

## WFWP Paris's The Cranes of Peace event

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WFWP Paris organized an afternoon program in Dec 2015, entitled “The Cranes of Peace” - Inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young Japanese girl born in 1954 in Hiroshima. She was diagnosed with Leukemia, which people in Japan at the time called “the atomic bomb disease”.

While in Hospital she heard an old Japanese legend which said that anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes would be granted a wish. Sadako hoped that by folding the paper cranes she would get well again. While making the cranes she also wished for and helped towards world peace: “I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world.” Please see the full story here <http://www.hiroshima-is.ac.jp/index.php?page=sadako-story>

During our event, Claudine Decamp, responsible for WFWP Paris, introduced Ayaka, a young Japanese woman. She gave a presentation about the various projects that WFWP Japan is conducting in foreign countries, and which have developed due to the investments of heart and energy of some volunteer Japanese women.

Some Japanese songs were offered and an origami session was organized for the participants to make their own origami cranes as a symbol of peace.

The program finished joyfully around delicious sushi, diverse cakes and green tea.

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