

Consortium for the Regional Support for Women in Disadvantaged and Rural Areas

Survey of Women's Regional Consortium Partner Members

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Introduction

This survey follows on from the '*Survey of Women's Regional Consortium Partner Members May 2021*'. The purpose of this survey is to gauge progress on the recommendations in the original survey report and to gauge Partner member's current engagement with, awareness of and satisfaction with the work of the Women's Regional Consortium (WRC) so that the plan for future work can take account of member feedback.

Recommendations from May 2021 Survey Report

1. A strategy to increase member's understanding of the impacts of Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol
2. Increased provision of material (articles, briefings etc.) looking at Feminist responses to Climate Change
3. A WRC Annual Report

Recommendation 1 has been successfully implemented as the percentage of respondents who considered Brexit and the NI protocol an important key theme has risen from 45% in May 2021 to 56% in this survey.

A six session reading group looking at feminist responses to climate change was delivered between September and October 2021. Climate change was not one of the topics additional information was requested on in this survey and so recommendation two has been met.

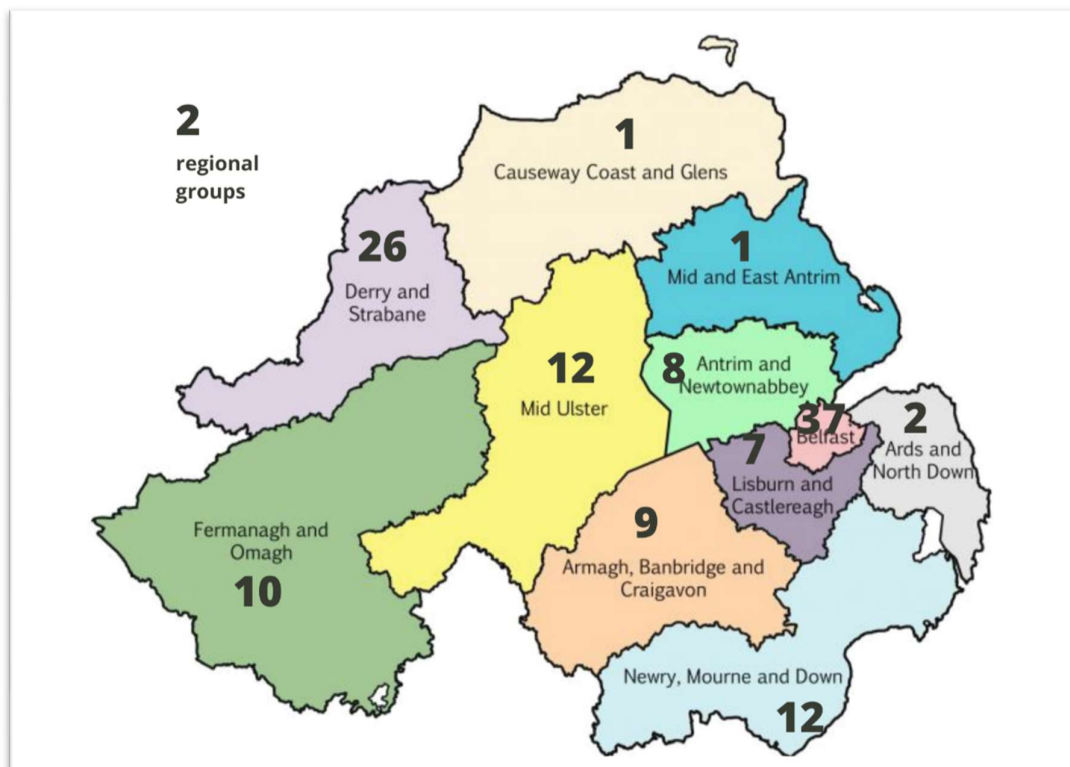
The WRC Annual Report was launched at the Women Delivering Change conference in Stormont's Long Gallery on the 22nd of April 2022.

All three recommendation from the May 2021 survey report have been met.

Demographics

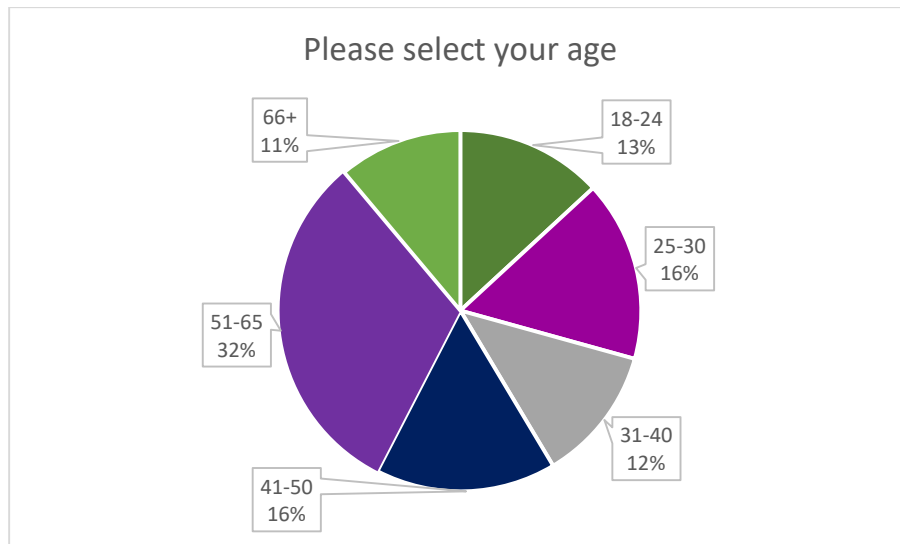
1. Geographic Spread

The survey received 124 responses covering all 11 Council areas. The average was 11 responses per council area ranging from 37 responses from Belfast City Council to one response for Causeway Coast and Glens.



(Figure 1. Responses per council area. Group respondents could select multiple areas)

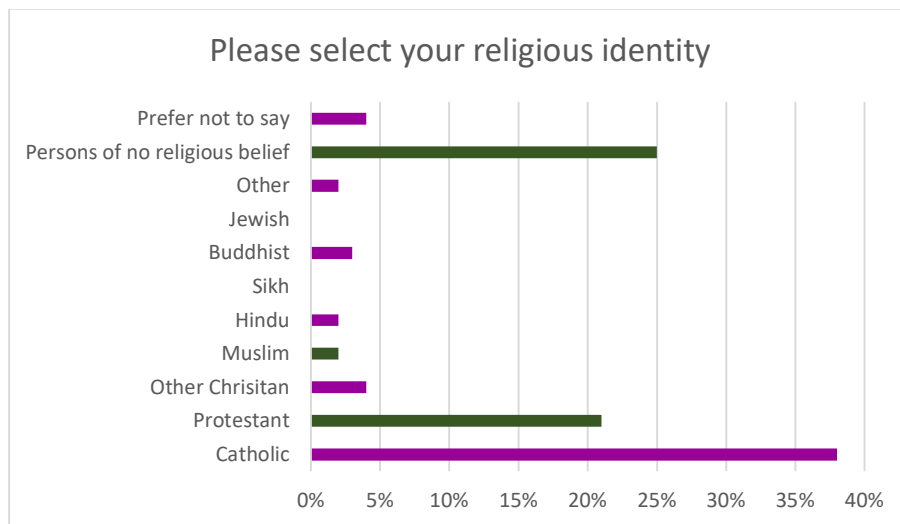
2. Age Profile



(Figure 2. Respondent's age by percentage.)

