WOMEN'S FEDERATION
FOR WORLD PEACE EUROPE
& THE MIDDLE EAST

Global Women's Peace Network

23rd Annual Women's Leadership Conference

Women as Peacemakers: Alliances and Transformative Changes

November 20th-22nd, 2026

Venue: Radisson Blu Resort, Malta St. Julian's

Speakers' Information

Friday, November 20th – Opening Banquet



Ms. Althea Palombi Corlett, WFWP Representative, Malta
Althea Palombi Corlett is a Maltese dance artist, educator, choreographer and researcher whose work bridges classical ballet, contemporary and somatic practices with wellbeing, culture and peacebuilding. She currently teaches at the Malta Visual and Performing Arts School. Internationally trained in dance, she holds a Master's degree in Teaching Dance and a degree in Theatre and Media Communication from the University of Malta. Alongside her educational and creative work, Althea contributes to WFWP and FFWP initiatives, empowering women, families and young people while promoting peace through culture and the arts. She champions dance as a transformative tool for creativity, wellbeing and personal development.



Ms. Mitty Tohma serves on the WFWP International Executive Board and leads WFWP Europe and the Middle East, overseeing initiatives in 70 countries. Based in the UK, she has organized major conferences in the UK and EU Parliaments, advocating for women's rights, family values, and education that empowers women with integrity and humanitarian purpose.



Ms. Go Eun Kim, Vice President of the Women's Federation for World Peace International and President of WFWP Korea, she is passionately dedicated to women's empowerment and the peaceful reunification of Korea. She also serves as Board Chair of Volunteer Aewon, Co-chair of the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation, and a Committee Member for the Sunhak Scholarship Foundation. Through these prominent leadership roles, she continues to champion peace, education, and community service on both national and global levels.



Ms. Moriko Hori, President of the Women's Federation for World Peace International and WFWP Japan. A dedicated advocate for peace, women's leadership, and family well-being, she leads initiatives that empower women to become agents of reconciliation, bridge-building, and positive social transformation across cultures, religions, and generations. She holds a BA in Anthropology from Columbia University and completed doctoral coursework in International Relations at Waseda University's Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies.



Ms. Myrabelle Corlett, Chairperson of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Malta, is a Maltese citizen and a former kindergarten and primary teacher specializing in inclusive education for children with special needs, she helped pioneer inclusion in Malta. Mother of four and grandmother of three, she is passionate about strengthening families, empowering women and promoting peace. She actively collaborates with NGOs through interfaith, charity and community outreach, fostering cooperation, compassion and positive social change.



Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca was the ninth President of Malta from 2014 to 2019, becoming the youngest and only the second woman in the role. She was unanimously nominated by Parliament and focused on social wellbeing, inclusion, and protecting vulnerable communities. As President, she established the Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society and the Malta Trust Foundation to support children and families. Before her presidency, she served as the Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity, implementing significant social reforms.

Saturday, November 21st- Meditation Session



Ms. Elisabetta Nistri,President of WFWP Italy from 2012 and to date. In 2019, she also became the Coordinator for WFWP South Europe. She is dedicated to organizing and participating in conferences and events focused on women's empowerment, human rights, and intercultural dialogue. She organized high-profile events at the European Parliament Office in Rome, addressing topics such as Female Creativity, Youth and their Challenges, Women and Diplomacy, Spirituality and A.I. As certified Mindfulness Educator, she has conducted webinars on topics related to mental well-being, self-compassion.

Session I. A Women as Architects of a Sustainable Future



Ms. Kefilwe Lebepe, WFWP Sub Regional Director, Europe Central Region, is a youth leader and environmental advocate from South Africa, currently based in Bonn, Germany. While serving in the WFWPI, she has managed grassroots projects championing the UN SDGs across Southern Africa. She has served as the Coordinator of WFWPI Young Professionals and since 2025, she is the Sub-Regional Director for WFWP Central Europe, she coordinates community-driven peace initiatives.



Dr. Jennifer Okeke, Ireland's representative at the European Women's Lobby, is also the Chairperson of Ireland's biggest feminist Organisation, the National Women's Council of Ireland (2024-2026), a research consultant and an Internationally recognised speaker and an Ambassador of Peace recipient. Her professional and academic expertise encompasses gender-based violence, anti-trafficking and migration, human rights, and peace and security. She is an acknowledged subject matter expert and continuous to advance gender equality through advocacy and international speaking, including at the UN.



