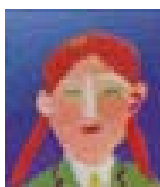
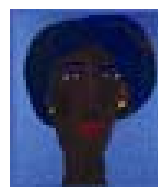
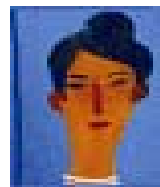
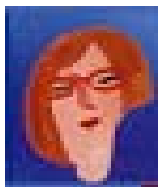
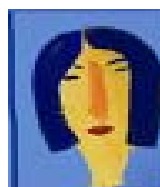


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EAST MIDLANDS

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Purpose: It aims to improve the quality of life of women in Derbyshire. We offer diverse facilities/services to meet these aims, including: counselling service, educational training, personal development courses, pregnancy testing, library, creche, legal advice, sexual health information.

Founded: 1978

Membership profile:

FATIMA Women's Network

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Purpose: The FATIMA Women's Network supports all women but has a particular brief to support women from diverse and disadvantaged communities through the provision of initiatives such as Women 2 Women, offering personal development, education and training for employment or self-employment; and to improve representation on strategic bodies and influence policies, priorities and outcomes. We also promote research and better understanding on issues relating to the empowerment of women.

Founded: 2002

Membership profile:

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Purpose: Fundango makes learning fun for children, using the Internet. Girls and boys all over the world receive a free weekly "ezine", with which they are encouraged to interact (girls tend to be keener communicators than boys, but both sexes are enthusiastic readers).

Founded: 1998

Membership profile: 1,600 members

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Purpose: The aim of the Islamic foundation is to provide educational and resource material which will address the need for learning and knowing more about Islam and Muslims in the UK, to provide good quality and relevant reading material and publications, to carry out research into the various aspects of Islam and Muslim culture and to promote and provide every opportunity to involve themselves in interfaith dialogue for the benefit of all faiths and

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: To engage, support and empower women throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, and through this initiative empower families and communities.

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: To create a more positive image of Mansfield District and to help people, businesses and investment in the area. To improve confidence, pride and dignity, so that everyone can enjoy a good quality of life in their neighbourhoods.

Founded:

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Purpose: Peterborough Women's Centre is an organisation run by women, for women. PWC is a charitable organisation, unique in Peterborough, committed to the needs of its users. We aim to address and provide for the needs of our users, both in the centre and by outreach work in the community. We focus on raising awareness of women's issues, women's rights and women's education and personal development, and also promote interagency links with both statutory and voluntary agencies in Peterborough

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: Toc H is a community-based charity promoting friendship and equality for all sectors of society regardless of culture, religion or race. It strives to eliminate social exclusion and particularly invests in young people, offering friendship, support, alternative education and volunteering opportunities

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: WiM offers support, encouragement, development and informal advice to help women to progress and achieve their true potential in their career. Our events provide a safe environment where women from all sectors and professions can learn and practice new skills, make friends, meet new contacts and have fun. Our e-networking activities connect like-minded women across the UK and the world and include a regular newsletter, discussion forums and members directory.

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: It seeks to promote the interests of women physicists through: Encouraging the participation of women physicists in all activities of the Institute. Providing support to women physicists in progressing their careers. Presenting physics as an attractive career for all.

Founded: 1995

Membership profile: Approx 400 members

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Purpose: Our aims are to promote development initiatives in local communities affected by conflict, develop good practice in conflict transformation and peacemaking by promoting a culture of 'learning and sharing' influence decision makers to use gender sensitive conflict transformation policies which promote alternatives to violence to build peace and creating opportunities to improve community relationships through inclusive dialogue.

Founded:

Membership profile:

EAST OF ENGLAND

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Purpose: • To provide a council of Jewish women's organisations to further communal understanding and to deliberate on matters of common interest and concern.

• To promote unity among Jewish women and to encourage them to seek wider representation on communal bodies.

• To act as a source of information to its member organisations and if necessary making public statements or taking common action.

Founded: 1965

Membership profile: 16 organisations covering several thousand members

Cambridge Association for Women in Science and Engineering

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Purpose: Cambridge AWiSE provides networking opportunities, both social and professional through our regular meetings. We bring together women with common interests and act as a source of inspiration, information and support for women working in SET. We provide information through our resources section and access to a mentoring scheme.

Founded: 1994

Membership profile: 12 branches

Chaste UK

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Purpose: We exist to provide support and safety for those who have been sex trafficked into the United Kingdom. We also work in advocacy to raise government, faith community and public awareness on the exploitation of women's bodies in the global and UK sex industry.

Founded: 2003

Membership profile:

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Purpose: CRCL supports children, young people and adult women who have been affected by sexual violence. It does this by provision of one-to-one telephone support and/or counselling, face-to-face counselling, advocacy, support and information.

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: To articulate and represent the view of women barristers; promote women's interest in the profession; campaign on issues important to women barristers; actively oppose discrimination against women; to promote international and national cooperation for women by women and men.

Founded: 1883

Membership profile: 148 branches, 3,200 members

National Women's Register (NWR)

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Purpose: NWR's aims are to offer all women the opportunity to take part in informal discussions to educate themselves and discover other like-minded women. We are a network of autonomous groups, with no hierarchical structure. Meetings are informal and held in members' homes. Women with enquiring minds find friendship, develop their self confidence, discover latent talents and abilities. NWR creates a greater understanding of others' points of view.

Founded: 1960

Membership profile: Approx. 8,000 members

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Purpose: • To promote the good health and advance the education of Gypsies and Traveller women children and young people and through them the men, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress caused by or associated with violence.

• To promote equality of opportunity and good relations between Gypsies, Traveller women children and young people and through them the men and the settled communities.

• To promote sustainable integration between all communities and recognition of all views and values.

Founded:

Membership profile: 60

Prowess

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Purpose: The UK association for organisations and individuals who support women to start and grow businesses. Through lobbying and advocacy at a local, regional, national and International level, Prowess aims for an effective women-friendly business support infrastructure and enterprise culture. Prowess has developed the Flagship Award as a best practice standard for excellence in women's enterprise development. In identifying and promoting Flagship organisations, Prowess is able to signpost women to quality business support services in their area.

Founded: 2002

Membership profile: Approx 300 members including organisations which deliver business support services to women; organisations whose remit includes the economic advancement of women (eg trade associations, local government agencies, overseas based organisations); major compa

Royal Society of Chemistry - Women Members Network

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Purpose: The RSC is the largest organisation in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences. Supported by a network of 45,000 members worldwide and an internationally acclaimed publishing business, our activities span education and training, conferences and science policy, and the promotion of the chemical sciences to the public. The Women Members Network supports women by providing networking opportunities and ensuring members are kept up to date with the latest issues.

Founded: **Membership profile:** 45,000 members, over 9000 women

Sahara Communities Abroad (SACOMA)

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Website: www.sacoma.org

Purpose: Relief of poverty and sickness and economic empowerment of Kiswahili speaking communities from sub-Saharan Africa. To provide information advice and guidance on issues like training, employment, careers, business start up, business development and mentoring.

Founded: 2000 **Membership profile:**

Sizanani Africa

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Essex

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Website:

Purpose: We work to empower young people, to enhance their capacities to integrate and achieve economic and social wellbeing. We are charity working in the Essex area.

Founded:

Membership profile:

South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis Centre

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Grays

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RM17 6LL

Phone: 0137 538 1322

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E-mail: sericc@sericc.org.uk

Website: www.thurrock-community.org.uk/sericc/index.htm

Purpose: To support, counsel and act as advocates on behalf of women and girls (over 13 years old) who have experienced sexual violence at any point in their lives. To provide free and confidential service to women and girls in the areas of Basildon, Thurrock and Brentwood, Essex.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile:

Women in Music

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Website: www.womeninmusic.org.uk

Purpose: Women in Music (WIM) is a national membership organisation that celebrates women's music making across all genres of music. We raise awareness of gender issues in music and support women musicians in their professional development.

Founded: 1987

Membership profile: Performers, composers, academics, teachers, students and promoters.

Women's Employment Enterprise and Training Unit

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Purpose: WEETU helps women to take control of their economic lives. We offer advice, training and support to develop employment and enterprise opportunities. Whether you're looking for a new or better job, to set up your own business or want training and advice on writing a CV, interview skills, confidence building or developing your skills WEETU can help. We are a not-for-profit organisation.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Engineering Society (WES)

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Herts

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Website: www.wes.org.uk

Purpose: WES is an educational charity whose primary aim is to promote the study and practice of engineering amongst women. It has a nationwide membership of practising engineers, students and companies and is run by a council of volunteers. Its members represent women engineers on influential groups and committees. It undertakes work with schools and provides role models and networks.

Founded: 1919

Membership profile: About 1,000 members, engineers, students & companies

LONDON

1990 Trust

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Website: www.blink.org.uk

Purpose: To raise the profile of Black Women's Organisations nationally. To encourage good practice by funders and decision making bodies and improve Black Women's Organisation's access to funds and other resources.

Founded: 1986

Membership profile:

4Children

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Website: www.4children.org.uk

Purpose: 4Children is the national charity dedicated to creating opportunities and building futures for children. Services include a 24-hour information helpline, training for playworkers, a quality assurance scheme and police checks for member clubs. In addition, newsletters, publications, conferences and seminars keep business, local authorities and others up to date on out of school childcare.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Abortion Rights

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Website: www.abortionrights.org.uk

Purpose: Abortion Rights, the nation pro-choice campaign, is working to defend and extend women's reproductive rights. Abortion Rights aims to secure changes in law and practise to ensure that women in the UK have equal access to safe, legal, free abortion on request and to improve the quality of women's experience of abortion. We provide free information to women on their rights and how to overcome unfair barriers to accessing abortion.

Founded: 2003

Membership profile: Individuals and affiliated organisations.

African Women's Council/African Families Foundation

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Website: www.africanfamilies.net

Purpose: To provide leadership in the African community through the use of effective community development strategies and active participation in the development and implementations of cultural and socio-economic policies and systems that affect the African community.

Founded:

Membership profile:

African Women's Welfare Association

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Edmonton

Middlesex

N9 0HY

Phone: 0208 884 3922

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E-mail: awwa@btconnect.com

Website: www.awwaonline.org

Purpose: To empower African women and children through services that focus on alleviation of poverty, ill health and trauma. We also are committed to providing empowerment training, counselling and advocacy and awareness programmes for better involvement and participation within the community.

