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Event Report: Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation - UNESCO World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2025

Introduction

The Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation proudly celebrated World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2025 with a series of impactful events aimed at promoting interfaith dialogue, non-violence, and mediation. This year, our initiatives were centered in the Dome Kwabenya Cluster schools and extended to the community in Madina, Ghana. The events not only fostered understanding and respect among diverse faiths and cultures but also inspired a commitment to peace and inclusion among students and community members.

Event Overview

The events took place over two phases: the first from February 5th to 6th and the second from February 25th to 28th, 2025, each running from 9 AM to 2 PM. Initially planned for a week, the overwhelming response from participants led to an extension, allowing us to reach even more individuals eager to engage in meaningful dialogue.

Activities

The program included poetry readings, workshops, and seminars that encouraged participants to explore themes of interfaith harmony and the importance of non-violence. Students from various faith backgrounds collaborated to create poetry that reflected their shared experiences and aspirations for a peaceful coexistence. Please see the attached photos.

Impact of the Event

The impact of the Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation's events was profound, resonating throughout the schools and the wider community. The initiative not only educated participants about the significance of interfaith dialogue but also provided a platform for them to express their thoughts and feelings through the arts.

Testimonials

Students: "I never realized how much we have in common, despite our different beliefs. Writing poetry together helped me see my classmates in a new light. I feel more connected to them now." - Ama, 15, Dome Kwabenya Senior High School

"Participating in the seminar opened my eyes to the importance of understanding each other. I learned that we can disagree without being disrespectful." - Kwame, 14, Dome Kwabenya Junior High School

Community Members: "The event was a breath of fresh air for our community. It brought people together and sparked conversations that we desperately needed. I hope we can have more events like this." - Mrs. Abena, Community Leader, Madina

"I was impressed by the students' creativity and their willingness to engage in discussions about faith and peace. It gives me hope for the future." - Mr. Kofi, Local Business Owner, Madina

Teachers: "As educators, we strive to instill values of respect and understanding in our students. The Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation's program has provided us with valuable resources and insights to continue this important work." - Ms. Adwoa, Teacher, Dome Kwabenya Cluster Schools

"The collaboration between students of different faiths was inspiring. It showed that when we come together, we can create something beautiful and meaningful." - Mr. Mensah, Teacher, Dome Kwabenya Cluster Schools

Conclusion

The Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation's celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025 has left an indelible mark on the students, teachers, and community members involved. The events not only promoted interfaith harmony and understanding but also established a foundation for ongoing dialogue and collaboration. We are grateful for the support and enthusiasm shown by all participants and look forward to continuing our work in schools and communities across Ghana. Together, we can build a more inclusive and peaceful future.

Next Steps

In response to the positive feedback and demand for further engagement, the Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation will be integrating interfaith harmony topics into the school curriculum for the upcoming academic year. We are excited to continue this journey of understanding and creativity through poetry and the arts.

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