

November/December 2016

Women's Regional Consortium Service Support

Provided information and support by:

- Publishing articles and circulating information to women's organisations through the Consortium e-zine and consortium multi media
In December 2016 information was distributed on: Irish Women's Travellers Project, and hosting local MLA'S to lobby for WCCF.

Promoted good practice by:

- Distributing sample policy templates to women's centres and women's organisations.
- Circulating training information relevant for community & voluntary and women's sector organisations to promote good practice and continuous improvement.
- Researching and sharing the information about funding opportunities relevant to women's sector organisations and networks supporting women who live in disadvantaged or rurally isolated communities.
- Working in partnership with statutory and community organisations to share knowledge and experience.
- Working with E.G. WHSCT, AWARE, Toybox, NI.Human Rights Commission
- Attending procurement training and sharing in workplace.

Provided networking opportunities by:

- Participating and networking at Community Planning events on behalf of the women's consortium making sure that the voice of women who live in disadvantaged communities is represented and included in the community planning processes.
- Attended FWIN conference supporting gender equality and networked with community and voluntary organisations to advocate for women living in disadvantaged and rural communities.
- Participated in Function 4 sub group meeting to network with consortium partners and share information which benefits women who live in disadvantaged and rural areas

Supported women and women's organisations by:

- Meeting women's organisations, MLAs and political representatives to ensure that the WCCF programme is sustained to provide crèche services for women and children who live in disadvantaged and rurally isolated communities throughout NI.
- Keeping in contact with women's 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 .
- Making connections with an Islamic women's group to support future development, co-operation and increase access to the Regional Consortium services and support.
- Supporting women's organisation to develop services and support for women from a range of cultural backgrounds to enable engagement and integration into our communities.
- Supporting women's organisations by assisting in the development of a blended learning model to deliver English conversation and language skills for BME women and children who are new to our community.
- Supporting women's organisations to work jointly with statutory agencies to support the development of (2) new Traveller Women's Groups who live in disadvantaged communities.
- Supported traveller women to voice their concerns and opinions at a Community Planning event Specifically arraigned to bring multi agencies and travellers together in a Single agenda. Ballyarnett Community Centre
- Working in Partnership with AWARE and WHSCT to facilitate 'Mood Matters' programme with Traveller women.