Ms. Svetlana Jovic is an international lawyer and former UN professional with more than three decades of experience working in conflict-affected environments. Her expertise under UN Peace and Security encompasses conflict management, human rights, mediation, and promoting peace with the emphasis on women's participation in peace processes. She served with the UN Peace Operation in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from 2008 until her retirement in 2025. She is a strong advocate for women as agents of peace and change.



Ms Francesca Gatt, Senior Counsellor within Malta's Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs,. She has also worked at The Hague, Prague, Brussels and New York and in Capital to roles such as Assistant Director and Director for Global Issues. In her opinion, it has been a rollercoaster, with its challenges but also plenty of opportunities.



Ms. Merly Barlaan, WFWP International UN Representative New York, is a peace and environment advocate. A visionary woman leader whose lifelong pursuit is to promote positive peace and environmental well-being. Her dedication in inspiring women to be peace-builders and educating the youth to become peace-loving global leaders of the future - make her an invaluable asset in today's complex global landscape.

Session I b. Mothers as Custodians of Future Generations



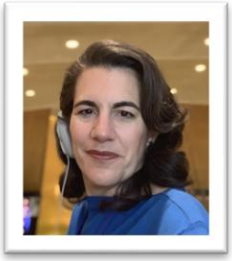
Ms Oksana Torok was born in Ukraine, graduated MA studies in Environmental Protection and moved to Denmark for a long internship in agro-business. She then realized that our environment and societies can improve only after people live for greater values and principles. Thus, she has been fully devoted to volunteer work in leadership training and character development programs throughout Europe, South Korea and Japan since 2008.



Ms. Aleksandra Skonieczna holds an M.A. in Psychology & Linguistics, an MBA, and is a certified business trainer and DBT/CBT therapist. She has extensive experience in counseling, coaching, and delivering training programs and webinars. With over 20 years in the NGO sector, including the Social AIDS Committee in Poland, she currently serves as Chairperson of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Poland. She is also a wife and mother of five adult children.



Ms. Anni Sasek is the founder of OCG, Kla.TV, S&G, and Panorama-Film. Born on February 20, 1962, in Switzerland, she has been married to Ivo Sasek for 43 years. She supports management, administration, editorial, and secretarial work. She is a mother to 11 adult children and a grandmother to 26 grandchildren, and she has authored two books, several children's musicals, and many songs.



Ms. Anne Fennell, Chair of the national organisation *Mothers at Home Matter* and President of the International *European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home*. She is a wife and mother at home of six sons. She acts as the organisations' advocate for a deeper understanding of children's developmental needs, works to raise the status and esteem of mothers who care full-time at home or who would like to, and campaigns for fairer family taxation and economic policies that give families real choices.



Ms. Moriko Hori, President of the Women's Federation for World Peace International and WFWP Japan. A dedicated advocate for peace, women's leadership, and family well-being, she leads initiatives that empower women to become agents of reconciliation, bridge-building, and positive social transformation across cultures, religions, and generations. She holds a BA in Anthropology from Columbia University and completed doctoral coursework in International Relations at Waseda University's Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies.

Session II. Peacebuilding through Interfaith Collaboration: Lessons and Practices



Ms. Marcia de Abreu, originally from Brazil, has a degree in Sociology from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. She obtained a Master in Religious Education from the Unification Theological Seminary, Barrytown, New York. Has been the chair-person for the Women's Federation for World Peace in Spain for over 30 years, and has also been the Secretary General for WFWP Europe (recently Europe and the Middle East) for 5 years.



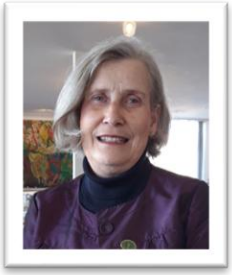
Father Fidelis Sopuruchi Iroka is a Nigerian Catholic Priest, who is passionate about a pastoral ministry that is completely immersed in and collaborates with academia. He is studying for the Licentiate in Pastoral Theology at the prestigious University of Malta. Outside pastoral life and academia, Fidelis enjoys walking, football, and volunteering in community projects. He is committed to his ministry as a priest, contributing to the academia as a scholar, while living a simple life.