Founded:

Membership profile: African women of all ages

Age Concern England

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Website: www.ace.org.uk

Purpose: To promote the well-being of older people in this country, helping to make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Campaigning, research, publishing, information and advice, services for older people, training for voluntary and professional carers. Support for over 1000 local Age Concern groups.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Amar International Charitable Foundation (The)

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Website: www.amarfoundation.org

Purpose: To tackle poverty and exclusion of vulnerable groups in conflict situations enabling governments to receive timely and accurate info on basic needs and to ensure needs met swiftly and without discrimination while longer term policies can be formulated. AMAR focuses especially on issues of importance to women.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Amnesty International UK - London

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Website: www.amnesty.org.uk

Purpose: Amnesty International works worldwide for the release of prisoners of conscience, fair trials for political prisoners and against torture, extra-judicial executions, 'disappearances' and the death penalty. The Women's Network aims to generate publicity and media coverage to raise awareness about human rights violations against women. Organises an annual conference on Women and Human Rights.

Founded: 1961

Membership profile: More than 1 million members worldwide

Angel International GB

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London
EC1Y 8RT

Phone: 0207 250 0196

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E-mail: admin@angelinternational.org.uk

Website:

Purpose: We support the rehabilitation of women ex-offenders to help them back into the community. We also provide information, advice, training and help with resettlement.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Arab International Women's Forum

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Website: www.aiwfonline.com

Purpose: The Arab International Women's Forum (AIWF), set up in 2001 in London, is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation for connecting Arab and international women in business, professions, community leadership and public life. AIWF cooperates with leading Arab and international organisations. Together with its Global Partners, AIWF offers initiatives that promote women's participation in business and public life to the benefit of themselves, their communities and their economies, locally and internationally.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Asian Women's Network

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Website: www.taha.org.uk

Purpose: TAWCS offers emotional support, psychotherapy and counselling services to Asian and BME women in the West London Area

Founded: 1995

Membership profile: 10 people and 8 organisations

Associated Country Women of the World

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SW1P 3RB

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Website: www.acww.org.uk

Purpose: To raise the standards of living and education of women and their families all over the world through community development, project and training. To promote international goodwill, friendship and understanding between the country women of the world.

Founded: 1933

Membership profile: Over 1 million members in 70 countries

Association of Bahai Women UK

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Website: <http://bci.org/info>

Purpose: To assist women to realise their potential recognising that only if women are welcomed into full partnership in all fields of human endeavour will the moral and psychological climate be created in which international lasting peace can emerge. To co-operate on projects and events with Baha'i women's agencies throughout the 174 national communities worldwide.

Founded: 1979

Membership profile: Approx. 3,250 members

Association of Teachers and Lecturers

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Website: www.atl.org.uk

Purpose: The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) is a modern, democratic organisation with direction set by the views and needs of its members. As the leading education union, ATL promotes and protects the interests of its members - teachers, lecturers, support staff and other education professionals. ATL advances the debate and champions good practice, across the whole education sector. ATL campaigns and negotiates to achieve better pay, working conditions and terms of employment for its members.

Founded: 1978

Membership profile:

Association of Women Barristers

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Website: www.womenbarristers.co.uk

Purpose: To articulate and represent the view of women barristers; promote women's interest in the profession; campaign on issues important to women barristers; actively oppose discrimination against women; to promote international and national cooperation for women by women and men.

Founded: 1991

Membership profile: Employed and self-employed women barristers, students and supporters.

Association of Women Solicitors

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Website: www.womensolicitors.org.uk

Purpose: The AWS aims to be the essential national network helping to promote the potential and success of each women solicitor at every stage of her career. The AWS strives to: articulate and represent the views of women solicitors; promote women's interests in the profession; campaign on issues important to women solicitors; and actively oppose discrimination against women solicitors.

Founded: 1976

Membership profile: 12,000 members

Asylum Aid

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Purpose: Asylum Aid's casework team can advise and assist on asylum and human rights claims at all stages of the determination process how ever we are unable to do High Court work like Judicial Review or Emergency Injunctions. We specialise in fresh claims and appeals up to the paper review to the High Court under section 103D of NIA 2002.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Black Women and Europe Network

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Website:

Purpose: Network of black women in Europe dealing with employment, immigration and development.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Black Women's Health and Family Support

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Website:

Purpose: BWHAFS has over the past 21 years been working to improve the lives of disadvantaged black minority ethnic families in London. BWHAFS started in 1982 to fight the harmful practice of female circumcision on young girls.

Founded: 1982

Membership profile: 1,065 members

Black Women's Mental Health Project

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Website:

Purpose: To get Black women's voices heard and their mental health needs and concerns addressed. This includes sexism, racism, confidentiality and empowerment. Aims to promote good practices in Black women's mental health, to alleviate mental illness, emotional distress and hardship of Black women and to raise the issues of Black mental health nationally.

Founded: 1996

Membership profile: 350 people

BME Business Womens Network

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Website: www.bbwn.org.uk

Purpose: The vision of the Business Women's Network is to significantly contribute to the measurable increase of businesses established and owned by BME women in the United Kingdom achieving financial viability within the first 5 years of establishment.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Breast Cancer Care

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Website: www.breastcancercare.org.uk

Purpose: Breast Cancer Care is here for anyone affected by breast cancer. We bring people together, provide information and support, and campaign for improved standards of care. We use our understanding of people's experience of breast cancer and our clinical expertise in everything we do. Visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk or call our free helpline on 0808 800 6000.

Founded:

Membership profile:

British Association of Early Childhood Education

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Website: www.early-education.org.uk

Purpose: It provides a national voice on early childhood education. It has branches throughout the British Isles and NI. Members include teachers, parents, nursery staff, social workers, local authority staff, university and college lecturers, doctors and psychologists. It believes all children have the right to education and care of highest quality and that parents/carers who are a child's first and continuing educators have the right to be involved in partnership.

Founded: 1923

Membership profile: 7000 members

British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS)

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Website: www.bpas.org

Purpose: BPAS (the British Pregnancy Advisory Service) is a sexual healthcare charity with over 35 centres across England, Wales and Scotland, which provides not-for-profit sexual healthcare services including emergency contraception, free pregnancy testing, non-directive Department of Health accredited pregnancy counselling and information, testing for STIs, contraceptive advice and supplies, abortion treatment, vasectomy and female sterilisation and reversal of vasectomy. For appointments and information please call BPAS' Actionline on 08457 30 40 30 and see the website.

Founded: 1968

Membership profile: 50,000

Brook

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E1 2JA

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Website: www.brook.org.uk

Purpose: Brook Advisory Centres - commonly known just as Brook - is the only national voluntary sector provider of free and confidential sexual health advice and services specifically for young people under 25. Brook is a registered charity, and has 40 years' experience of providing professional advice through specially trained doctors, nurses, counsellors, and outreach and information workers to over 200,000 young people each year.

Founded: 1964

Membership profile:

Carers UK

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Website: www.carersuk.org

Purpose: Carers UK helps carers speak with a stronger voice. We provide information and advice on all aspects of caring to both carers and professionals. Our UK wide network of offices, branches and individuals provide vital feedback on local policies and practices affecting carers. We campaign at all levels of national and local Government, and with service providers to ensure action is taken to support carers.

Founded: 1998

Membership profile: Approx. 10, 000 members

Central America Women's Rights (CAWN)

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Purpose: We work with networks as a tool to give proactive support to Central American women's efforts to defend their rights and increase their voice and presence in political and economic decision-making for a in Central America. We publicise the work of Central American women's organisations and invite Central American women to make direct inputs into relevant research, policy, advocacy and campaigning initiatives in the global North. Our interest is to provide a space for exchange of information, ideas, and strategies for the defence of women's rights in Central America as well as creating links between women's organisations in Central America, and between them and with women's organisations in the UK.

Founded:

Membership profile: In the UK, we represent the views of our partners' organisation from the Central America region, about 350 women in Honduras and 500 women in Nicaragua.

Church Army Women's Day Centre

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bradburydaycentre@churcharmy.org.uk
Website: www.churcharmy.org.uk

Purpose: A women only day centre with all female staff. A range of services include: housing, benefits and immigration advice sessions, showers, clothing store, laundry facility, sandwiches available at lunch time, nurse drop in and careers guidance. Groups and activities also available: English language classes, CLAIT computer classes, UK on-line, numeracy and literacy classes, Spanish class, creative writing class, bingo, cooking group, art group, piano lessons and exercises class.

Founded: 1996

Membership profile:

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

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Church Life

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Website: www.ctbi.org.uk

Purpose: We are a charity working with 35 member church denominations, our aim is to support each church and denomination to deepen its fellowship without losing what makes each interestingly different and to work with them towards a greater visible unity. The churches thinking, working and praying together.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Churches Together in England - Women's Coordinating Group

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Fax:

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Website: www.churches-together.org.uk/women.html

Purpose: Women's Coordinating Group exists to encourage women's organisation and groups in the churches to work together on projects of common concern to support one another, share our stories and to share expertise and resources.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Commonwealth Countries' League

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Phone: 0208 455 3471

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E-mail: ruth.whitehouse@btinternet.com

Website: www.ecommomwealth.net

Purpose: The mission of the Commonwealth Countries League (CCL) is to promote the equality of status, liberties and opportunities between women and men in the Commonwealth, by the following aims:

- Networking with like-minded organisations throughout the Commonwealth, thereby advancing the aspirations of the CCL and fostering understanding of the work of others;
- Raising funds to assist with the education of women and girls of proven ability who are in need of financial assistance in their own Commonwealth countries;
- Organising and participating in social and educational activities to appreciate and celebrate the diversity of the Commonwealth;
- Supporting the work of the Commonwealth Countries League Education Fund which provides grants to enable girls of good academic ability, but who are financially disadvantaged, to complete their secondary education.

Founded: 1925

Membership profile: 400 members + 39 affiliate and associate organisations

Communication Workers Union Women's Advisory Committee

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Website: www.cwu.org

Purpose: The CWU Women's Advisory Committee exists to promote and protect the interests of women members within the CWU. It aims to encourage a better understanding of issues affecting women, including discrimination and harassment.

