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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.
Providing information and advice to women who live in disadvantaged/ rural areas to enable them to access education in the Women's Centre and avail of childcare and benefits information

Promoted good practice by:

- Distributing sample policy templates to women's centres and women's organisations.
- Circulating training information relevant for community & voluntary/ women's sector organisations to promote good practice and continuous improvement.

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
- Supporting and attending Good Relations training and events.
- Supporting FWIN networking day and promoted the work of Women's Regional Consortium at the event.
- Supporting the launch of Foyle Race Equality Forum at Guildhall Derry. This is a newly developed network for ethnic minority groups and representatives of BME communities.

Supported women and women's organisations by:

- Contacting organisations delivering support for 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 impacts and issues arising post the EU Referendum
- Engaging with women's sector and C&V sector organisations to work together to articulate and address the impacts and issues arising for the sector post the EU Referendum
- Engaging in cultural awareness events to highlight the issues which effect women in disadvantaged and rural areas.
- Circulating information and research about BREXIT and implications for NI
- Working to support ESF and EU funded women's organisations with a view to meeting MLA's, MEP's, universities, government ministers.
- Supporting group for women from a range of cultural backgrounds to enable engagement and integration into communities.
- Supporting the development of a blended learning model to deliver English conversation and language skills for BME women and children.
- Working with statutory agencies to support the development of (2) new Traveller Women's Activity Groups.