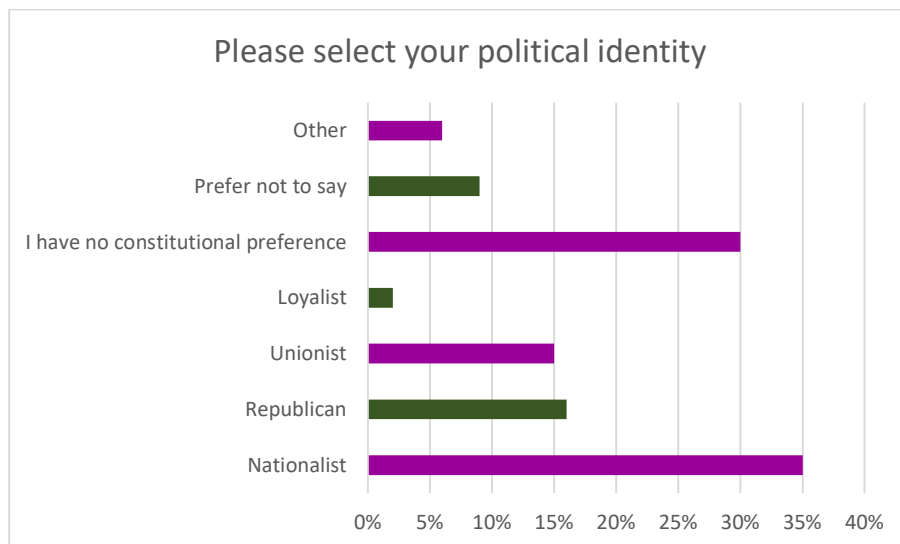
Women under the age of 40 made up 41% of responses, this is a 50% increase in younger women from May 2021.

3. Religious Identity



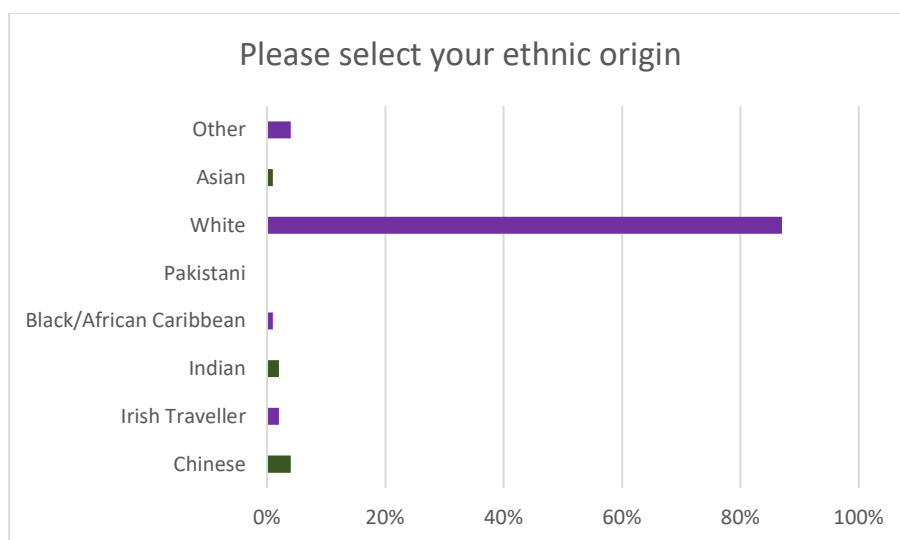
(Figure 3. Respondent's Religious Identity by percentage.)

4. Political Identity



(Figure 4. Respondent's Political identity by percentage.)

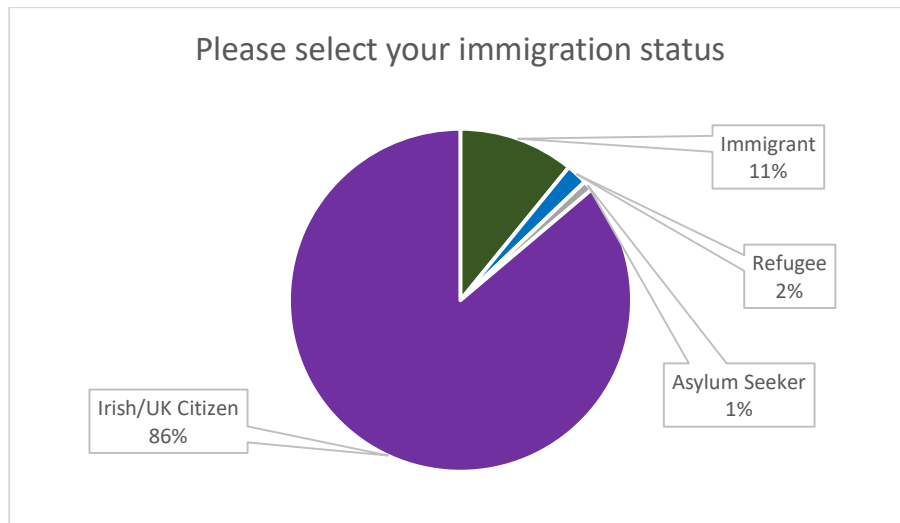
4. Ethnic Origin



(Figure 4. Respondent's ethnic origin by percentage.)

Respondents who selected an ethnic origin other than 'white' accounted for 14%, up from 7% in the May 2021 survey and compared to 2% in the general population.

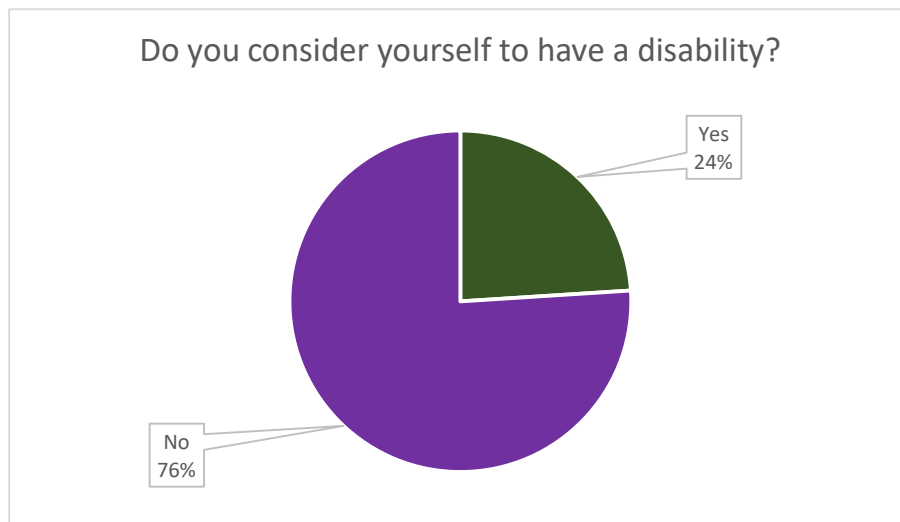
5. Immigration Status



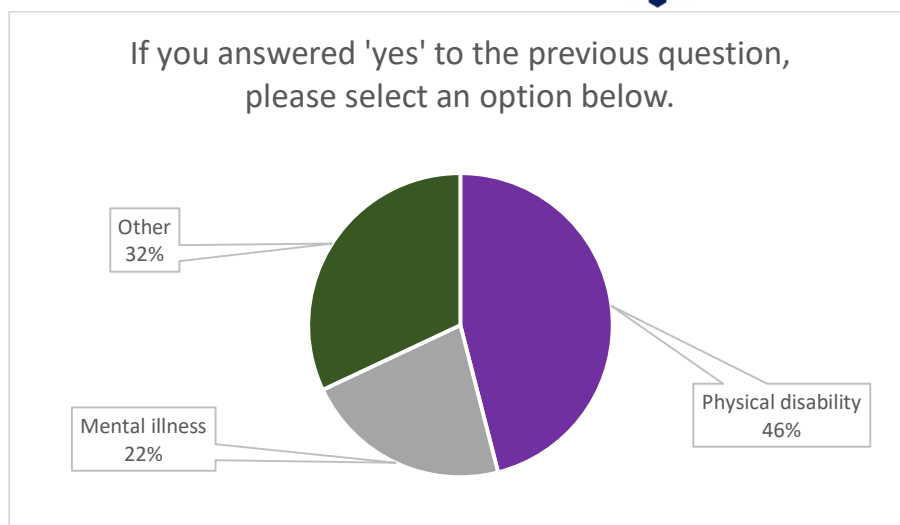
(Figure 5. Respondent's Immigration Status by percentage.)

