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Northern Ireland
Rural Women's Network

BREXIT BRIEF

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As members you have told us through our [Women's 'Rural Voices' Report](#) that Brexit and its current and potential implications is a key issue for: you, your families and your communities. As a result we have continued to work on your behalf since the March 2019 deadline passed to communicate your concerns to decision makers and media.

As the date for BREXIT extension October 31st is approaching and Westminster seems no closer to an Agreement; we wanted to update you and give you a flavour of the type of work that NIRWN has been engaged in to ensure your voices and views are heard.



Meeting with Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade



Meeting with UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Kate Gilmore

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS?

Meetings

NIRWN has met with MP's; MEP's; UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; Human Rights Commission both Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland and the current Secretary of State

Presentations

We have made a number of conference presentations to a variety of audiences e.g. 'Brexit, Devolution and Civil Society. This conference was a two-day event that provided a unique opportunity for civil society organisations from across the four regions of the UK to reflect on the impact of Brexit in each jurisdiction, map out commonalities and collaborate on shared and individual responses. Read more on this here

Campaign

We have signed our organisation up to the #NoToNoDeal campaign; the campaign recognises that whether you voted Leave or Remain exiting the EU without a deal or an agreement with the EU would be catastrophic for our region.

Read more about the campaign on the dedicated webpage: www.NoToNoDeal.org [Facebook page](#) (@NoToNoDeal) or [Twitter page](#) (@NoToNoDeal). The campaign is open to all organisations to join via the website.



#NoToNoDeal Campaign

Collaboration

We continue to work together with and collaborate with other civic society organisations to ensure the voice of rural women is amplified. This has included amongst others Rural Community Network; the Women's Regional Consortium; The Centre for Cross Border Studies and the Brexit and Human Rights Working Group. This has included media [statements](#) and letters to MPs on the dangers of a No Deal.



'Towards a New Common Charter' presentation to the Oireachtas Joint Committee for The Implementation of The

Information

Through our website www.nirwn.org; our Facebook Page @nirwnorg and our Twitter feed @nirwnnews we endeavor to keep members updated on our activities and the progress politically on issues of concern to you; including Brexit.

Useful web links on Government Brexit Updates:

NI: Click [here](#)

UK: Click [here](#) and [here](#)

ROI: Click [here](#)

EU: Click [here](#)

Meetings with (Clockwise):

Jo Swinson MP Leader of Liberal Democrats;

NI Secretary of State Julian Smith

Martina Anderson MEP



Opportunities

NIRWN will continue to take every opportunity to work across the political spectrum and civic society to ensure the concerns of rural women and our members are met.

If you would like an opportunity to have your voice heard by politicians, media etc please do not hesitate to contact us as we are always receiving requests to link our members to decision makers, researchers and media outlets and we would love to facilitate you.