

# WFWP Europe Newsletter; Summer and Autumn double issue

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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*The latest activities around Europe*

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## **Conferences**



The WFWP EUME Women's Leaders Summer Gathering in Munich on May 19th was a success, engaging in empowerment and connections among like minded women. The event enjoyed sunny weather, enhancing the experience for all participants.



Women Peace and Security.  
On August 3rd, 2024, Women's Federation for World Peace Finland with the support of WFWP Sweden organized Nordic conference at Backby Manor, in Espoo which is part of the capital region of Finland. Altogether 40 participants came from Nordic countries, Finland, Sweden and Norway as well as from the UK and Ireland.  
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21st Annual Women's Leadership Conference, Women leading the Change: towards Peacebuilding, Justice and Social Transformation Warsaw, Poland.  
November 8th-10th, 2024  
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## **Bridge of Peace**



WFWP France -Bridge of Peace to commemorate the international day of Peace. This event organised by Fumiyo Vanalderwelt, chairperson of the local branch of WFWP in northern France was co-hosted with 6 keys local associations (MDA Lille, COSIM, Avec et pour le Mali, AVERS, FSP et AVECs). Stands from 10 associations surrounded the audience and in the front of the room stood a colorful handmade BRIDGE of PEACE next to a large display of world flags with a new



creation: the TREE of PEACE. [Read more >>](#)

Event to hold a bridge of peace event to promote healing of pain and inequality caused by misdeeds during Denmark's colonization of Greenland. To help appreciate the culture of the Greenlandic people. Creating friendship on the grass roots level between native Danes and native Greenlanders. Thirty participants engaged in the bridge of peace event, and the Greenlandic House in Copenhagen kindly gave us the space for free to use for this event, due to its relevance. [Read more >>](#)

## WFPW Europe UN offices



UN Geneva  
 Fulfilling the Right to Education through International Cooperation - Side event.  
 On June 18, there was an important moment at our HRC56 panel on "Fulfilling the Right to Education through International Cooperation," especially in Conflict Zones. The panel included a comment from the former Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women. The event was hosted by WFWPI, Soroptimist, and NGO CSW Geneva. [Read more >>](#)



UN Vienna  
 The Role of Youth and Civil Society to usher in a Peaceful Society. Honouring the UN Founding Day. Partner Organisation event with Permanent Mission - Philippines, ENFiD- Europeand Network of Filipino Diaspora, UNCAV- UN Correspondence Association, Vienna, Vienna Cirty government. [Read more >>](#)

## Projects

### HerStory

An inspiring series of monthly encounters with women from Europe, the MENA and Eurasia. They will tell their stories to bring us closer to their culture and their life of challenges and successes." The event is recorded and can be watched on youtube. [Read more >>](#)



**Zofia Schacht-Petersen**  
 Therapist and Nonviolent Communication trainer, specializing in empathy and family dialogue.



WFWP UK -The 4th annual **Artists for Peace** Children's Art Contest.Grand Finals Celebration.  
 Celebrating Creativity: It provides a platform for young artists to showcase their creativity and express themselves through art. By celebrating their work, the event encourages artistic exploration and self-expression. Fostering Community: Bringing together families from around the world via Zoom, the contest creates a sense of community. Honouring Role Models: The theme— "My Role Model"—invites participants to reflect on the people who inspire them. Through their artwork, children pay tribute to those who have made a positive impact on their lives. [Read more >>](#)



WFWP UK -  
**Young Women's Speech Contest** finals.  
 The finals of the Young Women's Speech Contest were held on October 21st, beginning with a one minute silence to remember the innocent victims who lost their lives and are caught up in conflicts and wars around the world. We proceeded with the contest showcasing the incredible talent and passion of seven finalists from across the UK. The atmosphere was electric with anticipation as these young women delivered thought provoking speeches on the theme of youth participation and leadership in peace building and reconciliation. [Read more >>](#)



