

Fier Peace Council aims to become the most active in Albania

Report on Assembly of Ambassadors for Peace on 27. 10. 2013

This was the second event of UPF in Fier. At the first one in April 2012, eleven distinguished citizens of this district were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace. This time six people accepted the invitation to become Ambassadors for Peace and to support UPF work in this region. All together 25 participants attended this Assembly including Mrs. Lavide Ruci (Chair of National Peace Council), Mrs. Kozeta Zavalani (member of UPF Albania presiding council) and Mr. Sokol Rexhepi, (secretary general of UPF Albania). Since there's no UPF center in Fier the staff was provided from Vlora coordinated by Mr. Gabor Vasmatics, former UPF coordinator in Vlora.

The moderator of this activity was Mrs. Mirela Çepele, who is also the chair of fier Peace Council. She welcomed warmly everyone and introduced the program of the assembly. The first point was a short video presentation on UPF International. Than Mrs. Zavalani presented with clear explanation UPF values and principles. They were already explained at the inauguration event, but again gave a clear orientation for the participants and for the newcomers.

The next point in the program was the presentation of the 2012-2013 activities in Albania by Mr. Sokol Rexhepi. From the PPT presentation the participants could see a very rich and colorful yearly work, which at same time provided good examples for the work of Ambassadors for Peace.

After this Mrs. Mirela Cepele greeted and invited one by one the newly appointed ambassadors for peace. The first person to be appointed was Mr. Myzaljen Hoxha, Director of Public Relations and Public Administration at Fier Municipality. Although an economist he is a passionate reader and a writer. After he thanked UPF for selecting him as an AfP he recited a paragraph from one of poems on faith and love. "Rip out, pull out the root of misery that I have in my heart! Give me strength to make my love fruitful in service! Give me strength to never astray from the poor and never kneel down to the cruel powerful!" Than Mrs. Gurie Qato, school director, received the AfP certificate. The others appointed were also ladies; Ms. Artenida Halo (National Bank of Albania), Mrs. Marjeta Ndreka (family doctor), Mrs. Antoneta Dhima (Director of Finance office at Fier Municipality).

We wished to appoint also the mayer himself, Mr. Baftjar Zeqaj, who promised to come but due to busy Sunday he couldn't be present. It was agreed to give him the certificate at his office the next day when Mrs. Zsuzsanna Sulejmani would visit him and explain more on UPF principles and vision.

The newly appointed AfPs were congratulated by Mrs. Lavdie Ruci who said to be very happy to attend this event for the first time in Fier.

The Ambassadors for Peace present reconfirmed Mrs. Mirela Cepele as the chair of Fier Peace Council. They also proposed and approved Mr. Frederik Jorgaqi and Ms. Erka Cakaj as the assistants to Mrs. Cepele.

At the end the participants could continue their free discussions on the café nearby where they also developed ideas for the future projects and activities of Fier Peace Council. The event was broadcasted through the local media news reports.

In the name of all Fier AfP, I'd like to thank for the support all who came and helped to realize this unforgettable event. We hope, Fier will be one of the most successful UPF chapters in Albania!

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