Founded: 1995

Membership profile: 295,849 members

Community Development Foundation - European and International Unit

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Website: www.cdf.org.uk

Purpose: We work across a diverse range of themes and partnerships and our overall aim is to develop and spread community development principles and experience from practice to policy with a gender perspective. We seek to exchange experience and foster network development at local, national and international levels.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Community Practitioners' and Health Visitors' Association

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professional.team@unitetheunion.com

Website: <http://www.amicus-cphva.org/>

Purpose: CPHVA is the UK professional body that represents registered nurses and health visitors who work in a primary or community health setting. It campaigns to protect the status of the community practitioner and services they deliver. It offers its membership a programme of specialist, professional development, education and training courses, conferences and seminars. It is a section of AMICUS/Unite, the UK's largest union for professional workers.

Founded: 1896

Membership profile: 21,000 members

Conservative Women's Organisation

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SW1P 4DP

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Website: www.conservativewomen.co.uk

Purpose: The CWO provides a focus and support for every women in the Conservative Party. It gives a forum for women of all ages, backgrounds and from all parts of the country to meet, discuss issues and work together. All women members of the Conservative Party are entitled to become members of CWO – and many of our women activists also hold positions in the Party's mainstream organisation. Our nationwide network provides a mechanism to discuss issues, as well as to compare and collect ideas from the grassroots on matters that concern everyone. This invaluable information helps shape policy and influences how the Conservative Party campaigns for our communities.

Founded: 1928

Membership profile: More than 400 regional

Daycare Trust

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Website:

Purpose: Daycare Trust is the national childcare charity, campaigning for quality affordable childcare for all children aged 0-14 and raising the voices of children, parents and carers. We advise parents and carers, providers, employers, trade unions and policymakers on childcare issues.

Founded: 1986

Membership profile: 200 members

Department for Transport

Contact: Annette Lewis

Job title:

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Website: www.dft.gov.uk

Purpose: Responsible for policy on cross modal accessibility issues focussing on the transport needs of disadvantaged people and DfT's equalities duties

Founded:

Membership profile:

Early Education

Contact:

Job title:

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Purpose: It provides a national voice on early childhood education It has branches throughout the British Isles and NI Members include teachers

Founded:

Membership profile:

Eaves Housing

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Website:

Purpose: At Eaves we put the needs of women first. We are determined to give a voice to the most excluded women in society and provide direct, innovative services to help them to help themselves. We provide quality supported housing, domestic violence services, research into violence against women and accommodation for trafficked women.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Eaves Housing - Lilith and POPPY Research and Development

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Research and Development Team

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Website:

Purpose: The Lilith Project is a dynamic London-based organisation which works to eliminate all aspects of violence against women. We have a wide remit and our work ranges from research into various aspects of violence against women, to training and education for the women's sector, to lobbying for legislative change and to working directly with women who have experienced sexual violence.

Founded:

Membership profile:

ELBWO Centre

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Website:

Purpose: Elbwo was initially founded in 1979 to deal with issues which affect black families in the borough of Newham. We now provide support services to women and families in East London. We offer education and training, childcare provision and youth development programmes. Our core specialisms are in childcare, education and family support for women in violent relationships. We work with partner agencies to ensure that individuals acquire the relevant resources which will enable them to release their full potential.

Founded: 1979

Membership profile: 537 members

Endometriosis UK

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E-mail: info@endometriosis-uk.org

Website: www.endometriosis-uk.org

Purpose: Endometriosis is a chronic and debilitating condition affecting two million UK women. It can from early teens to the menopause and the impact on quality of life can be significant. Endometriosis UK is the lead UK charity providing vital support and information for those affected by endometriosis including a free helpline and regional groups. We also have an extensive information remit and campaign to see improved and more consistent diagnosis, care and treatment.

Founded: 1981

Membership profile: 3,400 members

Equality and Diversity Forum

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Purpose: The Equality and Diversity Forum is a network of national organisations committed to progress on age, disability, gender, race, religions and belief, sexual orientation and broader equality and human rights issues.

Founded:

Membership profile:

EQUINOXCARE

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SE11 5JA

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Website: www.equinoxcare.org.uk

Purpose: Supported housing for vulnerable women with complex issues including ex-offenders, substance misuse, mental health and women feeling domestic violence. We have hostels all over the country and are a registered charity.

Founded:

Membership profile:

European Federation of Black Women Business Owners

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Purpose: The European Federation of Black Women Business Owners is a support and networking organisation for Black Women Business owners, acting as a conduit and signposting between mainstream and minorities

Founded: 1996

Membership profile:

European Union Of Women - British Section

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Purpose: It aims to stimulate an interest in European Affairs and to enable women to make contributions to international understanding, Promotes social and economic progress and cooperation between peoples. It has consultative status with the Council of Europe and with the United Nations. It holds regular international meetings, UK events and research work by EUW Commissions.

Founded: 1953

Membership profile: 1,400 members in the UK.
National Sections in 21 European countries

Every Woman Ltd

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Purpose: Everywoman.co.uk is the leading online network and resource provider for women business owners.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Family Education Trust (Family and Youth Concern)

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Website: www.famyouth.org.uk

Purpose: To conduct and promote research into the social, medical, economic and psychological consequences of family breakdown, and to make information available to parliamentarians, policy makers and the general public.

Founded: 1973

Membership profile:

Family Planning Association

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Website: www.fpa.org.uk

Purpose: FPA is the only registered charity working to improve the sexual health and reproductive rights of all people throughout the UK. We provide a national voice on sexual health issues and work with the public and professionals to ensure high quality information and services are available to all who need them. Our services include: Helpline and information, publications, campaigns, community projects, training.

Founded: 1930

Membership profile: 1,300 members

Fawcett Society

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Purpose: Fawcett is the leading UK campaigning organisation working for equality between women and men. Fawcett has a key role in influencing policy makers. We work for changes in policies, structures, processes, cultures and practices which will lead to improvements in women's lives. Fawcett's campaigns focus on participation in democracy, employment and pay, poverty in retirement, and tax and benefit reform.

Founded: 1866

Membership profile: 2,000 individual members.

Feminist Library and Information Centre

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Website: www.feministlibrary.co.uk

Purpose: Lending and reference library of contemporary feminist material. Large journals and pamphlet collection. Archive collections of WLM material. Quarterly newsletter with articles, reviews and interviews. Fortnightly discussion group.

Founded: 1975

Membership profile: 300 members

Footprints (UK)

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Website:

Purpose: A non-governmental organisation whose remit is to work with members in the private, voluntary and statutory sectors. Specific target groups are black women and girls and users of mental health services. Areas of interest include input into policy, organising networking events, providing advice and information, in particular on black women, mental health, the media and research.

Founded: 1999

Membership profile: 420 members

FORWARD (Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development)

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Website: www.forwarduk.org.uk

Purpose: It supports the elimination of harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, early marriage and promotes reproduction rights by sponsoring local, health, socio-economic and educational programmes in the countries directly concerned. We advocate for remedial policies in countries where harmful traditional practices have strongly negative or even fatal impact on the health of women and girls.

Founded: 1983

Membership profile:

Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

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Website: www.sids.org.uk/fsid

Purpose: FSID is the UK's leading cot death charity. It raises funds for research, runs a helpline 0870 787 0554 (9am-11pm weekdays; 6pm-11pm weekends), promotes to reduce the risk of cot death, offers baby health advice to parents and professionals, supports bereaved families.

Founded: 1971

Membership profile:

Foundation for Women's Art

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Purpose: FWA is a charity that aims to increase public knowledge and understanding of the work of women artists, both historic and contemporary. FWA is committed to access and diversity through the delivery of a programme of exhibitions and events, educational and community activities, research and publications. Using its website, archive, networking knowledge and resources, FWA offers access to information and facilitates projects with artists, curators and members of the public, both nationally and internationally.

Founded: 1992

Membership profile: Not a members group. Our friends list is 1000+.

Full Time Mothers

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Purpose: Full Time Mothers aims to: promote understanding of the child's need for a full-time mother, enhance the status and self esteem of mothers at home, campaign for changes in the tax and benefits system and employment policy, to give more women the choice to be full-time mothers.

Full Time Mothers is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers. We have no paid staff. Membership is open to all who share our aims. We welcome mums, dads, grandparents, carers, single parents, couples, health care professionals, parents in paid employment outside the home and parents not in paid employment outside the home.

Founded: 1990

Membership profile: 1,200 members

Gender & Justice Policy Network

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Fax:

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Website:

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Purpose: The Fawcett Society co-ordinates the Gender and Justice Policy Network (GJPN) which was established in 2001. The GJPN is unique in the UK in bringing together more than 80 expert academics, practitioners and NGOs around the issue of gender and justice. The GJPN operates as a conduit of expertise advising Government on policy issues affecting women as offenders and as victims of crime.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Genuine Empowerment of Mothers in Society

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Website:

Purpose: Our aim is to promote programmes on the basis of the Beijing Platform for Action and all future UN conventions. We especially monitor progress on the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. We disseminate and inform through workshops, conferences and cultural activities and a newsletter. We are now in the process of building a vocational centre of excellence in Africa, to tackle the root causes of trafficking of young girls and women (from Africa to Europe).

Founded: 1997

Membership profile: 1,000 members

GFS Platform for Young Women

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Website: www.gfsplatform.org.uk

Purpose: GFS Platform has worked with girls and young women since 1875. The work evolves from their needs and we aim to offer the opportunity to explore their own personal and social development, learning with their peers in a safe and non-judgemental environment, enabling them to acquire new skills and knowledge, gain confidence, raise self-esteem, make informed choices and take responsibility for their own lives.

Founded: 1875

Membership profile: 1,000 members

Girlguiding UK

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Website: www.girlguiding.org.uk

Purpose: Girlguiding UK enables girls and young women to fulfil their potential and to take an active and responsible role in society through its distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by trained volunteer leaders. It is the leading organisation for girls and young women in the UK.

Founded: 1910

Membership profile: 700,000 members

Global Consultant on Public Health, FGM and Surgical reversals (GCPH)

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Website:

Purpose: Our aim is to raise awareness of FGM. We perform consultancy work on women's health, reproductive health, empowering women, training on human rights issues, reversals of FGM.