## Local events

WFWP Spain - "Steps to Peace"  
 Event to highlight and promote the importance of individual changes as a basis for social transformations to take place. The program was divided in three sessions, each with its own sub-theme: 1. Rights and Obligations in a Global Society; 2. The Relevance of Women for Social Transformation: Security, Harmony, Peace; 3. The Role of Spirituality in the Building of a Peaceful Society. [Read more >>](#)



WFWP Sweden - Women showing the way. From Mogadishu to Malmö.  
 Networking with local organizations with the expected effect of future collaboration. WFWP-Sweden could host an event at a the local library in Malmö on the 23rd of November. Together with the Somali organization Wadajir" (which means together) we could with short notice gather around 40 people including some men under the theme "Women showing the way to Peace , Justice and Social transformation" [Read more >>](#)



WFWP Portugal - CPLP Celebration of International Day of the Portuguese Language.  
The President of WFWP Portugal, Dr. Marta de Carvalho, received a honoured official invitation from CPLP (Community of Diplomatic Representatives of Portuguese Speaking Countries Governments), which you may see up, to participate in the celebration of May 5th (International Day of Portuguese Language), which took place on May 14th 2024, at the headquarters of that institution, located on Rua. de São Mamede 21, 1100-534 in Lisbon.  
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## Humanitarian

### Join Us in Our Mission to Support Newborns in Gaza

Dear friends and colleagues,  
We hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to share an urgent initiative from WFWP UK that requires your support. As the situation in Gaza remains critical, we are launching a fundraising campaign to raise £7,000 for a baby incubator that will provide essential medical support to newborns in desperate need.

#### Phase One: A Life-Saving Investment

So far, we have raised £2,000, and our goal is to raise an additional £5,000 to purchase one incubator. We will set aside these funds and wait until the conflict in Gaza has subsided, ensuring that our efforts can be fully utilized when the time is right. This incubator will be a beacon of hope, offering warmth and protection to fragile babies who deserve a fighting chance at life.

#### Looking Ahead: A Long-Term Commitment

This is just the beginning. We envision a continued program to raise funds for additional medical equipment and resources to support even more babies in need. Your generosity can help us expand our efforts and make a lasting impact on the lives of countless infants and their families.

A fundraising campaign poster for WFWP UK. The poster features a pink and green color scheme. At the top, it says "WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE UK" and "UN ECOSOC | DGC | NGO General Consultative Status". The main headline is "SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH YOUR DONATION". Below this, it states "WFWP UK is raising £7,000 for a baby incubator in Gaza. Your support can provide essential care for vulnerable newborns. Donate today to make a difference!". There is a "DONATE" button with a heart icon and the text "ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARD PURCHASING A BABY INCUBATOR." A central graphic shows a baby incubator on a cart. On the left, there are three bullet points: "► Hope for Babies", "► Save Lives Together", and "► Warmth for Infants", followed by "► Support Gaza's Future". At the bottom left, there is a box with bank account information: "Bank Account WFWP", "Bank: RBS | Sort Code: 16-00-82", "Account No. 14333369", "IBAN: GB64RBOS16008214333369 | BIC: RBOSGB2L", and "Donation reference: incubator." To the right of this box is a "SCAN ME" QR code. At the bottom, there is a "Donate Now" button with a right arrow, a PayPal logo with the URL "https://paypal.me/WFWPUK?locale.x=en\_GB", and the website "www.wfwp.org.uk".

### How You Can Help:

#### 1. Donate Generously:

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. You can donate directly to our bank account:

- Bank: RBS
- Sort Code: 16-00-82
- Account No.: 14333369
- IBAN: GB64RBOS16008214333369
- BIC: RBOSGB2L

Alternatively, you can donate via PayPal:

[paypal,me/WFWPUK?locale.x=en\_GB](paypal,me/WFWPUK?locale.x=en\_GB).

#### 2. Spread the Word:

Share this message with your network to help raise awareness. The more people who know, the greater our chance of success.

#### 3. Stay Involved:

Follow us on social media and engage with our future events to be part of our mission.

Together, we can provide hope and healing to those facing unimaginable challenges. Please consider making a

donation today and join us in this vital mission for the future of newborns in Gaza.

Thank you for your compassion and support. Together, we can create a brighter future for these precious lives.



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