Non-Irish/UK citizens accounted for 14% of respondents. This indicates WRC is reaching newly arrived communities.

5. Disability Status



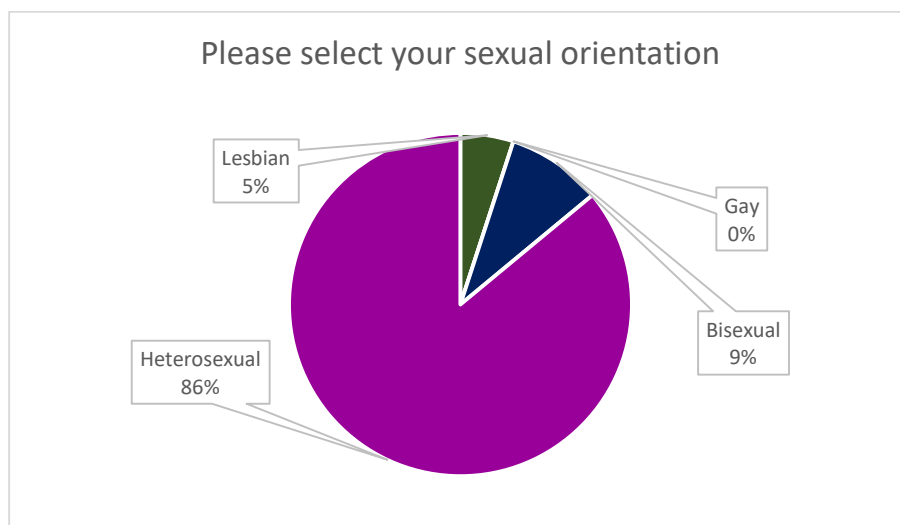
(Figure 5. Respondent's Disability Status by percentage.)



(Figure 5. Respondent's Disability Category by percentage.)

24% of respondents considered themselves to have a disability compared to 18% for the general population. This indicates WRC is reaching women with disabilities.

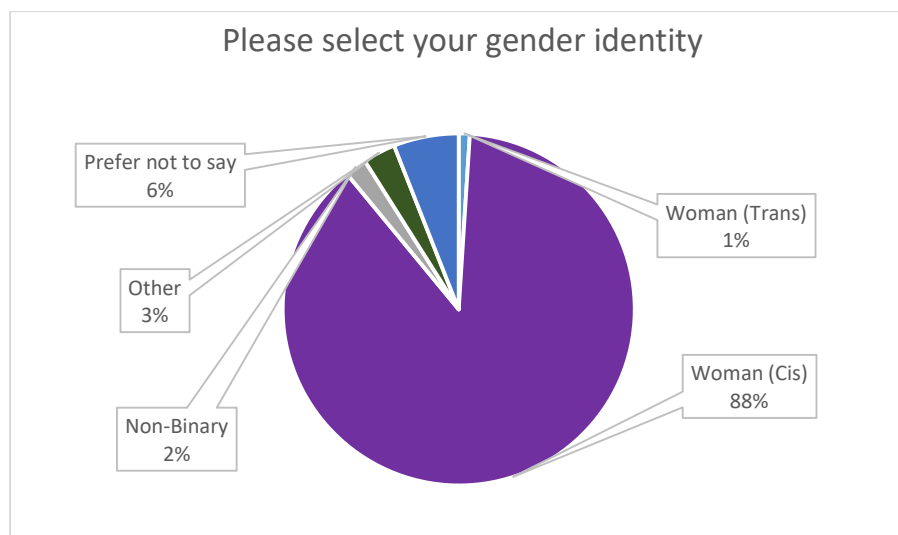
5. Sexual Orientation



(Figure 5. Respondent's Sexual Orientation by percentage.)

Respondents who identified as Lesbian or Bisexual accounted for 14% of WRC members compared to 2.2% for the general NI population. This indicates that the WRC and Partner organisations are successfully engaging with these demographics.

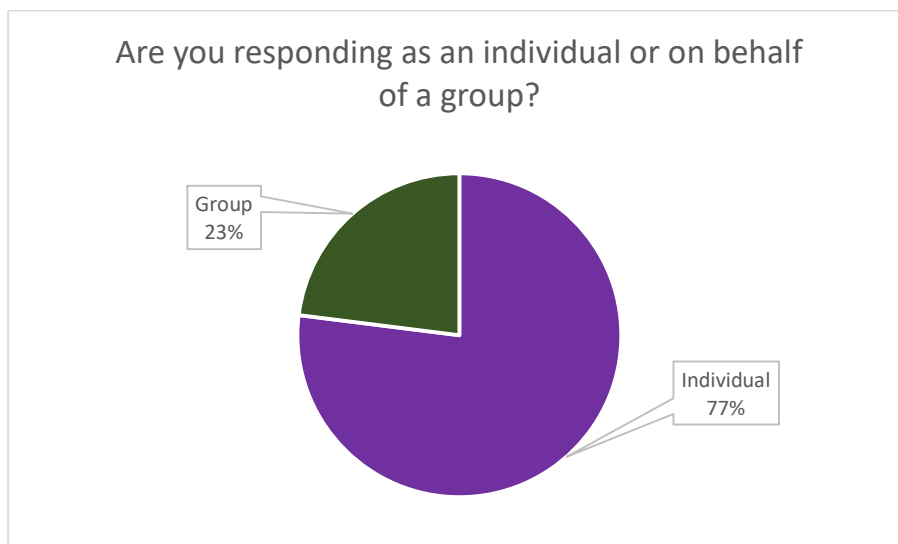
6. Gender Identity



(Figure 6. Respondent's Sexual Orientation by percentage.)

The percentage of respondents identifying as woman (trans) was 1% compared to around 1% for the general population. This confirms WRC and the Partner organisations are trans inclusive.

