

July/August 2016

Women's Regional Consortium Service Support

Women's Regional Consortium delivered Service Support to women's sector organisations in NI –

Provided information and advice by:

- Publishing articles and circulating information weekly to women's organisations through the Consortium e-zine and FWIN's newsletter

Promoted good practice by:

- Distributing sample policy templates to women's centres
- Circulating training information relevant for community & voluntary/ women's sector organisations to promote good practice and continuous improvement.
- WCD/WRC carried out Survey Monkey on 20 women's groups to gather training needs and funding requirements

Helped shape funding bids by:

- Sharing funding information with women's sector organisations and networks supporting women who live in disadvantaged or rurally isolated communities

Provided networking opportunities by:

- Contributing to and networking at Council Community Planning Events
- Attended meetings of Traveller Action Group in Strabane and Enniskillen to support the engagement of traveller women through women's groups.
- Attend meeting to further process Traveller women's group in Ballyarnett village.
- Attended meeting at NW Community Network to discuss implications of EU Referendum prior to event with Martina Anderson MEP.

Supported women and women's organisations by:

- Informing and facilitating representatives from women's organisations supporting women who live in disadvantaged communities. Events and focus groups were delivered by the Consortium to discuss, consider and respond to the following:
 - ✓ DOJ new funding model
 - ✓ EU Post Referendum Implications for the sector
 - ✓ Sustainability of childcare services supported through (WCCF)
- Contacting organisations who support women living in disadvantaged or rural areas, linking them in to the Consortium support services
- Circulating articles through the Consortium e-zine and FWIN newsletter to raise awareness about gender, inclusion and equality issues in NI .

