

October 2016

Women's Regional Consortium Service Support

Provided information and support by:

- Publishing articles and circulating information monthly to women's organisations through the Consortium e-zine and consortium partners' newsletters and media
In October 2016 information was distributed on:
"Traveller Women's Development"
[http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e50ceb96ac4c2552d81430fee&id=65addbe31d&e=\[UNIQID\]](http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e50ceb96ac4c2552d81430fee&id=65addbe31d&e=[UNIQID])
- Supporting projects who work with migrant and multicultural women, providing information about local statutory services and information about accessing key legal, health, education and support in local areas.

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.
- Supporting women's organisations to work in partnership through the statutory and voluntary sector to share knowledge and ideas and support development for under-represented Traveller women.
- Promoting collaboration in the women's sector to optimize efforts and gain maximum outcomes for women who live in disadvantaged and rural communities.

Helped shape funding bids by:

- 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.

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.
- Supporting Good Relations and our Shared Future by attending the NI Islamic Association women's coffee morning to highlight the work of the Women's Regional Consortium and offer support and information to this Islamic women's group.
- Hosting and networking at events to keep the sector informed about current EU Referendum / post Brexit information.

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
- Engaging in Traveller cultural awareness training.
- 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.

