

WFWP Watford/UK: How can we Help the Younger Generation?

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The ladies of the Watford Bridge of Peace met on Saturday 19th March 2016 at the Multi Cultural Community Centre (15 of us). Some of those who attended have known each other and the Bridge of Peace for over 12 years since our first sisterhood ceremony in 2003.

Among the new attendees, Angie Green, outreach worker at the Watford Women Centre, gave a summary of the various activities and services the Women's Centre offer to the women of Watford. Angie was quite impressed by the power point presentation we gave at the start of the afternoon which gave a summary of the history and the various activities of the Watford Bridge of Peace over the years. She asked us if she could include it on the website of the Watford Women Centre or on their Facebook page.

We had a break with a musical contribution from Richard Raineri, one of the sons of our Peace sister Chikako. He sang with his guitar the famous song 'We are the world' written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Ritchie. There was also time to enjoy the delicious homemade dishes and cakes brought by the ladies.

Then we came back together and started our discussion on the topic: 'As the older generation, how can we help the younger generation?'

I had prepared some questions to help focus our conversations but there was no need for them, they spontaneously spoke about their experiences as mothers and grandmothers dealing with their children and grandchildren. Some good tips were exchanged and all agree of the importance of keeping the communication at all cost, being patient, loving and clear in our principles in order to protect and guide our children and young people.

We ended the afternoon with some announcements mainly the coming Watford Celebration 2016 on Bank Holiday Monday 30 May where we will also be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. Some ladies offered to volunteer on the day.

We had a wonderful afternoon, we learnt a lot from our discussions and sharing which brought us even closer to each other.

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