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Global Women's Peace Network Assembly

# Leadership Advancing a Culture of Heart

*A forum for transformative  
leadership*



# ABOUT



As a project of WFWP International, the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) was launched in 2012 by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Focus areas of action are: Women's Leadership, Family, and the Environment.

With guiding principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values, WFWP International seeks to 'secure peace through a culture of heart' through the lifestyle of 'living for the sake of others', where

every woman is encouraged and supported to become a leader who educates with values.

We are entering a new era where the role of women as peace builders in all sectors is needed more than ever. It is well established that the economic empowerment of women isn't just good for women, it's good for everyone. Likewise, there is a growing body of evidence (McKinsey & Co) showing that when more women sit at decision-making tables, better decisions are made.

The value of mentoring goes way beyond the boosting of individual careers. It provides a means for knowledge transfer across generations and professions, understanding universal values, and gaining 'soft power' skills of peace building and reconciliation that are essential for today's leaders.

With this in mind, WFWP Australia launched the LEADING INTO THE FUTURE mentor program, a GWPN Australia project to encourage leadership of the heart and education with values.

Theme: "Sharing compelling stories among successful women leaders and developing mentoring partnerships with emerging leaders."

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# PROGRAM

## Registration and Lunch

(50 minutes)

12:00pm - 12:50pm

Networking Lunch

## About GWPN

(40 minutes)

12:50pm - 1:30pm

Ice Breaker Surprise

**ANNE BELLAVANCE** (WFWP Australia President & International Vice President, representing Oceania)

- Introducing WFWP and the GWPN
- Global Friends and Global Partners
- Mentors and Mentees,  
#leadingintothefutureGWPN

## Panel A: (PASSION and ADVOCACY) (40 minutes)

1:30pm - 2:10pm

**GEN SIMMONS** - Making a Career out of your Passion (20 minutes)

**RITA SEUMANUTAFA** - Pasifika Leadership and Advocacy (20 minutes)

## Afternoon Tea

(20 minutes)

2:10pm - 2:30pm

Meet and Greet Networking

## Panel B: (LEADERSHIP of the HEART) (40 minutes)

2:30pm - 3:10pm

**HEATHER YELLAND** - Leading by Heart; Exploring the power of beliefs (20 minutes)

**Dr. YASMIN RAJA** - Embrace Uncertainty: A Hallmark of Good Leadership (20 minutes)

## Table Talk and Table Reports

(30 minutes)

3:10pm - 3:40pm

3:40pm - 4:00pm

Panel Q&A With All Presenters (20 minutes)

## Declaration of Conclusion

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Signing Commitment and Conclusion

# PRESENTERS

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**Elizabeth Eises Banza** - Founder, Amazing Trans4mation



With a Bachelor of Communication, a Master's in Business Administration, Elizabeth is currently completing her 2nd Master's Degree in Social Work to diversify her market reach and service offering.

Liz has 20+ years in the corporate sector and senior management. She is a strong leader with commitment to people development and experience in relationship building, coaching, mentoring and team development. As the Founder of Amazing Trans4mation, Liz is a certified Life and Personal Development Coach and a Motivational Speaker, delivering empowerment workshops, programs and 1on1 services to Job Activities, Trades Woman and GBV survivors.

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**Anne Bellavance** - President, WFWP Australia; WFWP International Vice-President representing Oceania

**TOPIC: Introducing WFWP and the Global Women's Peace Network**

- Global Friends and Global Partners
- Leading into the Future mentorship program



A Not-for-Profit pioneer and volunteer for 43 years within Australia, the US and Canada, Anne serves to establish a 'culture of heart' based on the motto 'Living for the Sake of Others', which is a unique approach to peace-building reflecting the heart of the soul of the Women's Federation for World Peace International.

Anne has a Pure Science degree from Montreal, Canada, graduating with a distinction and gained her Diploma of Education in Australia where she is an educator.

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**Gen Simmons** - President, Women Sport Australia

**TOPIC: Making a Career out of your Passion**



Gen has always been passionate about sport and knew that it was the industry she wanted work in. From being an intern, to jobs in netball, horse-racing, rugby union and now gymnastics, Gen balances her day-to-day work as General Manager of Marketing and Industry Development at Gymnastics Victoria, and her role as President of Women Sport Australia.

**Rita Seumanutafa** - Principal consultant, Vāsā Consultancy;  
Managing Director, Pacific Island Creative Arts Australia (PICAA)

**TOPIC: Pasifika Leadership and Advocacy**



A highly respected leader, educator, and member of the Pacific Island community in Melbourne, Rita emigrated to Australia 18 years ago and founded many Pacific-focused groups to provide more visible opportunities for her community to celebrate culture and identity.

As an academic, Rita is currently completing her PhD in Ethnomusicology at the Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne - her research focus being Samoan and Pacific music.

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**Heather Yelland** - President and Founder, The Elevation Company

**TOPIC: Leading by Heart; exploring the power of beliefs**



Whilst sharing elements of her personal journey to leading her own companies and impacting lives across the world, Heather will highlight the importance of living and working in alignment with our values and beliefs to create the greatest possible flow and impact.

Expect a lively and engaging session, as Heather also believes that life is better when you are having fun.

With formal training in arts, psychology, family, systems theory and business, Heather has been a 'people' specialist for over 30 years. Heather is a leading authority in Values Based Leadership and is a respected thought leader in the international arena of consulting, business and corporate innovation and coaching.

Heather is also the Founder and Director of the highly acclaimed Green SuperCamp Australia programme, offering personal leadership, academic acceleration and environmental awareness to children aged 10 to 18 years.

**Dr. Yasmin Raja** - Founder and Director, The EQBIZ Academy

**TOPIC: Embrace Uncertainty; A Hallmark of Good Leadership**



Before leading others, we must start with leadership from within. This means that we should accept with gratitude what has happened in the past, both good and bad.

These are rich tapestry of our life experiences that make us more approachable and knowledgeable, which will increase our ability to support others.

A good leader has the courage to step into the unknown and quickly adapt to their new environment. A good leader lives in their values and empowers others to do the same. A good leader will inspire future leaders.

With a Ph.D. in Marketing, Yasmin has 20 years teaching experience at universities, and 15 years' experience running her business both in Malaysia and Australia. Currently, her focus is supporting and coaching entrepreneurs, businesses, and organisations through regular training and workshops on personal development, emotional intelligence, leadership, business and entrepreneurship, and marketing skills.

When coaching and mentoring, Yasmin brings unparalleled passion to serving, supporting, and championing her clients to make a difference and empower change.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Sandy Dickinson



Sandy Dickinson is a Geelong based musician who performs regularly at the Old Fyansford Paper Mill, playing the Handpan and steel tongue drum. She has also performed at different events, including the International Day of Peace Celebration, Geelong After Dark and the Cowrie markets in Torquay.

Playing regularly as part of the St. John of God art & music therapy program to patients recovering in hospital has been a rewarding way to include volunteering into her music.

Following a long working history in horticulture, Sandy is currently a full-time student specialising in Allied Health Assistance.

The Handpan is a recent evolution of the traditional Steel Pans that originate from Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean.





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