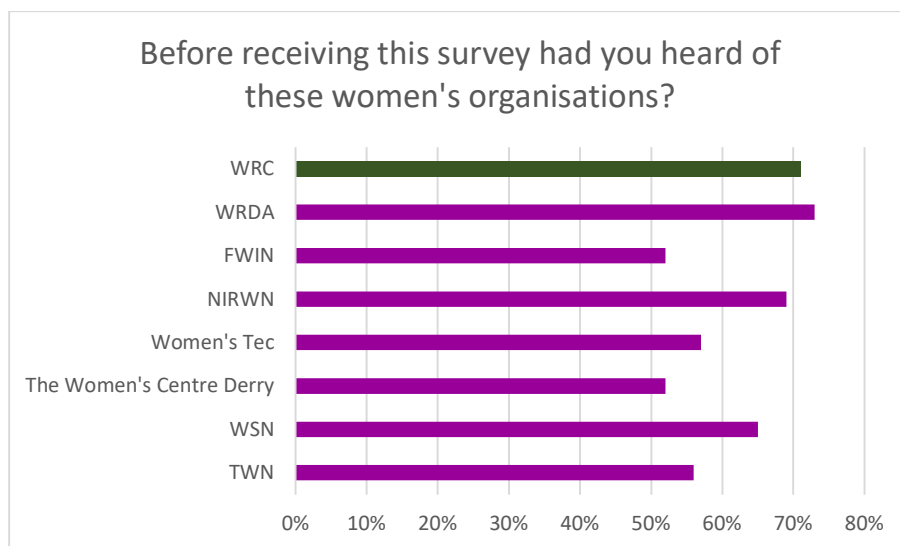
7. Membership Type



(Figure 7. Respondent's membership type by percentage.)

The WRC aims to be the strategic partner linking grass roots women and policy makers. 77% of respondents were individuals indicating the WRC partner organisations have strong links to grass roots women and the WRC as a whole is well placed to act as an accessible conduit between women in the community and policy makers.

Respondents Awareness of the Women's Regional Consortium and Partners

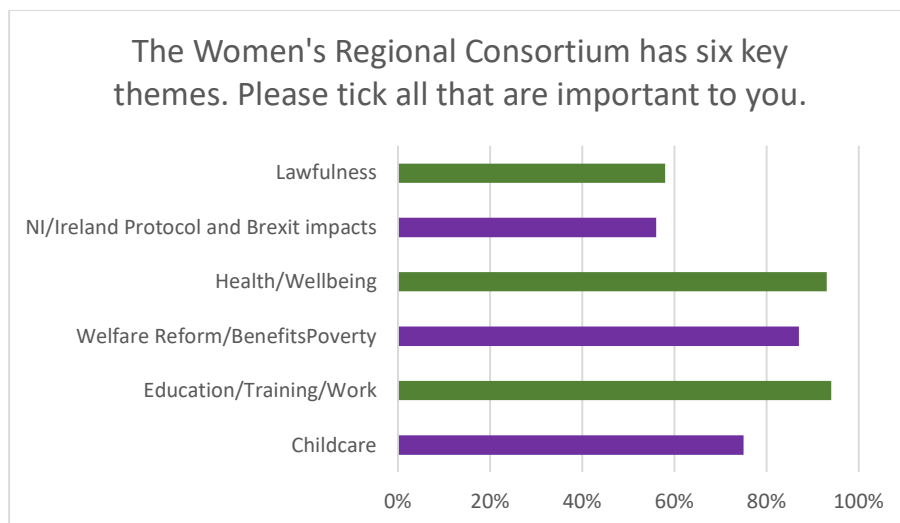


(Figure 8. Percentage of Respondents aware of the WRC and Partners.)

The average awareness rate for a partner organisation was 60%, an increase of 9% since the May 2021 survey. Considering the wide geographical spread of respondents and the defined work areas of some Partners this strongly indicates that Partners are amplifying each other's work. The recognition of the Consortium was 71%, an increase from 48% in May 2021. This indicates that Partners are publicising their connection to the Women's Regional Consortium and using WRC branding for events and promotional material.

Respondents Views on the Work of the Women's Regional Consortium

89. The Six Key Themes



(Figure 9. Respondent's ratings of WRC's six key themes by percentage.)

The survey provides strong evidence that the WRC is focussing on issues women consider important. Health/Wellbeing was considered to be important by 93% of respondents, Education/Training/Work was considered to be important by 94% and Welfare Reform/Benefits/Poverty by 87% of respondents. Such high levels of agreement amongst respondents indicates strong endorsement of the need for continued work in these areas. Of particular interest is Welfare Reform/Benefits/Poverty as it increased from 69% of respondents rating it as important in the May 2021 survey to 87% of respondents in this survey. This reflects the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

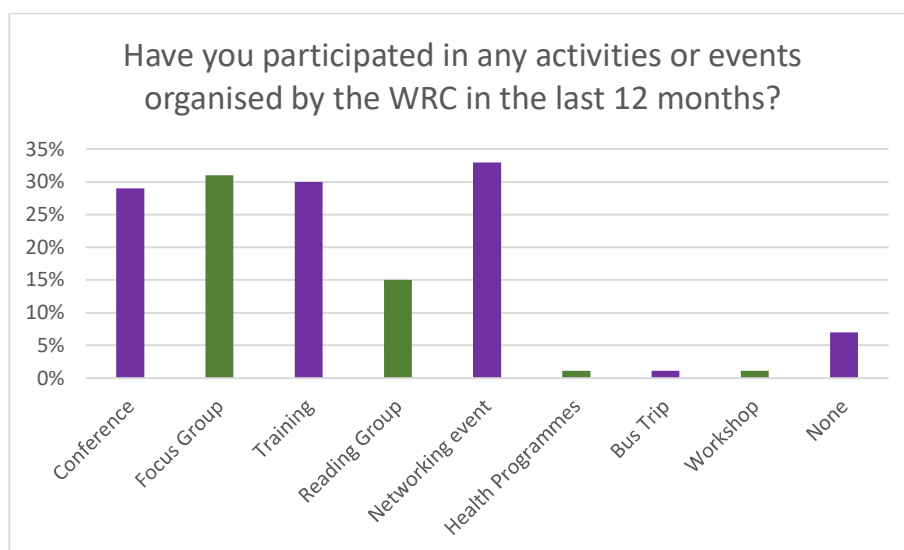
The percentage of respondents who thought Brexit was important to them decreased in every survey from its introduction as a key theme. It was rated important by 52% of respondents in March 2019, 51% of respondents in April 2020 and decreased again to 45% in April 2021. Recommendation 1 from 'Survey of Women's Regional Consortium Partner Members May 2021' stated work is needed to increase the understanding of the impacts of Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol. This recommendation has been successfully implemented as the percentage of respondents who considered Brexit and the NI protocol an important key theme has risen to 56% in this survey.

Respondents were given the option to record any other issue they felt the WRC should be focussing on. 42 respondents answered this question (those who answered 'no' are not included in this analysis). Ten out of 42 respondents felt the Cost-of-Living Crisis/Poverty should be focussed on. As Poverty is already included in the key theme of Welfare Reform/Benefits/Poverty this indicates the strength of feeling among respondents for the need for additional work in this area.

Responses requesting a focus on Climate/Environment have reduced from 6/40 responses in May 2021 to 3/42 responses in August 2022. This indicates that recommendation 2 from 'Survey of Women's Regional Consortium Partner Members May 2021' to increase the provision of material looking feminist responses to climate change has been met.

