#### COMMUNITY

#### This means:

- 1. People looking out for each other and having a sense of belonging
- 2. Communities that are welcoming, inclusive, and nurturing
- 3. Building communities that are socially, economically, culturally, and environmentally sustainable.

#### **DECENCY**

#### This means:

- 1. Valuing people's shared humanity and human dignity, and having mutual respect
- 2. Compassion and mutual support
- 3. Everyone having a quality of life, with their needs met and a capacity to choose the life they wish to lead.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

#### This means:

- 1. People speaking up and having a say, with their views being heard and valued.
- 2. Different voices and the perspectives of different groups in society having an influence to advance equality, social justice and sustainability
- 3. Active engagement in decision-making, rebalancing of power in this process, and investing resources to support this engagement.

#### 17 PROJECTS NATIONWIDE





































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## Women's Manifesto



#### **NCCWN WOMEN'S MANIFESTO**

#### - WE DEMAND FROM THIS GOVERNMENT

#### **VALUE CARE WORK**

VALUE WHAT IS VALUABLE:

Value Carers and Care work, Homemakers. Free Accessible Childcare for all.

#### RESPECT DIVERSITY

**EQUALITY WITHIN EQUALITY:** 

One size does not fit all. We want recognition of the diverse rights of all women. Remember your 10 grounds.

#### **EDUCATION**

FREE MEANS FREE:

Education for all. Accessible life-long learning in our communities for all. Pre-school to University and Beyond. Affordable, Adult & Community Education & Training places for all.

### CLEAR LAW & CONSISTENT JUSTICE JUST LAW FOR WOMEN:

A Legal system that is consistent and Justice that is Gender Sensitive to the Rights of Women.

#### RESPONSIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CONSULTATION NOT DICTATION:

Hear what your local community is saying. Provide Public Services which are Appropriate, Accessible, Affordable...& Accountable!

#### **WOMEN IN POWER**

REPRESENTATION FOR THE OTHER HALF OF THE NATION:

Equal Representation on Local and Central Governing Bodies. Implementation of the Strategy for Women and Girls. Recognise and value the role of NCCWN Women' Projects and the work we do with grassroots women.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM

FAIRNESS & WELLNESS IN WELFARE: LET ME LIVE

Allowance TO LIVE: Get Women Out of Poverty. Women deserve pensions' equality

#### **END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

PROTECT, PROVIDE, PREVENT .... VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

Safety is a Human Right. Fund community services and supports for women.

#### WOMEN'S HEALTH NEEDS

FUND WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAMMES: Women's bodies matter - Women's lives matter

#### **HOMELESSNESS**

RECOGNISE IMPACTS OF HOMELESSNESS ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN: Invest in Appropriate, Affordable and Accessible housing, accommodation & supports

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Women want climate action, women want change.

Women, the main providers of food and care want action on climate change. Climate action is the single biggest threat to international human rights. The majority of those displaced are women.

#### NAME YOUR LOCAL ISSUE NOW.

Know what you want to say before they knock at your door.

The National Collective of Community Based Women's Networks NCCWN is passionate about community initiatives which support the development of women and women's engagement in civil society. We believe in women's community education as a catalyst for change. This is done at local level by offering first steps programmes, community workshops and women's access to third level education. within a community setting. 'Women's Activism is a method of critical reflection. inquiry and action - always ongoing, discovering things, exposing things to open them up and taking action on them to bring about change'.

It is the experience of NCCWN Projects that, those most marginalised, with whom we work, have the clearest view of the effects of government policies on their lives and those of their families and communities. The initial idea stemmed from local women that were engaged in their communities.