Ms. Barira Haroon, Board Member of Ahmadiyya Community, Malta. She is a fourth-year medical student with a strong research interest, contributing to academic projects and published work alongside her clinical studies. She also serves as a board member of the Ahmadiyya Women's Association, where she supports community initiatives, leadership, and women's development. Outside of medicine, she is part of the women's volleyball team and remains actively involved in volunteering.



Ms. Ayelet Harel, Israeli Co-Director of the Parents Circle Family Forum. She is a single mother of 3 children, living in Givatayim. Israel. Ayelet is a bereaved sister – her brother was killed in the first Lebanon War in 1982 and a 2 veteran member of the PCFF. For over 15 years, she is a leading peace activist with the PCFF and Women Wage Peace, facilitating hundreds of Israeli-Palestinian dialogue encounters and workshops.



Ms. Britta Houston, President- WFWP Sweden; Director of WFWP North East Region together with Vigdis Parkins from Norway, worked with local women's networks in her hometown Malmö and nationally in Sweden over the last 25 years. Together with her husband James Houston engaged in local interreligious networks promoting peaceful projects and collaborations. She worked as a district nurse in Malmö for many years, newly retired. She is proud of her international family with roots in the US, Sweden and Brazil.

Bridge of Peace



Ms. Brigitte Wada, WFWP EUME Vice President. Ms. Wada has organized numerous meetings and conferences in France, including the European Conference on Dignity in Paris (2009). She developed the Women's Peace Academy and promotes healthy marriages and families through partnerships with NGOs.



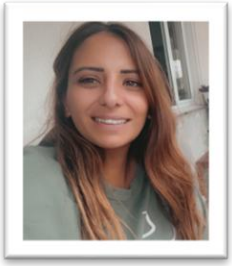
Dr. Yael Admi is co-founder and chairperson of Women Wage Peace, an Israeli grassroots movement promoting peace and women's participation in resolving the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. She helped build the partnership with Women of the Sun and co-create "The Mothers' Call." A former AI software engineer and high-tech director, Yael holds a Ph.D. in Ethics and is a conflict-resolution facilitator. She previously chaired the Israeli–Palestinian Bereaved Families Forum.



Reem Al-Hajajra, Founder and Chairwoman of Women of the Suna, is a devoted mother of three from Deheisha Camp in Bethlehem City,. Recognized by TIME Magazine as one of the most influential women worldwide, Reem is a visionary leader who oversees the organization's strategic planning, program implementation, and community engagement. With a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Social Work from Al-Quds Open University, she combines professional expertise with a deep passion for women's empowerment and peace.



Ms. Ayelet Harel, Israeli Co-Director of the Parents Circle Family Forum. She is a single mother of 3 children, living in Givatayim. Israel. Ayelet is a bereaved sister – her brother was killed in the first Lebanon War in 1982 and a 2 veteran member of the PCFF. For over 15 years, she is a leading peace activist with the PCFF and Women Wage Peace, facilitating hundreds of Israeli-Palestinian dialogue encounters and workshops.



Nadine Quomsieh, Co-Director, Parents Circle – Families Forum
Nadine Quomsieh is a Palestinian feminist, storyteller, and Co-Director of the Parents Circle – Families Forum, an Israeli-Palestinian organization dedicated to promoting dialogue, reconciliation, and peace. She lives in Bethlehem with her family and is a married mother of three.

Entertainment: Intercultural Evening



Ms. Althea Palombi Corlett, WFWP Representative, Malta
Althea Palombi Corlett is a Maltese dance artist, educator, choreographer and researcher whose work bridges classical ballet, contemporary and somatic practices with wellbeing, culture and peacebuilding. She currently teaches at the Malta Visual and Performing Arts School. Internationally trained in dance, she holds a Master's degree in Teaching Dance and a degree in Theatre and Media Communication from the University of Malta. Alongside her educational and creative work, Althea contributes to WFWP and FFWP initiatives, empowering women, families and young people while promoting peace through culture and the arts. She champions dance as a transformative tool for creativity, wellbeing and personal development.

