

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

17th March 2012, Livingston

The Women's Federation for World Peace-Scotland and Muslim women from Livingston (neighbour town of Edinburgh) jointly organised an event to celebrate the International Women's Day at Forestbank Community Centre, Livingston, on 17th March where 80 women and children from different countries gathered for the celebration.



The hall was decorated with balloons, flags and traditional dresses from around the world.

The event was aimed to celebrate the diversity of women in Livingston and surrounding areas, and to share their culture and raise money for Oxfam.

Mrs Tanweer Ashraf and Mrs Harumi Currie (WFWP-Scotland) opened the event and welcomed all ladies and children. Following on, Angela Constance MSP (Almond Valley Constituency) talked about promoting the role of women within communities. Jean Meenan from Oxfam spoke about the gender equality and supporting as well as awareness of women in deprived countries.



The celebration then kicked off.

The tables for make-up, henna, cake decoration, origami, calligraphy in different languages and an area to try on national costumes were very popular with people were waiting their turns. The coffee area provided a place to chat and make new friends.

Indee Herath, Eastern dancer performed very energetic dances and the ladies from Movers and Shakers showed off their belly dance moves. A dance workshop was also held inviting everyone to join in the fun.



Harumi showed how to role Sushi, Japanese cuisine. The audience was very keen to learn the art of rolling Sushi.



Everyone brought a dish or drink to the event with food from Pakistan, Middle East, Japan, China, Africa, Scotland and much more. The food was plentiful and everyone enjoyed the dishes from the world as well as sharing their recipes.

The event was full of enjoyment and community spirit with many asking about the International Women's Day celebrations next year. All Proceeds were donated to Oxfam.



10th March, Falkirk



The Falkirk council organised the International Women's Day celebration in Falkirk. There are workshops of arts, health and beauty. Christine Webster, Tae Baillie and Harumi Currie were there and taught Origami at one workshop.

11th March, Edinburgh

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group held the celebration and we were asked to help the Origami workshop during the event through one of our Ambassador for Peace. Kazue Allard and Harumi Currie took the responsibility of Origami workshop and Elizabeth Marshall helped teas and coffees.

