



WOMEN'S SPACES

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

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WITH RABBLE COOP

We are pleased to announce that Rabble Cooperative has been contracted to support the development of our online toolkit on Women, Peace and Security. This will be the first online interactive toolkit bespoke to NI peacebuilding and women. We are now collating content and reaching out to women in the field to contribute via vlogs and blogs. This is an exciting piece of work which we aim to launch in 2025!

A SEAT AT THE TABLE: OUR GOVERNMENT, OUR LIVES



WITH ASSEMBLY COMMUNITY CONNECT

Following feedback from last year's event with the All-Party Group on UNSCR 1325 Women Peace and Security, we organised a panel discussion and tour of Stormont Parliament Buildings and the Women In Parliament Exhibition with support from NI Assembly Community Connect. 30 women met female MLAs and political leaders and listened to a presentation on how the Assembly and Westminster work, the different voting systems, and discussed the upcoming general election.

It was an engaging and lively day with lots of Q&A. Following this, we have collated the women's thoughts and comments for Assembly questions in September.

Many thanks to Diane Forsyth MLA, Claire Sugden MLA, and Jill Macauley, UUP Chair, for taking time to answer questions!



Activism, Power & Gatekeeping

**WITH DR. AVILA KILMURRAY,
SOCIAL CHANGE INITIATIVE**



Many thanks to Dr Avila Kilmurray, Social Change Initiative, who joined the Women's Spaces team again for an online talk called Over the Wall – Activism, Power & Gatekeeping. The uptake for the workshop was amazing with over 40 women in attendance online where they received a presentation and then engaged in a lively online Q&A with Avila.

As usual she always left us with food for thought and the women who took part commented they learnt so much just with that one engagement. Feedback from the event included how great it was for women practitioners to come together for motivation to continue the work.



Gender Equality in the Community



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City Council**

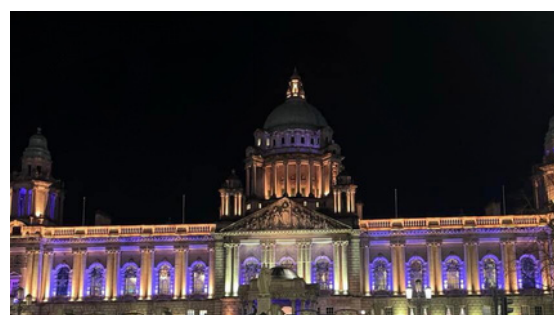
A LOOK AT BELFAST CITY COUNCIL'S GENDER ACTION PLAN

20th August 2024

We are excited to announce a visit to Belfast City Hall in partnership with Women's Steering Group and Gender Equality Team on Tuesday 20th August beginning at 10am with a Welcome from Councillor Áine McCabe who is Chair of the Women's Group.

Women will have the opportunity to meet with the Women's Steering Group, learn about the current Gender Action Plan, and tour Belfast City Hall with a focus on 2 key influential women who now have statues on the grounds: Mary Ann McCracken (abolitionist, social reformer and activist) and Winifred Carney (trade unionist and women's suffragist).

Places are limited. To book your place, please contact Sarah Stack, Urban Co-ordinator, sarah.stack@wrda.net.



Where are the Women?

**WITH BRONAGH MCATASNEY
NI SCREEN: DIGITAL FILM ARCHIVE**

The Women's Spaces team are so pleased to be continuing to work with Digital Film Archive and NI Screen on the Where are the women project. Falls women's centre and Magherafelt women's centre engaged in this three-week programme and feedback was extremely positive. During the next quarter we will be working with Shankill Women's Centre, Ballybeen Women's Centre and women from the Kilkeel area. This project really has become the bedrock and foundation piece of the Women's Spaces programme.



Falls Women's Centre



“The Ulster Morning Show” on the importance of Women’s Charities

WITH ULSTER UNIVERSITY YEAR 2 SCREEN PRODUCTION STUDENTS

Thanks to our lead partner, Women's Platform, the Women's Spaces team were invited to take part in a TV programme hosted, designed and delivered by year 2 students at the University of Ulster. This was such an uplifting experience engaging with young people setting out on the first steps towards a career in film, TV and production. Charmain and Sarah were both interviewed about the project and the clip is available for viewing from our website. Thank you to the students for the professionalism and hospitality.



Watch the clip online:

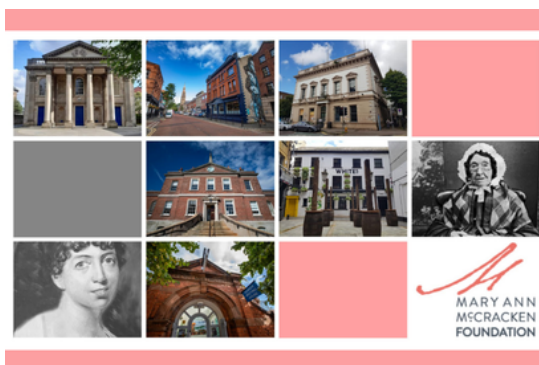
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xGAEEsv4h8

Women Challenging the Status Quo and Mary Ann McCracken Walking Tour: 25th October 2024

WITH WOMEN POLITICIANS REPRESENTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

As a follow on from “Where are the Women?” rural participants will attend a meet and greet with rural female political representatives and a walking tour on the legacy of Mary Ann McCracken with the Clifton House.

This event will enable rural women to engage in conversations about issues and policies that affect their everyday lives.



Get involved with us!

In addition to facilitating our own workshops, we support Women's Spaces participants to engage with other projects. In year 2, we have participated in

- Stitching our Stores at Ulster University,
- Baroness May Blood: A Celebration of an Extraordinary Woman with Linen Hall Library,
- Making Peace through Art: A Creative Workshop part of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition at the Linen Hall Library,
- Women's Manifesto for General Election 2024 Launch and Hustings with Women's Policy Group.



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