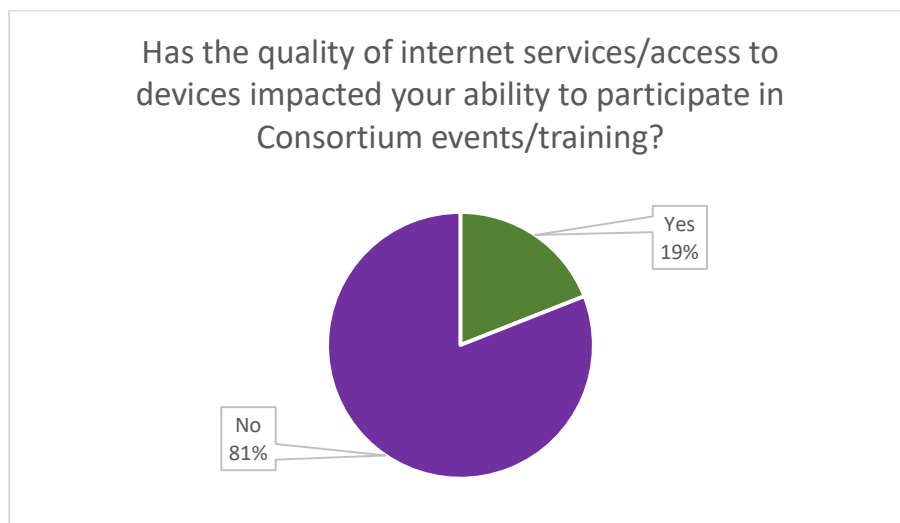
A full list of the responses can be found in Appendix 1.

2. WRC Event Participation

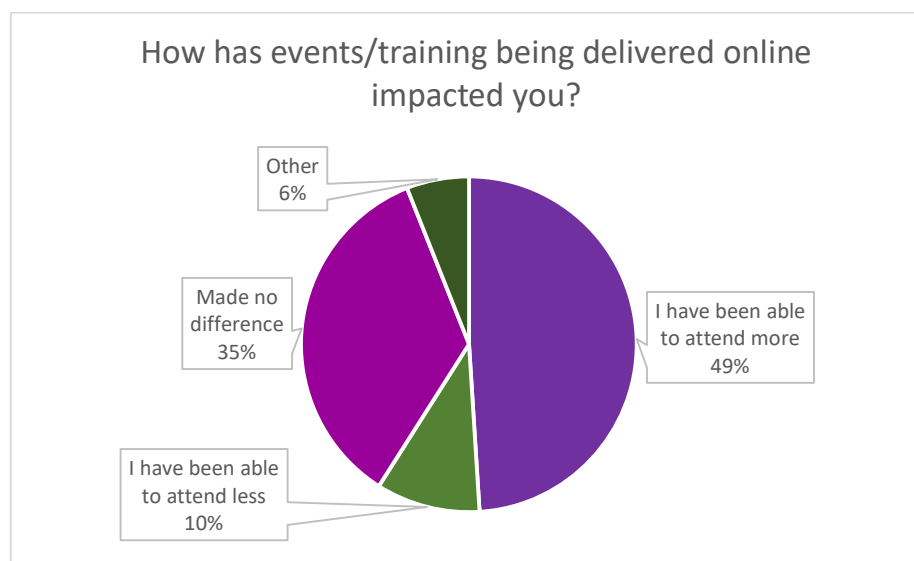


(Figure 10. Respondent's participation in WRC events by percentage.)

89 respondents answered this question with only 6 participants (7%) stating they did not attend any Consortium event or activity.

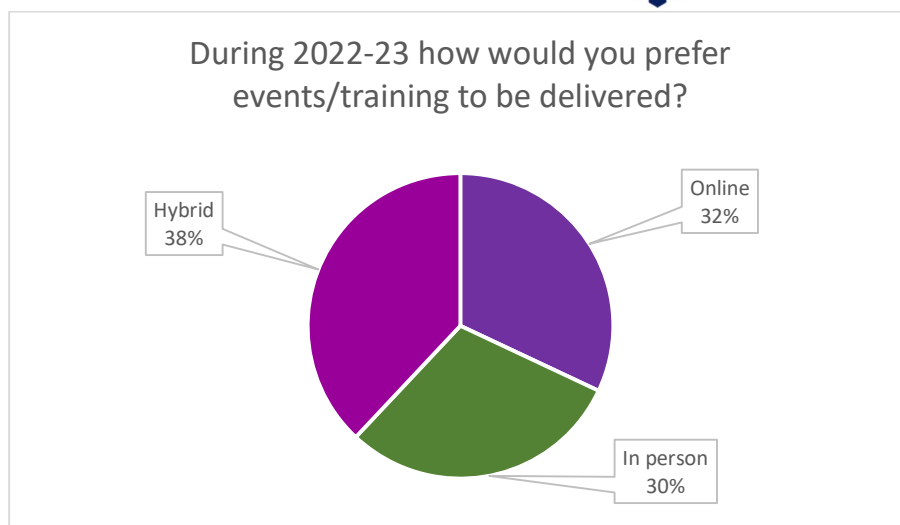


(Figure 11. Impact of quality of internet services and access to devices on respondent's participation in events and training.)



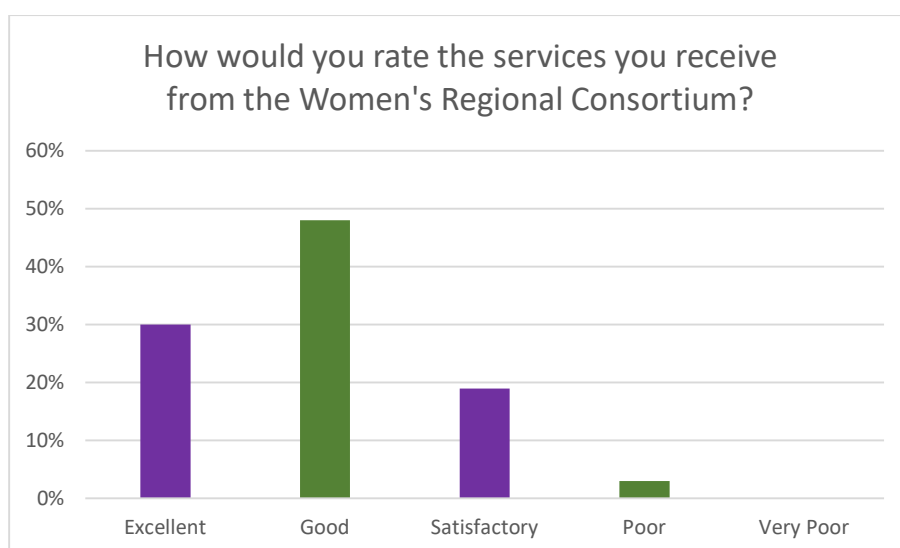
(Figure 112. Impact of events and training being held online.)

Holding events online had a positive impact on most respondents with 49% stating they were able to attend more events and 10% stating they were able to attend less events as a result.



(Figure 112. Impact of events and training being held online.)

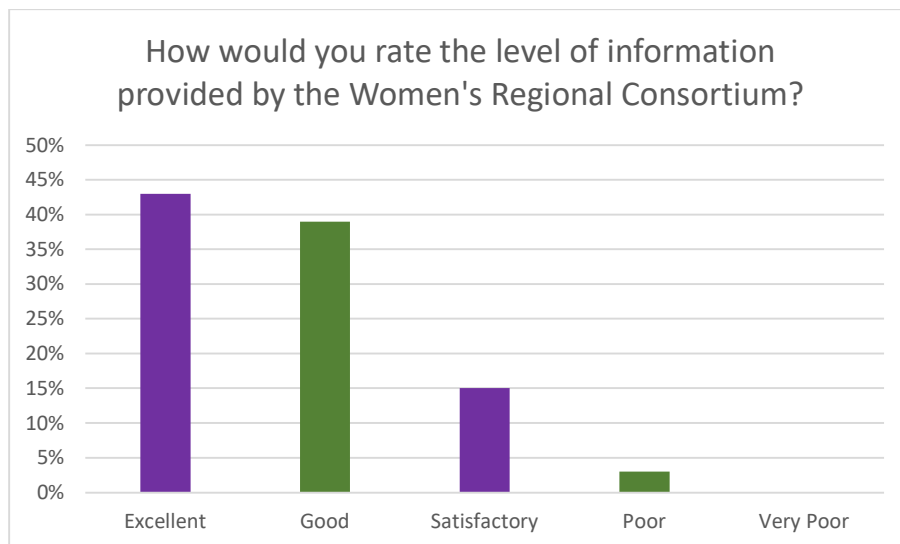
3. Services



(Figure 11. Respondent's rating of WRC services by percentage.)

