

WFWP Ireland: Attending Annual WFWP Planning Meeting - Accelerating Forward

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Two Irish representatives attended "Accelerating Forward" in Madrid (27 Feb - 1 Mar 2026), a productive European planning meeting that reviewed 2025 and set priorities for 2026. Sessions included regional reviews, breakout planning, an education showcase, finance and sponsorship discussions, and community engagement. Each sub-region presented clearer strategies and goals, demonstrating growing professionalism, cohesion, and stronger alignment with global themes.



A new European-level Education Department, led by L'Unica Magnússon, was established and now hosts numerous rapidly developing programmes - Leadership of the Heart, The Woman's Way Peace Education, Youth Peace Academy, and Character Education - supported by high-quality materials and promising implementation plans.

Financial review and 2026 targets were clarified, with agreed emphasis on fundraising and sponsorship to support scaling. Breakouts produced concrete regional priorities and timelines, fostering accountability. Special appreciation is extended to the Education Department for empowering women and youth with practical peace-building and emotional-intelligence tools, and to all regions for their commitment to collaborative growth. Recommended next steps include resourcing education roll-out, inter-regional mentorship, and regular progress checkpoints.

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