pino, former Deputy Minister of Education, Dorina Prethi, a lawyer, and political activist, Mimoza Kurti, a retired English teacher and AfP and Katerina Minolari, WFWP Albania President. Manjola Bani, a chemistry teacher who compared confidence and perseverance to a catalyst in a chemical reaction, received the first place, followed by Kamila Seidolli, a lawyer who shared about her work supporting women victims of violence in second place and Eni Islami, who spoke passionately about the need for women to support each other, in the third place. Approximately 60 audience members also participated by voting live for the Audience Award.

The program included musical performances by a well-known singer Valbona Halili, opera choir member Sofia Kola and a teenage talent Amadea Vasmatics. The event also highlighted WFWP Albania ongoing collaboration with AKPA Vocational Training Center No. 4, whose representative shared about professional course opportunities and business grants offered by the center.









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WFWP Russia - Compass of Conscience: Inspiring Young People Through Moral Education



From 26–28 September 2026, the Women's Federation for World Peace held its second master class on moral values, "Compass of Conscience," in Moscow. The programme brought together 40 participants from across Russia, representing 13 schools, to exchange experiences, develop young lecturers, and explore important social issues affecting young people.

The master class focused on four key topics: promoting respectful language, preventing bullying, encouraging a healthy lifestyle, and building strong family relationships.

A highlight of the programme was the opportunity for participants to visit three schools in Moscow and the surrounding region, where they delivered presentations alongside experienced mentors. For many, this was their first experience speaking to students about moral values and social challenges.

The presentations made a meaningful impact. One teacher reported that, following a discussion about bullying, students involved in a recent conflict embraced each other. Another student shared that the lecture had inspired them to stop using foul language, highlighting the power of personal stories and real-life experiences.

The growing interest in "Compass of Conscience" reflects the importance of equipping young people with the confidence and skills to become positive role models.

Through education, dialogue, and practical experience, the Women's Federation for World Peace continues to empower young people to make responsible choices, build healthy relationships, and contribute to a more compassionate society.



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WFWP France - The Family as an Everyday Actor for Peace



To mark the International Day of Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) organised a meeting entitled "The Family as an Everyday Actor for Peace," inspired by the international theme, *"Investing in Peace for All, Everywhere, Every Day."* The event brought together several speakers who explored the vital role of families in building a culture of peace.

Brigitte Wada, President of WFWP France, highlighted how peace begins in everyday relationships, particularly within the family. Jacques Marion, President of UPF in France, Europe, and the Middle East, described the family as a "school of love," where respect, responsibility, and care for others are learned.
Other speakers addressed the prevention of violence through education and stronger intergenerational relationships, the evolving role of families in society, and the importance of communication, active listening, forgiveness, and mutual respect in resolving conflicts peacefully. The importance of protecting victims of violence was also emphasised.

The meeting concluded with an open discussion and the presentation of Peace Ambassador certificates. The event reaffirmed a simple but powerful message: peace begins at home. By nurturing loving relationships and educating future generations, families can help build a more peaceful, compassionate, and harmonious society.





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WFWP Spain - A Trip to Consciousness: An Inspiring Workshop with Dr. Lindhard



On 29 September 2026, Dr. Lindhard led a workshop entitled ***"A Trip to Consciousness,"*** welcoming around 22 participants for an evening of exploration, reflection, and personal discovery.

The participants created a warm and receptive atmosphere, allowing them to engage deeply with the content and explore their consciousness. The workshop also offered an opportunity to recognise and begin working through personal blocks, helping participants move towards greater self-awareness and inner growth.

Dr. Lindhard thanked everyone for their openness and participation, encouraging them to seek support if they experienced questions or challenges following the session.

For those wishing to explore the practice further, courses in Arka Dhyana can also be arranged. The full course consists of five sessions, guiding participants to deepen their understanding of consciousness, explore different levels of awareness, and learn to be present with whatever arises.

The workshop was a meaningful opportunity to discover more about ourselves and take another step towards personal growth and inner peace.