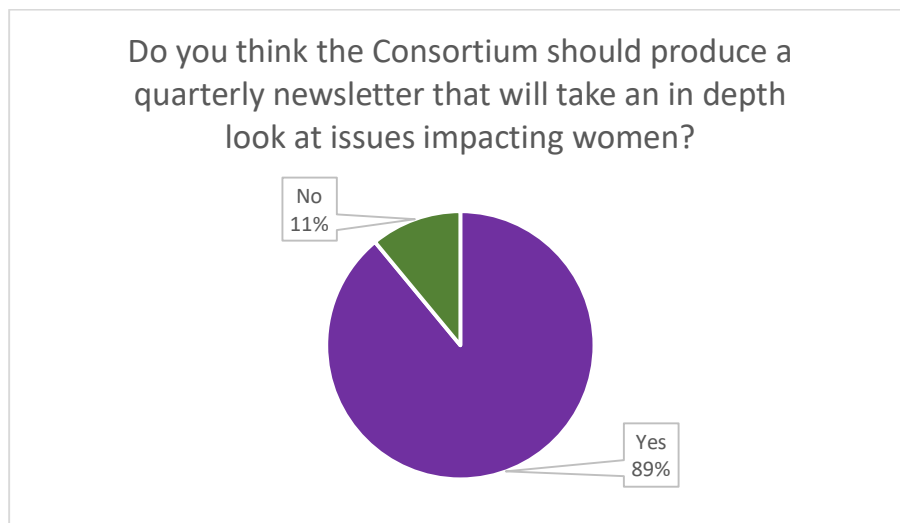
78% of respondents rated the services they receive from the WRC as excellent or good. This demonstrates the quality of work done by the Consortium partners. Respondents were asked for comments on WRC services. 27 respondents answered this question (those who answered 'no' are not included in the following analysis). Nine of the comments consisted of positive feedback for example, 'keep up the great work', 'you do fantastic work' etc and seven comments referred to timing and locations of events. A full list of responses can be found in Appendix 2.

4. Information



(Figure 12. Respondent's rating of the information provided by the WRC by percentage.)

82% of respondents rated the level of information provided by the WRC as excellent or good. This indicates the WRC is continuing to provide useful information. A follow up question asked if there was a topic the respondents would like to receive more information on and 27 respondents answered this question. Five responses requested more information on women's health issues/the menopause. A full list of the responses is available in appendix 3.



(Figure 12. Respondent's rating of the information provided by the WRC by percentage.)

Support for a quarterly newsletter was very strong with 89% of respondents agreeing that the Consortium should publish one.

Cost of Living Crisis

Due to the spiralling Cost of Living Crisis and the Consortium's key theme of Welfare reform/Benefits/Poverty participants were asked about the impact of the crisis on them and their groups. Women were keen to provide feedback on this issue, 90 women responded to the question about the impact of the crisis on individuals and the most common responses are outlined below.

- Rising cost of bills and higher prices
- Increasing cost of fuel and having less money to spend on transport
- Forgoing leisure activities or opportunities
- Increase in stress or a deterioration in mental health
- Struggling to heat home

A full list of the responses can be found in Appendix 4.

65 participants responded to the question about the impact of the crisis on groups and the most common responses are outlined below.

- Increase in running costs or programme costs
- Increase in demand for services/unable to meet increased demand
- Rising energy costs
- Lack of funding/inflation impacting the value of agreed funding

A full list of the responses can be found in Appendix 5.

Successes

1. 82% of respondents rated the level of information provided by the WRC as excellent or good.
2. 78% of respondents rated the services they receive from the WRC as excellent or good.
3. Through Partner members the WRC reaches every council area in NI
4. WRC Partners have strong links with grassroots women meaning the WRC is well placed to act as a link between women in the community and policy makers
5. The survey results confirmed WRC is focussing on the issues women find important to them
6. WRC is reaching ethnic minority, sexual and gender minority communities
7. WRC has increased member's understanding of the impacts of Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol
8. provision of material (articles, briefings etc.) looking at Feminist responses to Climate Change was increased
9. A WRC annual report was published

Recommendations

The Cost-of-Living crisis has had a clear impact on our members and this will be reflected in our recommendations for the year ahead.

1. The Consortium will continue to campaign on the cost of living crisis and disseminate widely Women's Regional Consortium research on the impact on women
2. The Consortium will support the UNISON campaign for free school meals for all
3. The Consortium will campaign for a cap on the cost of school uniforms
4. The Consortium will campaign for payments to support people with the increased cost of energy to be paid to individuals, not directly to energy companies
5. The Consortium will request an increase in RISP funding to cover the increase in energy and fuel costs for centres funded through Department for Communities
6. The Consortium will campaign against the inclusion of 'Hot Spots' in Government policy to tackle the cost of living and energy crisis
7. The Consortium will publish a Quarterly Newsletter focussing on a key theme
8. The Consortium will update the Communication Plan to reflect the findings of this survey

Appendix 1 - Are there any other issues you feel the WRC should focus on?

- no I think there is a good range of diverse issues
- Austerity and the cost of heating your home and cost of living v's the rate of pay also how we can help the working poor and advocate for them. Climate change
- Menopause care I set up Menopause wellbeing NI and deliver awareness and CBT skills for women and want to spread the word but no grants for sole traders.
- The cost of living & constant rising energy costs
- Inflation and the impact on people & families
- A functioning government
- Reduce cost of living
- Most women I know are concerned about gender ideology.
- Rural life and transport
- Training for staff in the community sector to deliver quality programmes that have an impact
- Women's pension inequality (50's women)
- 'Disability' (Training: VI/ Sensory Impairment/Blindness)..!'
- The cost of living crisis as part of 'Welfare/Benefits/Poverty'
- Violence Against women and girls
- Pensioner issues
- The environment
- Retraining for women
- funding for womens groups
- Children play and women's Tec
- Funding across Women's Centre's, impact-fallout regarding end of ESF.
- poverty , food, benefits, fuel, funding
- Getting rid of wealth inequality
- The climate crisis
- Poverty
- Poverty, low pay
- Cost Of Living - probably comes under poverty though!
- No
- Sustainable funding for the Women's Sector in NI.
- women's health, menopause, access to health professionals
- Maybe it comes under Health and Wellbeing but I reckon loneliness for the elderly and vulnerable.
- Dealing with the past
- NO
- Sexual Education
- Substandard women's healthcare, particularly for gynaecology issues. Women in leadership & public life.
- no
- cost of living support mechanisms
- Women's Rights

- Educate all about immigrants/foreigners, as opposed to the ignorance which permeates our society
- None
- 'Sensory Impaired Training, & let us know of any events..?'
- Unpaid family carers
- Rural women
- Sick of hearing about the protocol
- What feminism really is! sick of hearing about 'GCs' and 'girl boss'.
- Pushing for full abortion access esp due to roll back on roe which will have an emboldening effect on precious live and co.
- Racism.
- anti Traveler racism.

