

WFWP Ireland: WFWPI Advocacy Training in New York and CSW70

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I represented WFWP Ireland at CSW70 in New York this March, attending with Dr. Jennifer Okeke, Chair of the National Women's Council Ireland, and took part in an advocacy training organised by the WFWPI UN Office. We returned inspired, connected and ready to act.



The training focused on turning ideas into practical plans: simple results chains, relevant SDG-5 measures, and methods to gather strong evidence through surveys, interviews and personal stories. Sessions were practical, informative and energising.

A standout moment was the Bridge of Peace Luncheon, where Anna Eleanor Fierst, Eleanor Roosevelt's great-granddaughter, spoke. The Bridge of Peace is an initiative by WFWP that brings former enemies or

differing schools of thought together to model reconciliation; seeing former adversaries stand side by side is a powerful demonstration that peace and mutual understanding are possible. Fierst's remarks echoed Roosevelt's role in shaping the UN and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and linked that legacy to our local work to strengthen civic voice and women's leadership.



We met university staff, community leaders and activists interested in collaboration. With an academic partner now on board, we plan to grow membership, run monthly meetups and launch a national speech contest - translating fresh inspiration into measurable action and documented stories of change.

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