

WFWP and Wadajir Sweden: Women Showing the Way

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WFWP Sweden hosted an event at a local library in Malmö, Sweden 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." We enjoyed mingling as we shared homemade sandwiches and samosa.



Newly appointed "Global Women Peace Ambassador" Asha Omar Geesdir was invited as the main speaker. Asha lived in Malmö 10 years ago and is a well-known and respected person in the Somali community in Sweden. She came to Malmö for the event before returning back to Somalia. She shared about her life journey and brought up points she learned from living in Sweden that she would like to see implemented in Somalia.

Lynnda Houston acted as MC as well as a translator. The languages used were Swedish, English and Somali. Britta Houston gave a presentation about WFWP and showed some highlights from the conference in Poland. Claudine talked about some of the WFWP activities in Congo DRC as well as in South Africa that she had been involved in prior to coming to Sweden. Dorcas Dadzie from Ghana talked about her organization that she started at her workplace called "Give to life." Abubakar Mohamud, a young man from Göteborg talked about his work with the Elman Peace center in Somalia. There were a few other organizations present as well. A young lady shared her poem about women as peacemakers behind the scene. Asha moved everyone when she started singing a traditional Somali song that everyone joined in on.

After a successful event we decided to continue our collaboration together and to keep a strong connection with Asha.

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