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WFWP Andorra - The Dignity of Women



"The Dignity of Women" activity raised awareness among women in Andorra about their inherent worth and the importance of dignity in everyday life. Through dialogue, reflection, and shared experiences, participants were encouraged to strengthen self-esteem, mutual respect, solidarity, and empathy. The event highlighted women's dignity and equal opportunities as essential foundations for strong families, thriving communities, and lasting peace. It was also a meaningful day of celebration that contributed to the participants' well-being.



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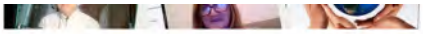








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WFWP UK - Young Women's Speech Contest 2026: Courage in Action



On 10 October 2026, the Women's Federation for World Peace UK proudly hosted the Young Women's Speech Contest 2026, celebrating the theme *"Courage in Action: Stories of Feminine Leadership and Its Relevance Now."*

Co-moderated by Sharon Kabubi and Amina Meshnuni, the event opened with inspiring remarks from Becky Dell, CEO of Citizens of the World Choir, who highlighted the importance of leadership through compassion and action.

Finalists Gabriela Bedford, Han-Sun Nkumu, and Bonnie Hunt delivered powerful speeches reflecting on courage, integrity, and the role of feminine leadership in today's world.

Congratulations to Gabriela Bedford, who won first place, followed by Han-Sun Nkumu in second place and Bonnie Hunt in third. The Federation extends its heartfelt thanks to all participants, the judging panel led by Professor Christina Scharff, and everyone who contributed to making the event a success.

The contest also marked a new chapter for co-chair Sharon Kabubi, who will continue to support its legacy. The event celebrated the power of young women to inspire change, strengthen communities, and lead with purpose—reminding us that courage in action can help shape a brighter future.







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WFWP Iceland - Painting Together: Creativity, Learning and Friendship



For the eighth time, our painting course began a new series of monthly gatherings, welcoming both returning students and new guests in a warm and peaceful atmosphere.

Participants of different ages and experience levels enjoyed exploring their creativity. While advanced students learned techniques for painting backgrounds, beginners practised by painting an apple. One young child even joined her mother, painting alongside her and adding a special touch to the gathering.

Beyond learning painting techniques, the course offers everyone an opportunity to express their individuality and personality through art. Each painting reflects the unique perspective and creativity of its artist.

We concluded the September session with coffee and an outdoor barbecue, enjoying the sunshine as we said goodbye to summer. Despite the chilly air, the gathering provided a lovely opportunity to relax, share conversations, and get to know one another better.

Through art and friendship, our painting course continues to bring people together, inspire creativity, and nurture meaningful connections.





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WFWP Austria - Strong Families, Safe Communities: Preventing Youth Violence



How can we prevent children and young people from becoming involved in violence and crime? This important question brought together experts from international organizations, education, healthcare, diplomacy, and civil society for a timely discussion on the role of families, schools, and communities in building safer societies.

Speakers agreed that effective crime prevention begins long before young people encounter the justice system. They highlighted the importance of early childhood support, values-based education, strong family relationships, safe spaces, and opportunities for young people to develop confidence, leadership, and a sense of belonging. Practical examples ranged from UN prevention initiatives and neuroscience to school leadership, youth empowerment programmes, and dialogue projects bringing together Arab and Jewish young people.

The event concluded with a shared conviction: lasting peace and crime prevention begin when children feel safe, valued, and supported. As one speaker powerfully remarked, "If hatred can be taught, why not peace as well?"



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WFWP Hungary - Volunteers Bring Community Spirit to Dorozsma's Midsummer Night Programme



On June 27th, WFWP members volunteered at the Midsummer Night Programme organised by the Petőfi Sándor Cultural Center in Dorozsma, near Szeged. Members helped prepare and serve bread and wine, took part in the origami craft activity, and assisted with packing away tables and benches after the event.

The collaboration began when a WFWP member living in Dorozsma contacted the Cultural Center to offer support for their programmes. The event provided a meaningful opportunity to serve the local community and build new connections. Afterward, the head of the Cultural Center expressed sincere appreciation, praising the volunteers for being exceptionally skilled and kind.







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