



## INFORMATION SHEET

The WCRP is a partnership of 4 lead women's organisations and 14 women's centres/organisations across Northern Ireland. The partnership is funded by the Department for Social Development (DSD) in order to support organisations providing frontline services to women in disadvantaged and rurally isolated areas.

### Our Partners

WCRP comprises of four lead partner women's organisations:

- Women Resource and Development Agency (WRDA)
- Women's Support Network (WSN)
- Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN)
- The Women's Centre (Derry)

And 14 frontline women's centres/ organisations across Northern Ireland:

North West:

- Foyle Women's Information Network (FWIN)
- Strathfoyle Women's Activity Centre
- Waterside Women's Centre
- The Women's Centre Derry

Belfast:

- Atlas Women's Centre
- Ballybeen Women's Centre
- Falls Women's Centre
- Footprints Women's Centre
- Greenway Women's Centre
- Shankill Women's Centre
- Windsor Women's Centre

Rural Towns:

- Chrysalis Women's Centre, Craigavon
- First Steps Women's Centre, Dungannon
- Magherafelt Women's Centre

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## Key Achievements

WCRP's achievements include securing the Women's Centres Childcare Fund (WCCF) funded by DSD which supports high quality childcare provision in women's centres within local communities.

WCRP in association with WRDA delivers a 5 year Big Lottery Live & Learn funded 'Women's Centres Learning Partnership Project', supporting education and training, delivered in 14 women's organisations. In year one of the project over 3,000 women were involved and over a quarter progressed to further learning. The project's unique selling point is its 'women only' ethos and commitment to reaching 'hard to reach' women offering both non-accredited and accredited programmes. The project supports childcare provision, one to one mentoring and outreach, all of which make education and learning a more realistic option for women.

WCRP produces an annual *Women's Community Education & Training Prospectus* for Northern Ireland containing over 400 courses aimed at improving the lives of local women and their families.

WCRP is active in responding to policy consultations and lobbying to improve the lives of women & families particularly those living in disadvantaged areas.

## Research Undertaken

The WCRP has published the following pieces of research:

- *Childcare Mapping & Research Report*, Oct 2010
- *Women's Experience of Violence: Mapping Experiences and Responses*, Feb 2010
- *Working in the Community: the Contribution of Women's Centres to their Local Communities*, March 2009
- *Women Living in Disadvantaged Communities: Barriers to Participation*, Nov 2009
- *Women and the Conflict: Talking About the Troubles and Planning for the Future*, Sept 2008
- *Women's Centres' Community Based Education*, Jan 2008



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