

About US

Women's Collective Ireland is a national women's community development organisation advancing marginalised women's equality through women's community development. Women's Collective Ireland represents and works directly with women experiencing disadvantage, through our 17 Grassroots Women's Community Development Projects and National structures. Women's Collective Ireland work directly with women on the ground from disadvantaged communities to build women's confidence and self-esteem through Feminist Community Education.

WCI VISION: An Ireland where women in all our diversity are flourishing.

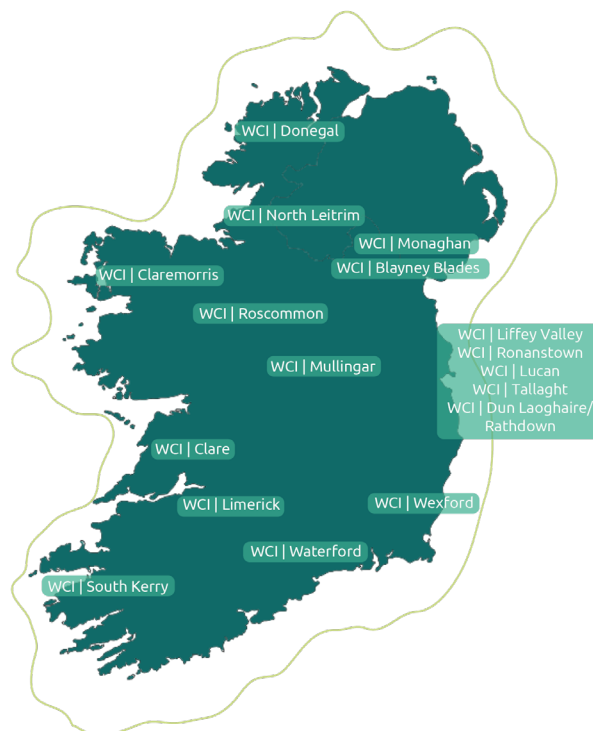
WCI MISSION: To support grassroots women through collective and practical actions to achieve their full human rights and true equality.

WCI GUIDING VALUES: We are a feminist organisation, that works **FOR WOMEN, WITH WOMEN, is ROOTED** in the community with **COLLECTIVE** spaces for women. Our work is grounded in the lives and experiences of the grassroots women we meet and work with.

To us, **GRASSROOTS WOMEN** is a term used for women living in often working-class, marginalised, rural and urban communities, who experience exclusion for whatever reasons including economic, cultural, social and political exclusion.

It is the experience of WCI 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. This manifesto is the voice of grassroots women. WCI call on politicians to ensure the inclusion of grassroots women's voices in policy and decision-making spaces.

Women's Collective Ireland 17 Women's Projects Across Ireland



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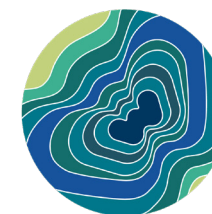
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WCI GRASSROOTS WOMEN'S MANIFESTO

WHAT WE NEED THIS GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER

INVEST & VALUE CARE WORK

VALUE WHAT IS VALUABLE: Carers, care work and unpaid work in the home. Adequate pay & conditions for care work. Free accessible childcare for all. "From November each year women work for FREE".

RESPECT DIVERSITY & SUPPORT INCLUSION

EQUALITY FOR ALL. RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN ALL OUR DIVERSITY: Embrace difference and challenge barriers - one size does not fit all. Challenge discrimination and invest in inclusive communities.
Respect diversity and embrace inclusion.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

REPRESENTATION FOR THE OTHER HALF OF THE NATION: Equal representation on local and central governing bodies. Support WCI to progress grassroots women's leadership. We need to be consulted on a new Strategy for Women and Girls. Challenge barriers and make decision making spaces accessible for women. If you can see it, you can be it.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

FREE MEANS FREE: Education for all. Accessible life-long learning in our communities for all from pre-school to university and beyond. Affordable, adult & community education & training for all. End the digital divide.
Education for all.

CLEAR LAW & CONSISTENT JUSTICE

JUST LAW FOR WOMEN: A justice system that works for and with women.
Make justice accessible and affordable for women.

RESPONSIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CONSULTATION NOT DICTATION: Hear what your local community is saying. Provide public services which are appropriate, accessible, affordable & accountable. Listen to and invest in our communities.

Creating communities that are socially, economically, culturally, and environmentally sustainable.

GET WOMEN OUT OF POVERTY

LET ME LIVE - ENTITLEMENT TO LIVE: Get women out of poverty. While the management of wealth falls mainly to men, the burden of managing poverty is usually carried by women. End the cost-of-living crisis. Give women access to adequate social protection entitlements. Invest in women's economic rights including equal pay and conditions.
End food and energy poverty - incomes need to match spiralling costs.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

PROTECT & PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: Safety is a human right. Invest in safe communities and safe homes and STOP us living in fear. Fund community services and supports for women including a community development approach of awareness raising.
Communities standing against violence.



INVEST IN WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING WOMEN'S LIVES MATTER - WOMEN'S BODIES MATTER - WOMEN'S MINDS MATTER:

Women's healthcare costs women too much. Reduce the high costs of women's health needs such as birth control, period poverty, menopause poverty. Invest in holistic wrap around free health prevention and treatment services and supports targeting women's health in all our life stages.
End long healthcare waiting and screening lists.

RIGHTS TO HOUSING

RECOGNISE AND ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE HOUSING CRISIS ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN: SUPPORT THE UNHOUSED: Invest in appropriate, affordable and accessible housing, accommodation & supports.
Housing is a Human Right.

CLIMATE JUSTICE

WOMEN WANT CLIMATE ACTION, WOMEN WANT CHANGE: Women hold first-hand knowledge of the effects of poverty and climate change. The costs of mitigating climate change are out of reach of many, especially those on low incomes and suffering fuel poverty. Access to essential services, affordable clean energy and public transport is vital for climate justice and sustainability.
Hold polluters accountable, not disadvantaged communities.

NAME YOUR LOCAL ISSUE NOW.

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