Appendix 2 - Do you have any comments you'd like to make regarding WRC services?

- no
- No
- More local based events - more regional spread - not everything should be held in Belfast and at times that suit Belfast people not taking into consideration travel time and costs
- keep up the great work
- Don't have any connections with them
- NIRWN do not offer services in East Antrim where rural support is very limited to women/women's groups - why? WRDA and WomensTec offer excellent services and are on the ball with women's issues.
- 'Training for disabled (Section 75)..?'
- I wonder if I'm not on the correct mailings list but I don't feel I have a firm grasp of WRC activities at the moment
- Workshops/training/events should be held at times when people are not at work. Had this been considered I would be able to be more active within the organisation.
- More events please, more opportunities to connect with others.
- N/a
- no idea what it is meant to do
- We need support
- All Rural areas need a voice. Women need to know these groups exist . Many areas esp. Fermanagh do not have a coalition of womens groups. If they do they are not known
- WRC needs to include more grassroots.
- very supportive to Women and Women's rights/issues . Brilliant advocate
- Thank you for continuing to reach out and support women.
- Thank you everything you are doing for the sector.
- Fwin has been a breath of fresh air for many of our women.
- Truly is a out standing service delivered by dedicated people, for all walks off life.
- policy updates and opportunities to participate in events are great
- NO
- 'No emails about events..?'
- The climate change reading group was interesting and well facilitated. I was only able to go because it was online.
- You do fantastic work! Wonderful to see womens groups working together :)

Appendix 3 - Is there a topic you would like more information on?

- No
- No
- No
- Funding
- Funding
- 'A Reader With all of the above, please..!'
- Health issues for women
- i find the range of topics covered by the consortium to be excellent but Mental Health issues are increasing everyday and need a real focus.
- Retraining of women from disadvantaged areas
- Her space
- NO
- How to navigate the benefits system.
- The newsheet should be more like policy briefings not just a newsletter for information on funding or services it should have a thematic focus for example climate change or housing issues etc.
- Not really
- disability rights, women's opportunities, mental health events
- menopause and management
- History of the movement, trans history etc..
- BENEFITS & COST OF LIVING
- 'Always email when you have events also..?'
- mental wellbeing and how to achieve this
- Older women interests
- Self awareness and wellbeing
- why do family cars continue to be of such low political salience? Caring is becoming more engendered. I have cared for 41 yrs non-stop. A problem of epistemic injustice. Your EOP form below misses our family carers who are a section 75 group' those with dependents' - we continue to be invisible as this question is not asked.
- I suppose the events and other tangible outputs (again though I wonder if I'm not on the correct mailing list?)
- Too much online literature sometimes confuses people
- Children's play and women's tec
- Not totally sure what is meant by 'lawfulness' so I guess, more info on that.

Appendix 4 - In what ways has the increased cost of living impacted you as an individual woman?

- As a woman the cost of living has been difficult in areas where travel is concerned fuel does not last long especially when travelling long distances in the car for work and generally finding the cost of food prices hard to keep up with when trying to budget on as the cost of living increases the minimum wage does not and trying to buy long lasting food products, money is short when living on a part time wage due to other responsibilities, this has resulted in an increased feeling of tiredness and stress with little time to myself due to trying to maintain and support myself.
- Viola have gone up and I'm being more careful about my energy usage and how I plan meals.
- the cost of living increases are scary and I feel that those who need the help the most are not being serviced for example those who are disabled or ill and on sickness benefits who may need their heat on to survive have not been taken into consideration the government have agreed to just give extra monies to those who are receiving universal credit / working tax etc not understanding the needs of others
- very aware of it
- less disposable income, no holidays and constant worrying about everyday survival
- All costs are rising and I'm worried if this doesn't slow down my family will be badly impacted upon
- Less money at the end of the bills being paid, therefore less opportunities
- It has impacted my mental health worrying about affording the cost of living, decreased social gatherings due to cost etc
- Fearful of energy bills and the impact of those costs on my food bill. Increased food costs and how that may limit how I live, e.g., not being able to afford to be/go out with friends
- Running costs of home ,increase in fuel costs ,high cost of living and health services
- I feel like my pay has fallen behind.
- have had to cut back on foodstuffs (no treats) and turn heating off
- Groceries and fuel more expensive using the car less
- A sharp increase in cost of living and not reflected in the pay
- Obviously my salary doesn't go as far with increased costs of fuel, home heating, food etc. leaves little disposable income for essential clothing, house and car maintenance etc.
- Not eating out or going out as much
- 'Staff Not (Across The Board/generally speaking/Section 75/VI: Blind) with arrows: This, Them, Those, These, They - Don't mean anything when VI/Blind..!' Or Facebook, Twitter, Online, Pictures etc..!' Even for those that is Dyslexic or have a Learning Difficulty..!'
- I end up going into my savings every month
- Running household and car, bills are higher and its difficult to cope
- Reduced income being on a work pension
- Watching price increases
- Longer hours and more work with less appreciation and increased time spent away from family. Rising fuel costs and rising food costs have taken a toll.
- I'm struggling to pay bills

- More working from home which involves higher costs
- struggling to meet weekly bills
- I am co-parenting with my ex-husband so running a home on a single budget can be stressful generally, never mind with the cost increases in everyday essential expenses. It means there is less money to do fun things with the kids, have days out etc as well as less money to spend on things I might need for myself. It is becoming more and more expensive to eat healthy food.
- Usage of internet / electricity and home heating
- Accessibility, isolation, affording diesel, food. Accessing training in my own area
- food costs rising limits engagement in social activities due to lack of money
- Everything - fuel, heating, food,
- No Holiday, using my savings & not going out to socialize
- increase in household costs
- causing stress now and the thought of cost of living in the winter and Xmas , trying to top up gas and electric each time before increases, i am having to budget and think about all purchases, wages don't last until end of the month and children have to wait till the end of month if they need new items such as shoes or basic clothing.
- I have really had to tighten my belt and budget carefully
- My family have experienced higher costs
- Your money doesn't go as far, the price of heat and light is ridiculous. Also the price of petrol/diesel is a joke.
- difficulty meeting all bills, less food products and higher fuel costs
- Very little so far
- I have had to miss some events as my budget would not support the cost of travel.
- I am barely getting through the month
- Higher prices for everything
- I'm able to cope with the increases mostly but it's getting harder to run a car, heat your home and you notice these bills going up a lot. It means that sometimes you think a bit more about making certain journeys and are more careful about switching the heat on.
- Increased stress/anxiety, struggling to cover all bills, choosing to pay one thing over another, getting into debt.
- Quite a lot
- I'm finding it difficult to maintain my wages to last the month and have also felt a lot more anxious about how I will cope and finding myself worrying more.
- I am very aware of price increase and am holding off buying many things.
- Increased stress as main income provider to household.
- Financial pressure to meet rising costs e.g. petrol, heating oil, electricity
- No treats for my kids, even used a food bank
- Can't survive
- It's causing me a lot of stress, anxiety and worry. Things are extremely tight.
- The cost of fuel has me feeling restricted
- More of my income is going on basic necessities such as food and heat.
- Everything has seen an awful increase, I have decisions to make on budgeting my monies on a daily/ every day today budget now. As before I could budget monthly this has all had to change due to high living cost, decisions and choices had to be made what is priorities.

