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**“Education for a Culture of Peace:  
Investing in Partnerships and Transforming our Society”**  
May 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain

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Dear colleagues and friends,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual European Conference on the Dignity of Women which will be held at a UNESCO Heritage site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, near Madrid, Spain (see link below).

Partnerships are an important part of our personal lives as well as the core of the process to transform our societies. Partnerships are found in couples and families, in friendship and sports, at work or in school, in politics, community service or advocacy.

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The quality of our lives depends on how we invest in those relationships and how lives are improved by them. The capacity to create win- win situations, to turn enemies into friends, to instill dignity into the lives we touch is possible to learn. It requires a paradigm change, a change of life style – and practice. We all understand that a society is only as peaceful as its citizens feel in their hearts, as prosperous as its citizens are generous and as sustaining as its citizens are secure in their own and others goodness.

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Workshops, roundtables, working groups and time for informal discussions will feature as part of the two day program. We'd like to invite you together with NGO and civil society leaders from throughout Europe to join us in sharing your insights, strategy and best practices on this ever relevant topic, which can also be seen as each ones personal contribution to the building of an actual Culture of Peace.

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You will find a registration form, which we request you to send back as soon as possible. Registration deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. We need to confirm the rooms by the end of March.

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## Education for a Culture of Peace: Investing in Partnerships and Transforming our Society.

### WFWP Europe Conference

El Escorial, Madrid, May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>



### Programme

#### Preliminary Draft

#### Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**From 2:00 p.m.: Registration**

**7:00 p.m.: Opening session: Welcome Addresses**

- Ms. Pilar Santiso Alonso, 4th Vice Mayor of San Lorenzo de El Escorial and Councillor of Equal Opportunities and Women, Elder Citizens, Immigration, Health and Social Affairs
- Ms. Laura Seara, Director of the Women's Institute, under the Ministry of Health, Social Politics and Equality
- Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator, Women's UN Report Network – WUNRN
- Mrs. Carolyn Handschin
- Mrs. Marcia de Abreu Rodrigues
- Moderator: Andrea Vaughan
- Music

**8:30 p.m.: Dinner**

- **Celebration UN Day of the Family**
- **Bridge of Peace Project & Ceremony**
- **Moderator:** Maria Riehl

#### Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**7.00am: WFWP Officers Board meeting**

**8.00am: Breakfast**



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## Education for a culture of peace

### 9: 00 a.m.: *Session 1: Dignity in human relationships as cornerstone for a culture of peace*

- **Presentation and discussion,** Ingrid Lindemann
- **Contribution to Woman's Dignity,** Dr<sup>a</sup> Isabel Costa

### 10:00 a.m.: Break

### 10: 15 a.m.: *Session 2: Understanding gender differences for mutually enhancing, cooperative relations*

- **Presentation and discussion,** Christine Sato
- **Presentation and discussion,** Gerhard Meschnig, White Ribbon

### 11:30 a.m.: Break

### 11:45 a.m.: *Session 3: Acquiring the skills, attitude and perspective within the couple to build a culture of peace around us*

- **Heart power program, presentation and discussion,** Kurt Sattlberger
- **Mother-daughter relationships, presentation and discussion,** R. Hasseldine

### 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

### 2:00 p.m.: World Heritage San Lorenzo de El Escorial Visit

### 4:30 p.m.: Break

### 5:00 p.m.: *Session 4: Women in the process of creating peace*

#### *Societal transformation towards a Culture of Peace*

- **Human Rights and Dignity: Tools to Change Ourselves and our World,** Carolyn Handschin.
- **Global overview PowerPoint:** Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator, Women's UN Report Network. nn

### 6:00 p.m.: *Session 5: Short Panel with working groups on the following themes:*

- Developing caring partnerships through bridges of peace- from conflict resolution to peace building
- Partnership skills
- Circles of Empowerment
- Social projects as caring partnerships
- Dignity of beauty, caring education for our youth
- Alliances for peace as caring partnerships among NGOs

**Ann Schaffner: Panel Moderator**

### 7:30p.m.: Results of working group discussions



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**8:30 p.m.: Dinner**

- **Memorial, Esther Calovkova:** Martina Coombs

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**7:00 a.m.: Interfaith Meditation:**

**8:00 a.m.: Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.: Session 6: *Resolution/ Recommendations:*** Carolyn Handschin

**10:00 a.m.: Session 7: *Closing session: Ambassador for Peace Appointments***

- **Final remarks** Marcia de Abreu, Carolyn Handschin

**12:30 p.m.: Lunch**

**2:30 p.m.: Sightseeing/ Women in Spain/Madrid**

**Accommodation:** Residencia Sagrados Corazones (Residencia El Escorial on the webpage)

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*Programme subject to change*