



Press release

Nobel Laureate Jody Williams and Ghanaian activist Samia Nkrumah to visit Basilicata on 12 and 13 May the World Meeting on Human Fraternity.

On 11 May 2024 the World Meeting on Human Fraternity will take place in Rome, organised by the Fratelli Tutti Foundation with the participation of Nobel laureates, scientists, artists, professors, mayors, doctors, managers, workers, world famous sports champions. There will be 12 thematic round tables, at which Pope Francis will also participate with his authoritative voice, in symbolic places such as the Palazzo della Cancelleria in the Vatican City, the Cnel, the Coni Hall of Honour, and the Accademia dei Lincei.

On this occasion, Jody Williams, Nobel Peace Laureate and President of the City of Peace Foundation, will accompany five minors from two families hosted in Lauria and Brienza at the children's table in the Vatican as part of the SAI project of the Province of Potenza managed together with the Consorzio Officine Sostenibili and ARCI Basilicata on behalf of the refugee children.

On 12 May 2024 Jody Williams, will then be in Basilicata together with activist Samia Nkrumah, one of Africa's most influential women, in Matera where she will meet Palestinian families and refugees hosted by the Coop. Sociale Il Sicomoro at the Enjoy restaurant where chef Said, a refugee who arrived years ago as an unaccompanied foreign minor in Basilicata, cooks.

On that occasion, Jody Williams will meet the Mayor of the City Domenico Bennardi to congratulate him on the approval of the executive project for the planting of a real urban forest consisting of thousands of trees in Serra Rifusa. This project, which stems from a memorandum of understanding promoted by the City of Peace Foundation together with the Municipality of Matera and the Arbolia Benefit Society signed in 2021, is a concrete action to combat climate change and benefit welcoming communities that Jody Williams promotes with the City of Peace Foundation for Children Basilicata.

Finally, on 13 May Jody Williams and Samia Nkrumah will meet in Potenza at Scambiologico in Piazzale Istria, the refugee children who attend various city schools and are guests of the SAI project of the Municipality of Potenza managed by ARCI Basilicata with Consorzio Officine Solidali and Coop. Soc. La Mimosa. The event, organised by the City of Peace Foundation for Children Basilicata, will also be an opportunity for the classes of the city schools hosting refugee children to meet the Nobel Prize winner and to participate with their drawings in the work of the World Meeting on Human Fraternity.

This initiative inaugurates the "migrAzioni 2024" programme, which aims to celebrate "World Refugee Day" as part of the hosting activities of the SAI projects with photographic exhibitions, documentaries, cultural and sports events. From 13 May to 28 June, the inhabitants of various centres in Basilicata hosting refugees will be involved to remember that in 2023 more than 110 million people were forced to flee for wars and persecution according to UNHCR data.

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