

WFWP Linz, Upper Austria Celebrates the UN International Women's Day 2019

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The theme for this year's International Women's Day celebration in Austria was "The Dignity of Woman – the Power of the Femininity in me." Four speakers from different cultures and religions addressed the audience:

First, Ms. Somara Gölser from Linz read from a book about the dignity of woman.

Second, Ms. Hong Yu from Linz - born in China - reported about women education in China before and after the cultural revolution. Since 1905, foreign missionaries influenced primary schools which were then only for boys, while girls were educated at home. From 1947 til now, due to the right to vote for women and because of the cultural revolution, education was granted to everyone.

Third, Ms. Suad Muhammad - born in Somalia and refugee in Syria explained that her mother and grandmother encouraged her to study in Pakistan pharmacy, where she had to learn the Urdu language, then fly to Oman. She lived always a very insecure life as a woman and did not know how to survive. Finally, she arrived in Austria. There, she works with the Diakonie - a social organization - and the Red Cross. Ms. Muhammad expressed that education is basic for women to be able to survive. She showed a video where she spoke on Women's Day in Vienna at a meeting organized by the WFWP Austria President.

And fourth, Ms. Therese Heitzinger read from a speech from the WFWP Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, titled, "World Peace and the Role of Women," where she said: "Men and women were created to be equal in terms of value, when they live in True Love."

Ms. Renate Amesbauer, WFWP Austria President, then conducted the toast of Blessing for all participants' families. Ms. Florence Munialo sang a Kenyan song and all together with her we sang: "Kumbaya my Lord" as a prayer, holding hands together.

Afterwards we shared with each other, eating snacks and drinking beverages. Ms. Angie Moshammer gave a performance on her ukulele. Everyone felt good and did not want to leave.

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