

WFWP Italy's Elisabetta Nistri's Inspiring Leadership Highlighted in Webinar

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Our Speaker
Elisabetta Nistri

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On October 20, 2024, WFWPI hosted an inspiring webinar focused on women's empowerment and leadership, spotlighting the accomplishments of WFWP Italy's President, Elisabetta Nistri, and her impactful journey in promoting peace, women's rights, and interfaith collaboration. The event was opened by Dr. Paris Moon, WFWPI Secretary General, who warmly greeted attendees and shared WFWPI's ongoing mission to foster leadership and empowerment for women worldwide. Elisabetta's commitment to women's issues, peacebuilding, and community collaboration shone through as she recounted her experiences with WFWP Italy and other global organizations, motivating women to take up leadership roles for a more peaceful and just world.

Highlights from Elisabetta Nistri's Journey and Leadership in WFWP Italy

Elisabetta began by expressing gratitude to the committee members of WFWP Italy and the remarkable women she has encountered during her tenure. She noted that her leadership role not only allowed her to form lasting friendships with influential women from various NGOs but also

provided opportunities to address critical issues faced by women worldwide. She discussed memorable conferences, including "From the Journey of Hope to Slavery: The Broken Dream of Young Women" held in March 2023, which shed light on human trafficking, and "Women of Faith and Their Commitment to Peace" in February 2024, where she emphasized the vital role of women of faith in fostering peace.



Advocacy for Women, Peace, and Security

In her ongoing advocacy, Elisabetta frequently speaks to high school students about topics like Women, Peace, and Security, drawing upon the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325. These interactions have allowed her to inspire young people, demonstrating the importance of empowering the next generation to work toward a peaceful and secure future for women globally.

Elisabetta has also addressed the public in various settings, including the Grottaferrata Public Library, where she delivered a presentation on Women and Their Contribution to Peace on October 9, 2024. She stressed that by educating youth and promoting peace, women leaders can catalyze social change and encourage a generation of peacemakers.

Connection with Interfaith and Vatican Leadership

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Elisabetta shared memorable experiences working alongside women of faith as part of Religions for Peace, an international organization uniting religious leaders in the pursuit of peace. Through this collaboration, she has met many inspiring women who are dedicated to interfaith dialogue and societal unity. She noted the Vatican's recent efforts to include more women's voices, including hosting events with nuns and women leaders in the Vatican. In December 2022, she had a significant encounter with Pope Francis, where she introduced WFWPI's mission and presented a book symbolizing WFWPI's work to him. The meeting highlighted the influence of faith-based organizations on global peace efforts and the Vatican's openness to supporting women-led initiatives.

Meeting High-Profile Leaders and Advocating for Change



Elisabetta's commitment to promoting women's voices has led her to meet with prominent leaders, including President Sergio Mattarella of Italy at the Quirinale on March 8, 2017. This encounter was an important milestone in her advocacy, as it symbolized her alignment with Italy's highest political authorities to uplift the status and contributions of women. She shared her interactions with President Mattarella as a testament to the value of leadership that listens, respects, and collaborates across different sectors to create a more inclusive society.

Public Engagements on Peace and Women's Rights

Elisabetta has continued her advocacy in various settings, including economic forums and peace conferences, where she has inspired students, policymakers, and fellow NGO leaders to reflect on women's critical role in social justice and peace. Her recent presentations at master courses in economics were particularly impactful, as they focused on how peace is a necessary foundation for prosperity and economic growth. Students and attendees were moved by the realities women face globally and left motivated to participate in social change efforts.

Empowering Unity Among Women of Diverse Backgrounds

A significant theme throughout Elisabetta's address was the importance of solidarity among women from diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. She shared personal stories of women working together across borders and faiths to achieve shared goals, despite differences in nationality or belief. Elisabetta encouraged webinar participants to see diversity as a strength and a source of unity, urging them to collaborate for a world where mutual respect and understanding drive action.



Global Participants and Engaging Q and A Session

The webinar attracted participants from various regions, who posed thoughtful questions and shared their personal experiences related to women's empowerment and peace. Elisabetta emphasized that women's leadership transcends borders, and by connecting through shared challenges and aspirations, women everywhere can build stronger, more resilient communities.

The session concluded on a hopeful note, with attendees expressing appreciation for Elisabetta's insights and the connections fostered through the event. Many participants echoed her sentiment on the power of unity and left inspired to further their own contributions to women's rights and leadership within their communities.

Conclusion: Building a Legacy of Empowerment and Peace

This webinar underscored WFWPI's mission to empower women globally, highlighting the inspiring work of leaders like Elisabetta Nistri, who champion women's roles in peace and justice. Her story reminds us that women's leadership can transform society and is essential for building a sustainable future. Through events like these, WFWPI continues to connect, inspire, and mobilize women leaders around the world to make a lasting impact on our communities and our world.



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