Founded: 2004

Membership profile:

GMB Britain's General Union

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Website: www.gmb.org

Purpose: GMB is a general union. We have over 600,000 members working in every part of the economy. GMB has been at the forefront of the fight for equality within trade unions, at the workplace and within society for many years. Women make up nearly 44 per cent of our members and we are now recruiting more women into the GMB than male members. We have had structural arrangements for women since 1980. We have reserved seats for women at both Central Executive Council and Regional Council levels and participate fully at TUC and Labour Party Women's' Conferences.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Greater London Authority

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Purpose: The Mayor's role as the executive of the strategic authority for London is to promote economic development and wealth creation, social development, and the improvement of the environment. The Greater London Authority has recently been awarded three awards in recognition of its work promoting equalities in the workplace, including the Equality Mark.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Greenwich Chief Executives Social Inclusion and Justice Division

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Purpose: The Social Inclusion and Justice Division of Greenwich Council leads the Council's work on equality. The Division coordinates policy and promotes good practice on addressing domestic violence. It also supports and manages community projects to promote diversity. The Welfare Rights Team within the Division provides welfare rights training and advice. It promotes the take-up of social security benefits. The Division also provides an interpreting and translating service to Council departments and voluntary agencies.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Griot Institute

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Website:

Purpose: The Griot Institute is a Charity Promoting African centred approaches to developing people & communities. They hold monthly Fibroid Support Group meetings in Lewisham, London. The Speakers at these meetings are women with fibroids who have researched their condition and have found ways of reducing the disabling effects of fibroids on their lives. Some of these women were advised to have hysterectomies & refused.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Haven Paddington

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Website: www.thehavens.org.uk

Purpose: Service for survivors of rape and serious sexual assault (all ages, women, men and children - all doctors and crisis workers are female). Services include forensic examination and medical care (24/7), follow-up services (within office hours - STI checks, counselling, advocacy and support, clinical psychology services), training course provision and presentations. Clients can access services without reporting to the police and have a range of choices available. Anyone can refer or self-refer.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Haven Whitechapel

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Website: www.thehavens.org.uk

Purpose: Service for all survivors of recent rape and serious sexual assault; staff are female. Access by appointment with or without the police. Clients can self-refer. Services include forensic examination and medical care (24/7); follow-up services (within office hours - STI checks, counselling, advocacy and support, clinical psychology services); training course provision and presentations. Specialist clinics for young people (13 – 18) and Asian Women.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Hope Medical and Educational Aid

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Purpose: Hope medical Enterprises is a non-sectarian, non-governmental organisation (NGO) working with various British charities, and women's organisations such as the Women National Commission (WNC) and the National Alliance of Women organisations (NAWO), as well as the United Nations for the benefit of Iraqi women and young girls. As a registered Charity in the United Kingdom, we will be opening a new woman's centre in London, to be operated and managed exclusively by women. The London women's centre will empower ethnic women by providing training, advise and counselling. We will also help Iraqi NGOs, by recruiting and training local manpower to serve the local needs that are provided by Hope Medical & Educational Aid. Our objective is to empower women and young girls, through education and improved health services both in Iraq and in the United Kingdom.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Housing For Women

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Website: www.hfw.org.uk

Purpose: Housing for Women is a London based housing association providing accommodation and support for single women and their dependants. We provide permanent homes to rent and a hostel for women rejecting domestic violence. We also provide technical services to other women's organisations and lobby to raise issues concerning women's housing needs. We work with local authorities and approved referral agencies.

Founded: 1934

Membership profile: 17 members, approx. 600 tenants

IMECE Turkish Speaking Women's Group

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Website: www.imece.org.uk

Purpose: IMECE, established in 1982, is a woman-only, non-profit organisation working for the empowerment of black and minority ethnic refugee (BMER) women, particularly, Turkish speaking women by providing culturally appropriate and gender sensitive advice, information, advocacy and counselling services on domestic violence, education, housing, welfare and immigration issues. IMECE aims to raise awareness of women's rights among Turkish/Kurdish and Turkish Cypriot women and to break their isolation. IMECE's specific expertise lies in the provision of services to women survivors of domestic violence and their children, raising awareness of domestic violence in the community and providing individual and institutional advocacy. IMECE also aims to improve local and national services for black, ethnic minority and refugee women experiencing domestic violence, by involving in networks of women organizations and policy forums.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales - Narrowing the Gap

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Purpose: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales is the largest professional accountancy body in Europe with over 128,000 members. The Institute was established by Royal Charter in 1880. It is now a key influencer on the international stage and the leading UK body of finance professionals offering world class qualifications.

Founded: 1880

Membership profile: 128,000 members

Institute of our Lady of Mercy (Women at the Well)

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Purpose: Women at the Well Project: developing support services and social enterprise for women caught in multiple cycles of abuse. Have ECO SOC status with permanent representation at UN in New York.

Founded: 1839

Membership profile: Over 1000 members and
associates

Intellect's Women in IT Forum

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Purpose: Our aims, through collaborative partnerships and alliances are to:

- Promote and realise the benefits of diversity in the industry to improve the recruitment and retention of women in the IT industry and IT related jobs.
- Work in an open and collaborative manner to inspire, lead and influence action being taken to increase the number of women in IT.
- Promote dialogue in the workplace, through engagement of employers and employees, to fully utilise the IT and management skills of women in the industry. This will include technical and professional knowledge sharing and support.
- Undertake research and disseminate conclusions regarding the impact of the IT working environment on the careers of women.
- Raise the profile of women in the industry in partnership with IT, electronics and telecommunications industry employers, suppliers, and the Government.

Founded:

Membership profile:

International Council of Jewish Women

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Purpose: To provide a forum for Jewish women to exchange ideas and discuss issues. To provide services in the community for all in need. To promote peace and human rights and adherence to the Beijing Platform for Action, through our affiliates and standing committees, through our consultative status at the United Nations and through co-operation with other organisations. To endeavour to build bridges with women of other faiths in our communities.

Founded:

Membership profile: 45 affiliates

iVillage UK

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Purpose: iVillage.co.uk is the leading online information network for women. It focuses on the issues that matter most to women and offers interactive services, expert advice, information and a vital support network. Content channels include Diet & Fitness, Relationships, Parenting, Pregnancy & Baby, Health, Beauty, Food & Drink, Home & Garden Travel, Money, News & Entertainment, Work & Career and Astrology. iVillage inspires and empowers women with trusted information and practical advice. It is a place where women don't just read about how to get the most out of life, they help each other do it. With accessible, intelligent content, addictive interactive features and a welcoming and supportive community, iVillage is a pioneering and constantly evolving resource for women at every stage of life.'

Founded:

Membership profile:

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

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Purpose: JCWI is an independent national voluntary organisation, campaigning for justice and combating racism in immigration and asylum law and policy. JCWI provides free advice and casework, training courses, and a range of publications.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Junior League of London

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Website: www.jll.org.uk

Purpose: The Junior League of London is an international organisation of women committed to promoting voluntary service and to making a difference in the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Founded: 1979

Membership profile: 450 members, part of The Association of Junior Leagues International

Just Media

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Purpose: Aims: To assist the women's sector in addressing media stereotyping and in calling for a more socially responsible media and to use the media to ensure greater awareness of the women's sector and the urgent need for its work.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Justice for Women

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Purpose: Justice for Women (JfW) contributes to the global effort to eradicate gender-based violence against women, which includes sexual and domestic violence. Its focus is on the criminal justice system in England and Wales. JfW challenges areas of law policy and practice where women are discriminated against on the basis of their gender.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Kurdish Women's Rights Watch

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Purpose: Kurdish Women's Rights Watch grew out of Kurdish Women's Action Against Honour Killings (KWAHK), with the aim of monitoring and promoting the interests of Kurdish women both in relation to honour-based violence and in relation to human and civil rights in general. Our aims are: To raise awareness of the human, social and civil rights of Kurdish women, and to monitor violations of those rights; To monitor and combat domestic violence, honour-based violence and all other forms of violence and discrimination against women; To promote the health, education and social well-being of Kurdish women; We work on projects in support of these aims with women, women's groups and human rights organisations in Kurdistan and in Kurdish communities in the diaspora. KWAHK continues within the new organisation as a campaign specifically on honour-based violence.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Labour Party

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Purpose: The aims are:

- Ensuring that women are equally represented at all levels of the party and in all the party's decision making bodies.
- Giving women the support, encouragement, confidence and skills to play a full and equal role in the mainstream of the party.
- Enabling women to support each other, share experiences, build networks and come to collective views through formal and informal meetings.

Founded: 1900

Membership profile: Approx. 400,000 members,
40% women

Lambeth Young Women's Project

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Purpose: Lambeth Young Women's Project is a volunteer run charity providing services for women in the borough. We currently run a music and arts programme, provide a weekly drop-in service and organise activities to mark important events such as International Women's Day and Black History Month. We hoping to build our services to provide a full time women-only space in the borough of Lambeth.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Law Centres Federation

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Purpose: The Law Centres Federation is the voice of the Law Centres. We champion free legal advice and representation. We seek justice for the most disadvantaged in society by supporting and developing the national network of Law Centres.

Founded:

Membership profile:

League of Jewish Women

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Website: www.thejw.org

Purpose: The organisation invites Jewish women of every shade of opinion in Great Britain. It is the only national Jewish women's voluntary welfare service organisation working in the Jewish and wider community. Members are also encouraged to discuss and invite action on important social issues.

Founded: 1943

Membership profile: Approx. 4000 members

London Borough of Islington Women's Equality Unit

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Website: www.islington.gov.uk

Purpose: Team responsible for driving the equality and diversity agenda across the full range of council services.

Founded:

Membership profile:

London Centre for Personal Safety (The)

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Website:

www.londoncentreforpersonalsafety.org.uk

Purpose: We work to prevent and protect from violence, reduce the fear and impact of violence, and campaign with like-minded organisations to tackle the causes and effects of violence. LCPS gender-aware and holistic training, is provided to a wide range of individual and groups, including women and girls, school children, frontline staff, community groups, organisations for the elderly and people with physical and learning disabilities.

Founded: .