- Have had to economize on my spending
- Energy Costs are so high so this will make Winter time very hard on many families
- very hard food prices and petrol
- Have to limit your spending and rethink your priorities.
- Fuel and increasing bills
- Having to be more careful with money as the cost of everything has gone up !
- Absolutely I would definitely consider myself to pay of the working poor category, i work full time and its getting more difficult to be able to financially support myself. This is impacting my mental health dramatically as i already suffer from Chronic Anxiety i find myself constantly worrying about being able to afford to basic household essentials.
- Everything is a consider purchase
- Heating oil
- Lucky enough to be working atm but less disposable income as a result of higher bills, especially utility bills
- Menstrual Products: Cheapest Options.
- Reduction in disposable income
- I have to decide which i spend my money on ,i.e. gas ,electric , food , diesel
- Struggled
- Living costs
- Price increases in all spheres of life have meant reduced spending on all but essential items
- significantly
- i am on a pension from work and this has not risen since my early retirement 4 years ago
- I feel safer driving to work/destinations than walking or using public transport. this is now costing me more.
- My utilities bills have doubled since February and I am feeling this impact in my disposable income. I have also noticed my grocery bill increase which further impacts on what I have left to 'live on' once my bills are covered. I am noticing that I am having to say no to things my children ask for and am finding other cheaper or free things to do with them. I am also removing items from my grocery shop that I would have bought in usually.
- all aspects of life are affected
- As an individual woman, not significantly as I have no dependents. As a person, cost of fuel going to work, cost of food, electric and gas are making things tighter every month.
- I have not used heating as gas is too expensive; I am aware of every purchase and seek out cheaper alternatives
- Everything
- Yes
- whilst I am currently employed and in a better position than most trying to cope at this time I am certainly seeing the increase in costs and daily living at an all time high. I in my position find myself budgeting, cutting back on fuel, food and luxuries so I feel great concerns for the future of both working families and those who find themselves on benefits trying to cope with living. I believe and see that people are being spiralled very quickly into poverty whilst no great change or support is being put in place to assist.
- 'VI (visually impaired/blind) Only got the DLA/Pips this last few years & now finance aspects are changing..!' - 'Charity Shops are wonderful..!'
- Oil prices have tripled since 2018. 24/7 lighting and heating for disabled son.

- More thoughtful about how often and where I drive to. More careful of spending electricity and oil.
- I live in the countryside and rely on family/friends for lifts (I'm disabled and can't drive). I'm more reluctant to ask them for lifts as I know petrol is really expensive but public transport is basically non-existent where I live, our area gets one bus a day each way. I can't go many places and I feel a bit isolated.
- Food prices are becoming ridiculous.
- No nice things for me, make sure my son has everything he needs. No holidays.
- Taking more shifts in my part time job. worried about my a levels now as I took too many shifts to study properly.
- Cutting down on travel and trips out. I'm a lot more careful with my grocery shopping now and I have my nanna over more often, especially for lunch/dinner as I worry about her on just a pension.
- We earn good money so it hasn't hit us yet but I normally go on a wee break with my sister and she keeps putting it off, I think money being squeezed is why.
- Fuel is too expensive. Food is too expensive. Basics cost just too much.

Appendix 5 - In what ways has the increased cost of living impacted your organisation/group?

- Buying and sourcing products has been more difficult and cutting costs isn't always beneficial as it has been found that you sacrifice then need of one thing for another.
- The cost of everything has risen and the added expense is being carried by the organisation
- Rising energy costs
- travel & building costs
- Unknown.
- Less people willing to travel due to fuel costs .
- Stagnant wages
- less funding available
- Less travel and people have less money to spend on socialising etc
- Cost of delivery , rising costs of tutors, materials etc.
- More groups going after funding therefore less to go around and we can't offer the same resources to the women.
- Heating and electric costs are rising, more people calling in for help/food/vouchers which we no longer have
- 'Oxfam Items: etc..!
- Not much impact yet, but staff have clearly been impacted
- rising running costs and impact on attendance for events as participants can't afford travel. Women are more stressed and this is triggering for women who have experienced trauma, impacting on attendance at events and patience / tolerance.
- Thinking more about spending unnecessarily
- It has increased the amount of individuals connecting with us, increasing anxiety over worries. Increased costs are impacting the scope of work we can do
- N/a
- have no core funding so no idea where the money for the large electric bills are coming from
- As above
- Connecting is more difficult due to rising costs
- poorer mental health and poor nutrition
- Massive increase on heating/electricity - means cuts elsewhere!
- Running cost
- more referrals to foodbank and benefit advisors appt
- women attending are sharing their stress and concerns around increase in basic living costs and future concerns going into winter and xmas, benefit concerns, poverty, house hold bill costs
- Our heating and electricity bills have increased so much and this has not been covered in funding grants.

- Meeting increased running costs has reduced available funding for delivery of services and support for participants at a time when we are experiencing greater demand and needs in the community.
- Not sure
- We have always been energy efficient but we have had to be more conscious since the increase in services happened and have had to look at finding other funders to help with these costs.
- higher running costs, more women needing support for food banks
- We have only been able to plan events that are part funded by Grants.
- more requests for food and electric and gas
- Higher overall running costs more demand for mental health services and welfare benefits
- Huge impacts for the women I work with who were already impacted by welfare reform and austerity. How can you continue to afford the essentials when you didn't have enough money to make ends meet even before the Cost of Living crisis. It's driving more women to debt and some of it very expensive/dangerous debt just to be able to eat and heat. Not only will there be a poverty crisis as a result but a debt crisis also. It has impacts beyond the individual women to their children and the next generation, to the health sector (dealing with the impact of mental and physical health issues arising from poverty), to education (schools dealing with hungry children, children not being able to take part in additional activities and issues around affording school uniforms) to the impact on the local economy - with less money means people spending less in local shops.
- Increased costs of materials. Currently in the increased numbers of women looking for help and support. Government dept have helped towards energy bills but costs still rising.
- Centre users have less available money to spend and get things really tight
- It has affected the number of courses and services that we can provide.
- I think we will see the impact of this in the autumn and winter with rising overheads and demand for wages to be in line with the increased cost of living.
- Same as above
- Cost of room hire, and no one really has money to donate to a charity.
- Na
- Getting to and from group is an issue with diesel costs etc, inflation is an issue with already agreed funding.
- Traveling cost has reduced my income
- Everyone is impacted by the rising cost of living
- Classes events are a life line too many.. As gets them out heating and a meal in many categories.
- Will have to cancel basic like internet connection to cut down on overheads
- Energy costs have doubled but the funding for running costs have not
- women living in poverty
- Less people attending events due to cost of travel
- The overheads for our organisation are a lot higher, electricity, heat, office essentials are continually rising.
- Less events / training
- Not Applicable.
- Increased energy bills - increased cost for tenants

- Running costs
- Increased demand for our services
- N/A
- causes frustration and worry. anxious about the next bill that needs paid
- utilities are now a major concern
- I work for a women's charity, however, and the cost of our overheads are increasing significantly - which is always difficult to get funded, puts more pressure on us at a time when the demand for our services are significantly increasing and the needs of service users are becoming more challenging with relation to food banks, travel to attend services, childcare etc.
- Everyone is worried and anxious about the future
- Everything
- we see very clearly the rise in cost for services that we rely on to help families cope with their illnesses and other issues emanating from the diagnosis and the concern is that we struggle to be successful to receive funding due to expected cuts and equally to continue to fundraise as we have a history of doing and a reliance on such funds to support the families in the way we do.
- 'No works with CV19, & getting Volunteers..?'
- NA