



WASTE LITERACY:

Get ready for World Home Economics Day 2023!

World Home Economics Day

Every year on March 21st, since 1982, the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) has been pleased to sponsor World Home Economics Day. This international event is intended to highlight a specific theme and publicize home economics and consumer issues, promote the profession, and celebrate the contribution that home economists make to the quality of everyday for people around the globe.

2023: Waste Literacy

The world's enormous waste problem won't be "solved" by just dumping it. We need to come up with better ideas to minimize waste generation and preserve natural resources. *Waste Literacy*, the knowledge about waste reduction and sustainable consumption, is an essential building block to achieve a sustainable future.

Whether through solution-based research, education or community outreach, Home Economists increase knowledge on how to responsibly manage resources at household and consumer level. *Waste Literacy* transforms the way people think and act towards waste and creates new habits. It incorporates ways to prevent materials from ending up as waste, reusing products or purchasing more durable products. But it also goes beyond that, aiming to reduce the amount of material manufactured or hazardous materials.



Home Economics knowledge is fundamental in achieving a sustainable future and plays an important role in changing our everyday behaviour. Because sustainability starts at home.

Resources

The members area at www.ifhe.org will be continually updated with useful resources that offer an international perspective on waste literacy. Look forward to:

- Announcement by IFHE President Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT (March 2023, will be published at the IFHE [youtube](#) channel)
- Curriculum materials and online learning opportunities (member area)
- Kick-off webinar with Suzanne PISCOPO, University of Malta (January 2023)

Take advantage of these excellent opportunities to get into the mood for preparing WHED 2023 and making the public aware of the important role of home economics education.