Membership profile:

London Voluntary Service Council (LVSC)

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Purpose: LVSC's vision is for the voluntary and community sector to play a fully empowered and effective role in the diverse life of London. Our mission is to represent, champion and enhance London's diverse VCS through: developing and promoting voluntary sector led solutions to meet Londoners' diverse needs and aspirations; providing a range of accessible, high-quality services in information, support, learning and advice; bringing VCS groups together to co-ordinate activity and opinion and share knowledge.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Low Pay Commission

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Website: www.lowpay.gov.uk

Purpose: The Low Pay Commission (LPC) is an independent statutory non departmental public body set up under the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 to advise the Government about the National Minimum Wage. Our permanent status was confirmed by Government in 2001 and we were given a remit for a programme of longer-term research.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Married Women's Association

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London
NW3 7QL

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Fax:

E-mail:

Website:

Purpose: Legal and financial equality in marriage. Equality is a basic human right.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Mary Seacole Memorial Association

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Website:

Purpose: The Mary Seacole Memorial Association (MESMA) evolved from the Friends of Mary Seacole originally established by Connie Mark (MBE), Shirley Graham Paul and Vie Lawrence. MESMA observe the annual wreath laying ceremony and procession to the grave of Mary Seacole at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Harrow Road London on the second Saturday in May each year.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Medical Women's Federation

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Purpose: The Medical Women's Federation is the largest and most influential body of women doctors in the UK. Our aims are to advance the personal and professional development of women in medicine, to change discriminatory attitudes and practices and to work on behalf of patients.

Founded: 1917

Membership profile: 1,500 members

Men, Women and God

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Purpose: To provide opportunities for women and men to work through issues raised by feminism from a Christian and biblical perspective. To explore the changing roles, relationships and ministries of women and men in the Church. To help bring about wholeness in the lives of women and men and a more biblical partnership within the Church, the home and the society at large.

Founded: 1985

Membership profile: 250 members

Menopausal Research and Information Service

Contact: Maggie Tuttle

Job title:

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Menopausal Helpline
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Phone: 0776 771 0756

Fax:

E-mail: maggie@lamangahealthcentre.com

Website: www.lamangahealthcentre.com

Purpose: The Menopausal Help Line was first established In 1995 after Maggie Tuttle appeared on National Television stating that Hormone Replacement Therapy had many side effects including breast cancer, strokes, blood clots and memory loss. A database has been growing ever since on recorded symptoms and now contains the experiences of over 11,000 women. This work resulted in the first conference ever on the side effects of HRT which was. Since then the helpline continues and a book on Maggie's research is available to order from all bookshops.

Founded: 1995

Membership profile:

Middlesex University

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Website: www.mdx.ac.uk

Purpose: Middlesex University aims to have a culturally and internationally diverse staff and student body. To achieve these aims, we must attract and retain a talented highly skilled and well motivated workforce. We already in a positive position but we are working towards becoming an even more diverse organisation across all areas of our activities. Current activities include full involvement in the widening participation programme for minority ethnic groups and disabled people, we are active members of opportunity now and the university operates a completely flexible retirement policy.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Mothers' Union

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Website:

Purpose: The Mothers' Union (MU) is a Christian organisation which supports and campaigns for families worldwide. The ethos of the organisation is to enable and empower women to effect positive change in their lives and that of their families. The MU achieves this by: lobbying governments at a national and international level; advocating the concerns of members; raising public awareness; and resourcing members to take practical action in their own communities.

Founded: 1876

Membership profile: 128,000 UK members, 3.6 million worldwide

National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO)

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Purpose: NAWO aims to bring widely diverse women's organisations together to achieve equality and justice within a human rights framework. The Alliance enables and convenes networks to promote and educate others on issues of shared concern among member organisations, and carries out policies agreed within the capacity of its resources.

Founded: 1989

Membership profile: Approx. 200 member organisations

National Association of Diocesan Advisors in Women's Ministry

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Website:

Purpose: NADAWM Exists to support all Church of England women clergy in achieving their utmost potential. We envisage a church where we will be free to make a full contribution at all levels for the sake of the churches mission in the world. There currently 40 members and we meet annually for a conference and on other occasion to address specific issues.

Founded:

Membership profile:

National Association of Women's Clubs

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Website: www.nawc.org.uk

Purpose: To advance education and provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for women.

Founded: 1935

Membership profile: 8,000 members in 250 clubs

National Black Women's Network

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Website: www.nbwn.org www.sistahtalk.co.uk

Purpose: The National Black Women's Network (NBWN) was founded in 1999, and is a non-profit network organisations dedicated to raising the status and position of black women in all walks of life. The NBWN provides dynamic initiatives through network support, enabling women from diverse backgrounds and occupations to develop strong professional and social contacts; high quality training and education programmes; leadership and national recognition.

The National Black Women's Network works to ensure that the contribution and influence of black women are recognised as vital forces within the business, corporate, arts, media, entertainment, private and public sector.

Founded: 1999

Membership profile: 4000-5000

National Childbirth Trust

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Website: www.nct.org.uk/

Purpose: The National Childbirth Trust offers information and support in pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood. We aim to give every parent the chance to make informed choices. We try to make sure our services, activities and membership are fully accessible to everyone.

Founded: 1956

Membership profile: 42,849 members

National Consumer Council

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E-mail:
Website: www.ncc.org.uk

Purpose: The National Consumer Council (NCC) uses its insight into consumer needs to advocate change. We work with public service providers, businesses and regulators, and our relationship with the Department of Trade and Industry - our main funder - gives us a strong connection within government. We conduct rigorous research and policy analysis to investigate key consumer issues, and use this to influence organisations and people that make change happen.

Founded: 1975

Membership profile:

National Federation of Women's Institutes

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Purpose: The WI is the largest national charity for women with over a 211,000 members and 7000 local WIs round the country. Through our close community ties and wide-ranging activities the WI plays a unique role in enabling women to turn their interests into achievements and their concerns into campaigns.

Founded: 1915

Membership profile: 275,000 members, 8000 WIs,
70 Federation offices

Newham Asian Women's Project

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Purpose: We initially opened a hostel, providing emergency accommodation for Asian women and their children escaping violent family and home environments. Since then we have expanded and now operate from seven sites, a refuge, a second stage hostel and a resource centre. Services at our resource centre include legal advice, training, mental health support, counselling, Zindaagi - project on self harm, and a young women's support group and other support groups called Teens.

Founded:

Membership profile:

North London Cooperative Party Council

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Purpose: To carry out the political work of the Co-operative Party in North London. The Party Council has 19 branches under its jurisdiction. North London Co-operative Party Council is funded by the Co-operative Group via the Co-operative Party nationally.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Object

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Purpose: Object challenges ' Sex Object Culture ' - the objectification of women, particularly by the normalising of the porn and sex industries - by Lad's Mags or Lap Dancing. We are concerned by the damaging messages and attitudes this promotes about women's status and about men's identity

Founded:

Membership profile:

One Parent Families/ Gingerbread

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Purpose: One Parent Families is the leading charity for working for lone parents and their children in England and Wales. One Parent Families believes we can build a fairer society for all families, in which lone parents and their children are not disadvantaged and do not suffer from poverty, isolation, or social exclusion. We offer information and advice lone parents can trust, through the telephone, our publications, through our website and special events. We act as a centre of expertise, and work with others to improve services, raise awareness and change attitudes. Helpline (08000185026).

Founded: 1918

Membership profile: 1,000 members

Operation Black Vote

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Purpose: OBV aims to help address the BME democratic deficit by:

- Enabling and encouraging a greater sense of citizenship within black and other minority ethnic communities, both locally and nationally.
- Inspiring and encouraging BME political and civic involvement in all areas of public life.
- Encouraging government, the main political parties and opinion formers to make the ideal of inclusive democracy a reality, and monitoring their progress towards it.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Opportunity Now

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Purpose: Opportunity Now is a business-led campaign that works with employers to realise the economic potential and business benefits that women at all levels contribute to the workforce. By inspiring employers to challenge complacency and tackle barriers to women's progress, we encourage an inclusive culture in the workplace.

Founded: 1991

Membership profile: 354 member organisations

Parentline Plus

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Purpose: Parentline Plus is a national charity offering help and information for parents and families via a range of services including a free 24-hour confidential helpline, workshops, courses, information leaflets, email helpline and website. Helpline: 0808 800 2222.

Founded: 1999

Membership profile:

Pre-School Learning Alliance

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Website: www.pre-school.org.uk

Purpose: A registered charity that supports and represents 15,000 early years settings and 500,000 children between 0-5 and their families. It is the largest single contributor to the National Childcare Strategy, Sure Start Strategy and the Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative. It also provides vocational training for pre-school practitioners and explores new ways to engage parents in family and life-long learning.

Founded: 1961

Membership profile: 16,500 member groups, 5000 individual members

Princes Trust (The)

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Purpose: We're a UK charity that helps young people overcome barriers and get their lives working. Through practical support including training, mentoring and financial assistance, we help 14-30 year olds realise their potential and transform their lives. We focus our efforts on those who've struggled at school, been in care, been in trouble with the law, or are long-term unemployed.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Professional Coaching and Development Consultancy

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Purpose: To inspire and encourage people of all ages to tap their inner potential professionally and financially

Founded: 2003

Membership profile:

Public and Commercial Services Union

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Purpose: Trade Union representing members in central Government departments, agencies and linked bodies as well as in the private sector. 60% of PCS members are women. The PCS equality department organise the PCS National Women's Forum for Women Negotiators as well as seminars and education courses for women members and representatives. The department also produces publications on a range of equality issues.

Founded: 1998

Membership profile: 320,000 members

Race On The Agenda (ROTA)

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Purpose: Race On The Agenda (ROTA) is a social policy think tank that has been active since 1986. We work with London's Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities towards achieving social justice by the elimination of discrimination and promotion of human rights, diversity and equality of opportunity. We achieve these aims by informing London's strategic decision-makers about the issues affecting the BAME voluntary and community sector (VCS) and the communities it serves and by making government policy more accessible to London's BAME organisations. MiNet, the regional BAME network, joined ROTA in 2002. Its focus is on strengthening the voice for London's BAME VCS in the development of policy. We also facilitate HEAR, an equalities and Human Rights network.

Founded: 1986

Membership profile:

Rainbo

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Website: www.rainbo.org

Purpose: Rainbo's goal is to improve the lives of African girls and women and empower them to participate in development through improving their access to reproductive health and rights.

Founded: 1994

Membership profile:

Refuge

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Website:

Purpose: Refuge is a national charity for women and children experiencing domestic violence. The 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline provides practical advice.

