



WOMEN'S SPACES

**Creating platforms to strengthen women's voices
in peacebuilding, civic and political life.**

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**Charmain Jones (left)
and Sarah Stack (right)
with Women's
Platform's new
coordinator Dervilia
Kernaghan (centre) who
began in July 2025.**

Where are the Women?



**TUESDAYS
7-8:30PM ONLINE
20TH JAN – 3RD FEB**



**RSVP AT:
[HTTPS://WKF.MS/3NCIKXH](https://wfk.ms/3NCIKXH)**

Join us for a 3-week programme where we explore through the Digital Film Archive, the lives and roles of women in Northern Ireland.

We will journey through the decades taking a closer look at women within the family, community and wider society and the role they play and continue to play in helping shape the past, present and future of this place we call home.

We were pleased to deliver this programme recently with the Rathcoole Crew, our 11th delivery of these fabulous and popular workshops.

Interview with CRC

Check out our interview with the Community Relations Council about our Pillars for Peace-Building Toolkit: <https://www.community-relations.org.uk/news-centre/northern-ireland-womens-untold-peace-legacy-revealed>



Northern Ireland women's untold peace legacy revealed

by Michael McGlade, Community Relations Council 'It's not just about remembering – it's about activating.'

Community Relations Council / Apr 13

Pillars for Peace-Building Toolkit Workshop

WITH ORIEL CONNECTS US PARTNERSHIP

57 women on a Cross Border Educational Visit to Belfast took part in a workshop on the new Pillars for Peace-building toolkit at the Irish Secretariat in Belfast. They heard from Majella Murphy, Eileen Weir, Kathy Wolfe, and Barbara Boyle on their experiences in peacebuilding as well as viewed the toolkit resources. The women talked about being older women and taking care of grandchildren, rural lives, women in the armed forces, and newcomers and migrant communities.

If you would like to take part in a Pillars for Peace-Building Toolkit workshop, get in touch!



Remarkable Belfast Women

WITH CLIFTON HOUSE & MARYANN MCCrackEN FOUNDATION

The Women's Spaces team brought 21 women from all over rural and urban communities to take part in a talk called Remarkable Belfast Women. We heard about the life of Mary Ann McCracken, Winifred Carney and Baroness May Blood. A fantastic event all round.



Consultations, policy and research

The Women's Spaces team is committed to ensuring that women have the opportunity to have their voices heard in policy and decision making. As such, the team has contributed to the following consultation responses, policy podcasts and supported the coordination of focus groups for research. We also organised an online event (below) to support individuals to respond to the consultation on the draft anti-poverty strategy.

- Women's Regional Consortium focus group for research on women and mental health - November 2025
- Women's Platform Response to Ireland DFA's Public Consultation on development of new Reconciliation Fund Strategy - August 2025
- Women's Policy Group NI's response to the Draft Victims and Witnesses of Crime Strategy 2025–2030 - July 2025
- WRDA Response to the DoJ Consultation on Reduced Sentences for Guilty Pleas - July 2025
- Policy 360: Unplugged - From Rural Roots to Real Change: Charmain Jones on Identity, Women's Voices, and Peacebuilding - July 2025



**Women's
Policy Group NI**



Rise Together to Tackle Poverty

WITH THE ANTI-POVERTY TOOLKIT GROUP

11 women joined our event online on 16th September 2025 to look at the open consultation on the draft Anti Poverty Strategy. Participants heard from the Anti Poverty Toolkit team as well as the former co-design group on their opinions of the current draft. Additionally they received a draft template for responding to the consultation as individuals.



Women's Spaces out and about...



5 participants attended the "Speak Up" play as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week 21st Oct 2025, Armagh City Hotel



7 participants attended the Belfast Women's Assembly event on 25th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 28th October 2025, The Mac



1 participant attended the Childcare Strategy Launch on 10th Sep 2025 Stormont Long Gallery



9 women from Rathcoole Crew took part in a Toolkit Workshop on 3rd Nov 2025



Students from Brigham Young University, Utah learned about Women's Spaces and the Toolkit as part of their visit at Ulster University in July 2025

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