Sunday, October 26th. Meditation Session



Ms. Bindu Bodanapu is a Divine Feminine Leadership Coach, Consciousness and Metaphysics Researcher, and Founder of the Conscious Leadership Academy. Following a successful 23 year career in finance and IT, she now helps women heal, awaken, and lead by integrating consciousness studies, metaphysics, archetypal psychology, transpersonal psychology, mythology, mindfulness, and meditation.
She has also been an international keynote speaker at different events

Session III. Mental Health and Wellbeing: Strategies for Resilience



Ms. Julia Wang-Magnússon (28) is currently working in Vienna as a registered nurse in the cardiology and cardiovascular surgery department. Besides her studies in the medical field she has also graduated from the Music and Arts Private University of Vienna (MUK) with a Bachelor of Arts in stage performance including ballet and contemporary dance. She has volunteered and supported a variety of projects within the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) in Austria.



Ms. Rosaleen Bloomfield, Founder and Chief Inner Architect, Real Radiant Life. Peace begins in the nervous system; mental distress begins in conditions, not character flaws. Rosaleen Bloomfield, Real Radiant Life Founder and Chief Inner Architect, is a systemic coach and facilitator with a BSc in Sociology and MSc in Information Technology for Management. She has taught breathwork, meditation and nervous-system regulation since 2003 and, by 2007, was presenting on yoga and meditation for nicotine withdrawal at UK National Smoking Cessation Conference.



Ms. Davinia Marie Muscat is a Child online safety professional with 12 years of frontline and strategic experience across Malta's national Safer Internet Centre, Helpline, and Hotline. Currently leading all three operational strands as BeSmartOnline Leader and SIC Coordinator. Specialist in awareness-raising, capacity building for educators and parents, EU regulatory compliance, and multi-stakeholder engagement. Active contributor to Insafe, INHOPE, and European Commission policy processes



Fiona Dowd is an experienced Educator, Speaker, qualified Journalist, certified Life Coach, and Founder of The Legacy Way™. Her work centres on helping individuals and communities connect with their living legacy, understand who they come from, who they are, and who they serve to cultivate greater Clarity, Courage, and Confidence. Fiona works with women in leadership, entrepreneurs, and community groups, creating reflective and empowering spaces for meaningful conversation, personal growth, and positive impact.



Sara Marchán is a midwife with more than ten years of experience supporting women through all stages of their sexual and reproductive health, both in hospital settings and outpatient clinics. Committed to the well-being and dignity of women, she collaborates with the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), actively participating in initiatives that promote awareness, support, health, and women's rights. Her professional and volunteer work reflects a constant vocation for care, listening, and social transformation.

Session IV Food and Water Security: Environmental Stewardship and Adaptation



Amberlee Toumanguelov is an Irish contemporary dance artist and interdisciplinary performer. A First Class Honours graduate of the Irish World Academy, University of Limerick, she has collaborated with artists and companies across Ireland and Europe. An active member of WFWP Ireland, she was honoured as a Global Woman Ambassador for Peace at the 2024 WFWP Europe Conference in Poland. She is passionate about environmental stewardship, nutrition, and believes creativity and collaboration are essential to building peaceful, resilient communities.



Professor Shery Delfani, PhD, MSc is an internationally recognised environmental scientist, UN senior associate, author, and global peace advocate. Named as one of the Global Top 32 Influencer Women, she serves as an honorary the World Women Peace Ambassador by WFWP and a consultant for the MENA region focusing on climate change, water resources, food security, and sustainability. Over a career spanning 25 years, she has balanced academic research, policy advice, and community leadership.



Celestine Kakon Fonki is an agribusiness professional, social entrepreneur and advocate for women's and girls' rights. She holds an International Dual Master's degree in Agribusiness Management and is committed to capacity building and sustainable community development. Through mentoring, networking and practical training, she supports women and young farmers in developing sustainable enterprises, improving financial literacy and accessing markets and investment opportunities. As founder of Green Growth Initiative, she promotes climate-resilient agriculture, environmental awareness and stronger local food systems across Africa.



Ms. Mary Reynolds is a reformed landscape designer who launched her career by winning a gold medal at the Chelsea flower show in London in 2002 – a story later told in the movie, "Dare to be Wild". Ark landscape designer, bestselling author, activist, speaker, writer, columnist and occasional television presenter. She is the founder of the global movement "We are the ARK – Acts of Restorative Kindness to the Earth.

Session V Awards and Closing



Katerina Minolari was born in Poland, but for the last 26 years has lived in Albania, where she leads the local WFWP chapter. Besides, she is also WFWP Sub-Regional President for the Balkan Region. She initiated many projects and activities, focused on youth capacity development, character education, gender equality and environmental awareness.