Founded: 1971

Membership profile:

Refugee Action

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Website: www.refugee-action.org.uk

Purpose: Refugee Action exists to enable refugees to build new lives in the UK. We provide practical advice and assistance for newly arrived women and men asylum seekers and long-term commitment to their settlement through community development work. We campaign on issues such as destitution and safety for women refugees.

Founded: 1982

Membership profile:

Relatives and Residents Association

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Purpose:

- To support older people in care homes, promote their wellbeing and campaign for better standards of care;
- To provide advice, advocacy, support and information to relatives of older people in care;
- To seek to influence policy-makers, regulators, practitioners and care home providers in developing appropriate policies for the care of frail vulnerable older people;
- To undertake project work to develop better care services.

Founded: 1992

Membership profile: 2,000 members

Rights of Women

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Purpose: Rights of Women works to attain justice and equality by informing, educating and empowering women on their legal rights. Our core service is our advice line which offers free confidential legal advice to women. We also provide training, produce publications, organise conferences and undertake policy work. General advice line: 0207 251 6577. Sexual Violence advice line: 0207 251 8887.

Founded: 1975

Membership profile: 450 members

Roselle Antoine Foundation (The)

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Purpose: The Roselle Foundation was established in June 2001 as a charity to provide high quality, best value relief for children, especially those who are underachieving and underperforming to assist in the advancement of their education, learning and research. Our aim is to secure equality of opportunities is at the heart of The Foundation with particular reference to formulating action strategies to find practical solutions for underachievement, whilst promoting high achievers.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Royal British Legion Women's Section (The)

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Purpose: To promote the welfare, by charitable means, of ex-Servicemen and women, the widows, children and dependants of those who have served in any of HM Forces and who find themselves in difficulties. It is a voluntary, charitable organisation - non-political, non-sectarian, with nearly 2000 branches in England, Wales and Ireland.

Founded: 1921

Membership profile: 63,000 members

Royal College of Midwives

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Purpose: The RCM is the only professional organisation and trade union run by midwives for midwives. It is the voice of midwifery, providing excellence in professional leadership, education, influence and representation for and on behalf of midwives.

Founded: 1881

Membership profile: 37,000 members

Royal College of Nursing

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Purpose: The RCN is the voice of nursing in the UK. As a professional organisation and a union, the RCN is run by nurses for nurses. It campaigns on behalf of the profession, and is a leading player in the development of nursing practice and standards of care.

Founded: 1916

Membership profile: 325,000 nurses, midwives
and health visitors

Royal College of Surgeons of England

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Purpose: We run Women in Surgery Programme which is a support group for female surgeons, trainees and medical students as well as targeting young women to address representation of women in the profession. The programme provides networking opportunities and an annual conference. We also provide a careers service catering for young people as well anyone interested in moving into surgery as well as running a Widening Participation Programme aimed at young people who are interested in medical school but come from non traditional backgrounds.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Safra Project

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Website: www.safraproject.org

Purpose: The Safra Project is a resource project working on issues relating to lesbian, bisexual and/or transgender women who identify as Muslim religiously and/or culturally (Muslim LBT women). The Safra Project was set up in October 2001 by and for Muslim LBT women. The issues faced by Muslim LBT women, and the (combination of) prejudices based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, religion, race, culture and immigration status that they experience, are unique and currently insufficiently addressed.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Salvation Army

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Purpose: The Salvation Army is a worldwide evangelical church and a registered charity. Its women's organisation - the Home League - has as its aim worship, education, fellowship and service. The mission of the Home League is to bring women into a knowledge of Jesus Christ, encourage their full potential, equip them for growth in personal understanding and in life skills and address issues which affect women and their families in their world.

Founded:

Membership profile:

SERTUC Women's Rights Committee

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Purpose: We support women trade unionists with information and education. We campaign on industrial, social, and political issues relevant to the interests of our members. We support the aspirations of women trade unionists for equality for women at work, in their unions, and at home.

Founded:

Membership profile: Approx 1 million trade union women are represented by elected delegates.

Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

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Purpose: Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future is an independent, not-for-profit organisation operating globally and registered in the UK. The organisation's mission is to inform, influence, promote and advance sustainable development. Stakeholder Forum fulfils this mission by bringing stakeholder together to discuss options and develop policy recommendations. This work is based on the belief that the involvement of stakeholders in all levels of sustainable development decision-making yields better informed decisions and greater implementation. To support multi-stakeholder processes and ensure meaningful engagement, Stakeholder Forum also undertakes activities related to capacity building, training, and policy development, and engagement with international institutions.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Standing Together Against Domestic Violence

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Purpose: Established in 1998, Standing Together Against Domestic Violence (Standing Together) coordinates the ground-breaking multi-agency response to the crime of domestic violence. Standing Together influences national policy and practice by initiating and driving innovation, providing safer options for women and holding perpetrators accountable.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Stonewall

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Website: www.stonewall.org.uk

Purpose: Stonewall is the national lobby group campaigning for legal equality and social justice for lesbians, gay men and bisexual people.

Founded: 1989

Membership profile: Not a membership organisation but have over 3000 friends

Suzy Lamplugh Trust

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Website: www.suzylamplugh.org

Purpose: The aim is to create a safer society to enable everyone to lead safer lives. The Trust's main activities are to provide resources, training courses and specialist information, and to research and campaign to help all sections of the community. Main achievement has been to raise awareness of personal safety in all aspects of life and successful campaigns for changes in the law, practises and procedures on stalking, sex offenders and mini cabs.

Founded: 1986

Membership profile:

Trades Union Congress

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Website: www.tuc.org.uk

Purpose: TUC is the voice of Britain at work, represents nearly 6.5 million workers, overall objectives are to raise quality of working life and promote equality for all and to be a high profile organisation that campaigns successfully for trade union aims and values. The Policy Officer for Women's Equality responsible for equality in the labour market and in trade unions in general.

Founded:

Membership profile:

UK Asian Women's Conference

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Website:

Purpose: UKAWC aims to inform, advise and involve Asian Women in issues that affect them. The organisation was set up in 1976 by an Asian women for all UK Asian Women. It is independent and has no religious or political affiliation. So membership is open to all women. It is organised on the basis of four regional branches, which work closely with other association addressing issues concerning Asian Women.

Founded: 1976

Membership profile: Approx 450

UK Joint Committee on Women (UKJCW)

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Website:

<http://www.nawo.org.uk/index.asp?page=23>

Purpose: The UK Joint Committee on Women (UKJCW) is made up of 4 sister organisations from the different regions of the UK, comprising Engender, Network of Women's Organisations (Scotland), the Northern Ireland Women's European Platform (NIWEP), Women's Voice (Wales) and the National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO) for England. UKJCW is made up of two delegates from each of these organisations, comprising one delegate and one alternative. One member of UKJCW, alternating between the four member organisations, is elected to represent the UK on the board of the European Women's Lobby (EWL). The UKJCW was set up to co-ordinate a UK view with respect to the EWL and to provide forums for discussion for and information to women and women's organisations.

Founded: .

Membership profile:

UK Sport

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Purpose: Established by Royal Charter in 1996, UK Sport works in partnership with the home country sports councils and other agencies to lead sport in the UK to world-class success. UK Sport is responsible for managing and distributing public investment and is a statutory distributor of funds raised by the National Lottery. World-class performance can only be delivered by world-class personnel and the challenge in the Beijing Olympiad is to develop home-grown expertise to support our athletes. Our international programme will enable us to bring best practice in other sporting nations to the UK. We will also provide clear strategic support to enable sports to bid for and stage major events in this country. UK Sport will promote the highest standards of sporting conduct whilst continuing to lead a world-class anti-doping programme for the UK and being responsible for improving the education and promotion of ethically fair and drug-free sport.

Founded: 1996

Membership profile:

UNIFEM UK

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Purpose: UNIFEM UK is a national charity which raises awareness of and funds for UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women. UNIFEM work in developing countries around the globe to end gender inequality and promote women's rights.

Founded: .

Membership profile:

UNISON

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Purpose: A trade union representing people in the public services, utilities and voluntary sector. With 73% female membership, the achievement of equal pay and challenging sex discrimination are central to UNISON's efforts to protect and improve the terms and conditions of work for members. UNISON has structures for women at local, regional and national level and ensures proportional representation for women on its decision making bodies.

Founded: 1993

Membership profile: 1.3 million members, over 1,000,000 women members

Unite the Union T and G Section

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Purpose: Diana Holland leads the union's Women, Race & Equalities agenda. She has led negotiations, particularly on equal pay and family policy, campaigned on poverty and violence against women, and has advanced justice for migrant domestic workers. Tackling under-representation has been a major priority over many years. A long-standing member of the TUC Women's Committee, she is founding Chair of the International TUC Women's Committee and ITF Women Transport Workers. A former President of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, and Labour Party NEC chair, she is also a member of the minister's advisory committee on disabled people in employment.

Founded:

Membership profile:

United Nations Association UK

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Purpose: The United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UNA-UK) is the UK's leading independent policy authority on the UN and a UK-wide membership organisation encompassing individuals of diverse ages, backgrounds and interests. As we are independent of the UN system and receive no funding from it, we can be critical of its decisions and activities when we need to be and can call for the organisation to be reformed so that it is better equipped to fulfil its fundamental functions: to maintain international peace and security, to promote development and to uphold human rights around the world.

Founded: 1945

Membership profile: 5,000 individual members,
200 affiliated organisations

United Reformed Church

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Purpose: The United Reformed Church is committed to the visible unity of the whole Church. We have frequent dialogue on unity with other traditions and has more than 400 local churches united with other denominations. We are comprised of 150,000 adults and 100,000 children and young people in 1750 congregations spread throughout England, Scotland and Wales, served by some 1100 ministers, both women and men and our structure also expresses our faith in the ministry of all God's people through the structure of democratic Councils by which the Church is governed. Theologically, the United Reformed Church is a broad church. Its membership embraces congregations of evangelical, charismatic and liberal understandings of the Christian faith – in a variety of mixtures!

Founded: 1998

Membership profile: Faith

University Women's Club

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Purpose: The University Women's Club provides an oasis of calm for the professional woman who is either visiting London or looking for a venue that is truly a home from home, safe, pleasant and convenient. Membership is open to graduate and professional women of varied backgrounds and interests and includes lawyers, scientists, writers and musicians. Public rooms are available for private functions and business meetings, with in-house catering provided.

