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# EUME Youth Leaders Rekindle Workshop Held In Albania!

Hear about the workshop that was held this past weekend in Albania for youth across our EUME region...

On the last days of the 2024 lunar year, 113 young members gathered for the 3-day workshop entitled REKINDLE. Among the participants were 31 "Heavenly Top Gun" missionaries from Korea and Japan, who have been working across Europe over the past 10 months. They joined together with 55 youth leaders and 13 graduates of the Spirituality Workshop that had just concluded in Camberg.

The WS provided time for activities that facilitated genuine and open sharing, sports and other fun games, spirited prayer evenings. It was a great unity for youth from the east and west to meet and share deeply.



Internal guidance on the topics of Shimjeong, God's callings, witnessing, spiritual growth and our identity as blessed families and "true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk" and the Cheonmyeong Service also featured in the program. The workshop concluded Missionary Shinchul and Jiwoos 1-year placement in Korea and their 7-nations tour.

Participants left the workshop in high spirits and with a renewed sense of connection with True Mother and each other. Bogdan Pammer reflects on his experience staffing the workshop: "I was happily surprised by how easy it was for the next generation to bridge the cultures of east and west as they staffed the WS and participated in it together. Although more needs to be done to bring out community together and forward, there is a real powerful sense of hope and connection here."

Let us also hear from the UK participants:

Ilmi B-

'Over the long weekend, more than 100 EUME Youth and Missionaries gathered in Durres, Albania, to "Rekindle our Shimjeong for 2025." As I reflect on this experience, two words stand out: heartfelt and sincerity.

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Each participant had their own reason for attending. For me, it was a chance to contribute to and develop youth initiatives in the EUME region for the coming year – creating opportunities to deepen our connection with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The Cheong Myeong Worship led by ShinChul Nim and the worship team, was very moving. Allowing me to connect to HP/TP’s heart through worship and prayer in a lighter, yet still meaningful way, compared to Vigil Prayers – which I find can be quite intense at times.

On a personal level, there were times I felt challenged, but these moments helped me identify areas for reflection and growth – particularly in opening my heart to True Mother and trying to understand her heart behind her words and actions.

Connecting to other Youth and Missionaries was invaluable. Hearing about each individual’s heart and dedication to their community, inspired me to become more engaged in supporting the Youth and working alongside Missionaries in my own community.

I am grateful to the staff who made this experience possible and I hope everyone’s efforts this weekend can be channelled into activities which support the Youth in our region.’

Sophia N-

‘I am very grateful that I got to attend the Rekindle workshop in Albania this past weekend. It was nice to be able to connect to other youth from across Europe and be able to discuss what we are doing in our different countries. We were able to spend time together absorbing content and having brainstorming sessions. There was also a balance with more recreational activities where we could talk to new people, play games and even sports with a dodgeball tournament. I was really grateful to be able to talk more and learn more about what the Top Gun Missionaries have been doing. I was very inspired by their dedication and hearing their testimonies from witnessing. It was really amazing to be able to spend that time together. I was also very thankful that we got to visit the centre in Tirana and take part in a CheonMyeong worship session to help wrap up the workshop with music and prayer. Overall it was a great chance to reconnect with my fellow brothers and sisters and makes me feel hopeful for future activities.’





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