

WFWP Denmark: Peace Bridge event between Denmark and Greenland

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Event to hold a bridge of peace event to promote healing of pain and inequality caused by misdeeds during Denmark's colonization of Greenland. To help appreciate the culture of the Greenlandic people. Creating friendship on the grass roots level between native Danes and native Greenlanders.

Thirty participants engaged in the bridge of peace event, and the Greenlandic House in Copenhagen kindly gave us the space for free to use for this event, due to its relevance. We had a native Greenlander tell of her life experiences both in Greenland where she was born and in Denmark, and other Greenlanders who participated.

One young woman did a dance to personally authored poetry to demonstrate her experience of being caught between two cultures (her mother is from northern Greenland and her father is Danish), and her mother did a ceremonial lighting of the traditional Greenlandic lamp which burns whale or animal fat and gives heat, light and cooking fire in Greenland. The program included a bridge ceremony in which pairs of Danes and Greenlanders crossed the bridge to embrace each other in friendship.