Founded: 1886

Membership profile: 1,400 members

WAND (Women's Association for African Networking and Development)

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Website:

Purpose: A London wide charity committed to supporting African women and their families with special interest in refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, to improve their quality of life and to establish relationships with organisations with similar aims and interests by building partnerships for development.

Founded:

Membership profile:

WATCH (Women and the Church)

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Website: www.watchwomen.com

Purpose: WATCH (Women and the Church) is campaigning to see women take their place alongside men as bishops and at every level in the Church of England. This requires the removal of current legal obstacles to the consecration of women as bishops. WATCH believes that the full equality of women and men in the Church is part of God's will for his people, and reflects the inclusive heart of the Christian scripture and tradition.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Westminster Women's Forum

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Purpose: The Westminster Women's Forum exists to empower women in Westminster to improve their quality of life and that of their communities. It is a member network of the Westminster Community Network (WCN). The Westminster Women's Forum was established to create an effective, independent and sustainable mechanism for communication between the statutory, voluntary and community sectors to enable exploration on areas of mutual concern. The Forum's overarching objective is to promote and facilitate the voluntary and community sector's involvement in local and national agendas around women.

Founded:

Membership profile: Represent 151 organisations

Widows for Peace Through Democracy

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Purpose: To represent widows' voices internationally, regionally and nationally. To increase awareness of importance of addressing widows' human rights in context of data collection, poverty reduction, elimination of harmful traditional practices, peace building (UNSCR 1325), access to justice and participation in decision-making process. WDP is the international spokesperson for widows and wives of the missing with the UN donors, the international community and governments.

Founded: 2001

Membership profile: 30 partners across the world.

WIZO.UK

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Website: www.wizouk.org

Purpose: As the largest Jewish women's network in Great Britain and Ireland, we pursue our goals by involving our members, through education and fundraising, in support of vital social welfare and educational projects in Israel. WIZO's 800 projects, programmes and services throughout Israel are targeted at the most vulnerable sections of society, regardless of race or religion, and respond directly to people's specific needs. We make a real difference to the quality of life of disadvantaged women and their families in Israel

Founded: 1918

Membership profile: 10,000 members

Womankind Worldwide

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Website: www.womankind.org.uk

Purpose: Womankind is the only UK development agency that has at its heart support for women's economic, social and political equality. We work with women, and men, to eliminate gender inequality and to end women's poverty.

Founded: 1989

Membership profile: 4,500 supporters and 52 partner organisation

Women and Health

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Purpose: We are a women only centre providing low-cost complementary therapies. We provide counselling & health groups/classes for women who live, work or study in the London borough of Camden. We are committed to working with all women in the community. Our current projects include, careers, learning difficulties, survivors of incest, housebound women and older women. We provide a structured working environment for alternative health practitioners working within a holistic care setting.

Founded: 1986

Membership profile: 100 service providers, 350 weekly users

Women and Manual Trades

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Website:

Purpose: • To represent and support women working and training in skilled manual and craft occupations in industries where women are under represented.

• To increase the number of tradeswomen working in industries where they are under-represented, and bring about equality for women and promote diversity in those industries.

• To be the authoritative voice on tradeswomen's' issues in industries where they are under represented, and to influence policy and campaign for change.

WAMT provides a range of training, advice and campaigning work to support these aims.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women for Women International UK

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Website: www.womenforwomen.org

Purpose: Women for Women International's UK office is based in London and has begun to reach out to the local community, other NGOs and women's organisations, the government and the media. We are working to raise awareness of the issues faced by women survivors of war - and the work that Women for Women International does to help these women on the journey from victim to survivor to active citizen.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women in Architecture

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Purpose:

- To promote education practice of architecture amongst women.
- To support and advise on equal opportunities.
- To create liaison between like-minded organisations regarding equal opportunities.

Founded: 1854 (Women in Architecture - 1985)

Membership profile: 11% of total membership

Women in Film and Television

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Website: www.wftv.org.uk

Purpose: Women in Film and television (WFTV) is a membership association open to women with at least one year's professional experience in either film, television, or digital new media industries. WFTV exists to protect and enhance the status, interests and diversity of women working at all levels in both film and television. We offer services and free industry related events to members.

Founded: 1990

Membership profile: 1,000 members

Women Liberal Democrats (WLD)

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Website: www.wld.org.uk

Purpose: WLD is the party's official women's organisation and is open to all party members. They actively campaign to encourage women's greater involvement by providing training at national and regional events. WLD also influences party policy by taking a lead role in debates and seeking to set the agenda on issues from women's perspectives. All members receive quarterly newsletters and have the opportunity to attend the annual WLD dinner and conference

Founded: June 1988 Originally founded in 1885

Membership profile: Members in all 12 regions & states of the Federal party

Women Living Under Muslim Laws

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Website: www.wluml.org

Purpose: Women Living Under Muslim Laws is an international network that provides information, solidarity and support for all women whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam. The network aims to increase the autonomy of women by supporting the local struggles of women from within Muslim countries and communities and linking them with feminist and progressive groups at large; facilitating interaction, exchanges and contacts and providing information as well as a channel of communication.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile: No formal membership

Women of Africa

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Website: www.womenofafrika.org

Purpose: • Our Vision: Empowered African parents able to nurture; protect and support their children economically and emotionally within the UK wider community.

• Our Mission: Our project aims to integrate the African community into wider UK society in order to reduce isolation; poverty, cultural misunderstanding and improve the chances of new citizens.

• Strategy: Based on the philosophy that empowered parents nurture, protect and support their children to 21st Century standards, our project provides the following services.

• We support parents to: - Reduce rate of school exclusion; Reduce rate of children being taken into Local Authority care and adoption; provide Advice, Counselling and Advocacy

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Budget Group

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Purpose: Women's Budget Group aims to encourage as well as assist the Government in using gender analysis to improve its economic policy making.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Coalition for Palestine

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Purpose: We are a fundraising organisation for women and children in Palestine. We arrange lectures and spread knowledge and understanding of this cause.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Co-ordinating Group for Churches Together in England

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Website: www.churches-together.org.uk/women.html

Purpose: Co-operation, sharing of resources, networking, working on women's issues across member churches and organisations of Churches Together in England.

Founded: 1997

Membership profile: 23 member churches and organisations. 3 regional groupings

Women's Design Service

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Purpose: Women's Design Service works to ensure that the design and use of the built environment reflects the needs and aspirations of women.

Founded: 1987

Membership profile:

Women's Environmental Network (WEN)

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Purpose: WEN is a unique women-centred organisation campaigning on environmental and health issues from a women's perspective and with a sound scientific basis. WEN offers support and guidance on how to take positive practical action at home and in your local community. We are a charity reliant on volunteer support with a national and international profile.

Founded: 1988

Membership profile: 1,300 members

Women's Health Concern Ltd (WHC)

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Website: www.womens-health-concern.org

Purpose: Women's Health Concern (WHC) was founded in 1972 by a visionary nurse called Joan Jenkins. As a charitable organisation, WHC aims to help educate and support women with their healthcare needs by providing unbiased, accurate information through our advice line, email service, website and medical conferences. A range of information leaflets and fact sheets on the most common gynaecological and sexual health conditions, can be downloaded directly from our website.

Founded: 1972

Membership profile:

Women's Health Network

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Website:

Purpose: Identify, raise awareness and address health and health related issues affecting women. We do this by education, workshops, seminars and conferences. Liaise and network with other voluntary and community organisations and statutory agencies. We also refer issues to the Brent Race, Health and Social Care Forum to take forward.

Founded: 2000

Membership profile:

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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Purpose: Promoting peace and social justice for a fairer world which includes women in decision making.

Founded: 1915

Membership profile:

Women's Leadership Network, FE

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Purpose: The Women's Leadership Network was established to raise awareness of women's issues in the further education sector and to encourage the progression of more women into leadership roles.'

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Network of the Methodist Church

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womens.network@methodistchurch.org.uk
Website: www.methodist.org.uk

Purpose: Women's network exists to encourage, enable and equip women to participate fully in the life of the church and in society, supporting the Church to become truly the whole people of God.

Founded:

Membership profile: Mostly women, 40-8-+ age group

Women's Pioneer Housing Limited

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info@womenspioneer.co.uk
Website:

Purpose: We are a charity that house single women and their dependants and are based mainly in Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Resource Centre (WRC)

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Purpose: WRC is a second tier organisation for the women 's voluntary and community sector. The Women's Resource Centre supports women's organisations to be more effective and sustainable. We provide training, information, resources and one-to-one support on a range of organisational development issues. We also lobby decision makers on behalf of the women's not-for-profit sector for improved representation and funding. Our members work in wide range of fields delivering services to and campaigning on behalf of some of the most marginalised communities of women.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile: 250 members

Women's Sports Foundation (WSF)

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Purpose: WSF is the UK's leading organisation dedicated to improving and promoting opportunity for women and girls in sport and physical activity.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile: 310 individuals

Workers' Educational Association

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Website: www.wea.org.uk

Purpose: It exists primarily to provide adults with access to experienced organised learning which develops intellectual understanding, confidence and social collective responsibility.

Founded: 1903

Membership profile: Approx. 70,000 women students & branch members, 28 national organisation

Working Families

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Purpose: Working families is the UK's leading work-life balance organisation. We help and give a voice to working parents and carers, whilst also helping employers create work places which encourage work-life balance for everyone. Armed by all we hear from our supporters, our Helpline callers and our award winners, as well as our cutting-edge research, we make the case to government and employers for social policy and work-place change that will benefit families, employers and communities.

Founded:

Membership profile:

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

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Website: www.wagggsworld.org

Purpose: Our mission is to enable girls and young women to discover their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is a worldwide Movement providing non-formal education where girls and young women develop leadership and life skills through self-development, challenge and adventure. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts learn by doing.

Founded: 1928

Membership profile: 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 144 countries world wide

Zonta International London II

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Purpose: Zontians are executives who:

- Work to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health & professional status of women through community & international service.
- Encourage women to advance in their careers and excel in all their endeavours.
- Share friendship & fellowship through a local and global network of business, people & professionals engaged in a variety of occupations.
- Further a legacy of women's right & progress that began in 1919.

There are approximately 37,000 Zontians in more than 1,200 clubs in 67 countries.

Founded: 1919

Membership profile: 34,000 members worldwide

NORTHERN IRELAND

Al-Nisa Association NI

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Purpose: The Al - Nisa group was set up in November 1998 by a group of Muslim women in Northern Ireland to address specific problems facing Muslim women in Northern Ireland. Al-Nisa is an independent organisation run and managed by women, supporting Muslim women & working to promote a better understanding, integration & cohesion between communities and provision of educational programmes, information & training services. The organisation provides a support network for women who are living in isolation. Our aims are to:

- unite and organised Muslim women in the community
- to develop and reinforce friendship networks
- to address and discuss the issues relevant to Muslim women
- to decrease the sense of social isolation, within the Muslim Community and to support women in all aspects of living.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Amnesty International UK - Northern Ireland

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Purpose: The Amnesty office in Belfast provides a focus for Amnesty's campaigning and fundraising by people in Northern Ireland.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Ardmonagh Family and Community Group

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Website: www.ardmonagh.org

Purpose: Provide all day child care and offer facilities for women in the local community to meet and train.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Ardoyne Women's Forum

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Website: www.ardoymeassociation.com

Purpose: Community development organisation providing welfare rights service for everyone dealing with social security and housing. The women's forum provide training and lobbying on women's issues and family issues and they meet on a monthly basis.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Ballybeen Women's Centre

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Website: www.ballybeenwomenscentre.org

Purpose: Ballybeen Women's Centre is an integrated service provider committed to enabling women, young people and children to realise their potential and fulfil their aspirations through the promotion of health, personal and socio-economic development.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Bryson Charitable Group

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info@brysongroup.org
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Purpose: We are a Northern Ireland charity committed to identifying and developing a suitable repossesses to existing and emerging social need.

Founded: 1906

Membership profile:

Business and Professional Women Northern Ireland

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Northern Ireland

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Website:

Purpose: BPW is an organisation for women, in any type of occupation and at whatever stage of their career development. Members are given opportunities for self-development, which can help their self-confidence and be of benefit in their career. BPW is a non-party-political lobbying organisation, which gives you the chance to make a difference by influencing policy decisions. In addition, members can receive the encouragement, training and information to apply for public appointments.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Cullyhanna Women's Group

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Cullyhanna

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Co Down

BT35 0PZ

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Website:

Purpose: Cullyhanna Women's Group came together in 1976 to provide social and learning opportunities for women who were living in a social disadvantaged area with restricted employment or leisure opportunities. The group meet every Wednesday night to share skills, knowledge and ideas.

Founded: 1976

Membership profile:

Derry Well Woman

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Website: www.derrywellwoman.org

Purpose: To provide a comprehensive accessible service for women, run by women, encompassing a whole range of women's health issues. To reach women who normally stay away from doctors. To provide health care in a relaxed non-clinical atmosphere. To increase understanding about women's health. To recognise and welcome the development of complementary therapies.

Founded: 1989

Membership profile:

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

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Website: www.equalityni.org

Purpose: The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland is an independent public body established under the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Equality Commission has the vision of Northern Ireland as a shared, integrated and inclusive place, a society where difference is respected and valued, based on equality and fairness for the entire community. The Commission's mission is to advance equality, promote equality of opportunity, encourage good relations and challenge discrimination through promotion, advice and enforcement. The Commission's duties and functions are set out in the legislation for which we have responsibility.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Family Planning Association (N Ireland)

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Purpose: Its mission is "to advance the sexual health and reproductive rights and choices of all people throughout Northern Ireland." Its aims are to: Influence public opinion and policy on sexual health issues. Campaign for changes needed to let people enjoy sexuality free from discrimination, exploitation or coercion. Reduce unintended pregnancy, STIs and improve availability of high quality sexual health services and programmes relevant to users' needs.

Founded: 1983

Membership profile:

Federation of Women's Institutes of NI

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Purpose: To provide opportunities for lifelong learning and for personal and social development. To encourage unity of purpose at home and abroad.

Founded: 1932

Membership profile: 8,000

Footprints Women's Centre

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Website:

Purpose: Our mission is to enable women and children to grow to ensure their voices are heard and that they take their rightful place in a just and equal society.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Gingerbread NI

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Website: www.gingerbreadni.org

Purpose: • To represent one parent families in Northern Ireland and enhance understanding of their needs and aspirations.

• To ensure the development and delivery of appropriate and effective responses to the needs of one parent families.

• To create opportunities to proactively influence and interact with policy makers, service deliverers, decision makers and the public.

• To create a culture of investment in staff and volunteers in recognition of their commitment and dedication to Gingerbread.

• To ensure the development and evolution of Gingerbread is responsive to the needs of one parent families and to influences of the external environment.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Irish Congress of Trade Unions

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Website:

Purpose: The main role of the Women's Committee (NI) of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions is to identify the needs of women in the trade union movement's raise work place and community issues of particular interest to women. To co-ordinate the views and priorities of women in the trade union movement in Northern Ireland.

Founded:

Membership profile: Over 222,000 of which approx. 100,000 are women

Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland

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Purpose: The Commission aims to be 'the strategic organisation for the development of human resource management and the promotion of excellence through people in the delivery of local government services in Northern Ireland.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Methodist Women in Ireland

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Purpose: Aim: "To know Christ and To make Him known". Mission Statement: To enable members through fellowship to deepen their personal commitment to Jesus Christ, relate His teaching in the Home, Church, Community and the World and to share in the Mission of the World Church providing a link with women of other Churches in Ireland and throughout the World.

Founded: **Membership profile:** 120 branches throughout Ireland, approx 1000+ members

Multi Cultural Resource Centre

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Website: www.mcrc-ni.org

Purpose: It identifies, in partnership with minority ethnic organisations, the needs of their clients in relation to education, employment, housing, health services, social services and other aspects of community care. We respond to requests from organisations to advise on racial equality matters and advises on the management of cultural diversity in service delivery.

Founded: 1991 **Membership profile:**

Nexus Institute

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Website: www.nexusinstitute.org

Purpose: Nexus works to respond to the needs of males and females over 17 years of age who have experienced sexual abuse. We provide an effective professional counselling service in the interests of those in need. We provide high quality training to key individuals, groups and agencies throughout Northern Ireland. We increase awareness of the issue of sexual abuse and its consequences among adult survivors through research, public awareness and information services.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile:

Northern Ireland Childminding Association

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Website: www.nicma.org

Purpose: To promote the development of children by providing quality childcare and education in registered home based settings.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile: 2,500 childminding members

Northern Ireland Women's European Platform

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Purpose: Northern Ireland Women's European Platform (NIWEP) is an umbrella NGO with membership groups across a wide range of civil society and social partners in Northern Ireland. NIWEP seeks to ensure that women in Northern Ireland contribute to the debates on women's concerns at local, regional, national, European and international levels.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Queen's University Students' Union

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Purpose: Apart from being a social centre, QUBSU also provides student services such as advice on student finance, welfare and education. It represents students during any academic problems they may have. The Union has over a hundred clubs and societies which students may join. It is the policy of the Union to provide a safe and relaxed environment for all students regardless of race, sex, religion, sexuality, political opinion, linguistic preference or disability.

Founded: 1896

Membership profile: 23,300 members

Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre (NI)

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Website:

Purpose: To provide emotional and practical help to women and girls who have survived sexual abuse. To educate the general public and professionals of the reality of sexual violence Counselling.

Founded: 1982

Membership profile:

Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland

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Purpose: The RCN aims to represent nurses and nursing, promotes excellence in practise and shapes health policies. To deliver our mission we aim to:

1. Represent the interest of nurses and nursing and be their voice locally, nationally and internationally
2. Influence and lobby governments and others to develop and implement policy that improves the quality of patient care, and builds on the importance of nurses, health care assistants and nursing students to health outcomes.
3. Support and protect the value of nurses and nursing staff in all their diversity, their terms and conditions of employment and in all employment sectors the interests of nurses professionally
4. Develop and educate nurses professionally and academically, building our resource of professional expertise and leadership, the science and art of nursing and its professional practice.
5. Build a sustainable, member-led, organisation with the capacity to deliver our mission effectively and in accordance with our values the systems, attitudes and resources to offer the best possible support and development of our staff.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Social Inclusion Unit (Women's Opportunities Unit)

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Purpose: It was founded to pioneer a new approach to women's training and education i.e. personal, professional and political development of students in Northern Ireland. It aims to advance opportunities for students by overcoming barriers to access which deter student's continuing participation in lifelong learning. To introduce a range of innovative courses at outreach, certificate, diploma and post-graduate/masters levels.

Founded: 1990

Membership profile: Approx 1,000 past & present

Townswomen's Guild - Northern Ireland

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Purpose: Townswomen's guilds are groups of women who meet together regardless of politics, race, age, religion, or circumstance, to exchange ideas, develop new skills and interests, and to campaign on various issues. Mandated by company members, current campaigns include the legalisation of cannabis for medical purposes, human and productive technologies and the genetic modification of food.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Training for Women Network

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Purpose: To advance, promote, develop and co-ordinate provision of accessible, high quality vocational and pre-vocational education and training for women in Northern Ireland, leading to sustainable employment. To facilitate vertical and horizontal integration of women in the labour market. To provide a range of services to members and promote good practice in training for women.

Founded: 1996

Membership profile: 147 members

Windsor Women's Centre

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Website: www.windsorwomanscentre.co.uk.

Purpose: WWC has been in existence since 1990, it is a local community resource for women and their families living in and around Blackstaff ward of South Belfast. It is managed by an annually elected committee of women most of whom live locally. It offers a creche for childcare for women in employment and offers a range of educational classes and courses. The Women's Centre actively participates in cross community activities & in local and citywide campaign networks.

Founded: 1990

Membership profile:

Women into Politics

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Website: www.womenintopolitics.org

Purpose: Women into Politics provides support, encouragement and training to all women to bring about their full participation in public and political life. We work to empower women through our political education programmes. We aim to change existing political processes and structures. Our work is based on feminist principles and grounded in a community development ethos. We are independent of all political parties and actively promote good relations throughout our work.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland

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Website: www.wafni.org

Purpose: WAFNI exist to challenge attitudes and beliefs which perpetuate domestic violence. We seek through our work to promote healthy and non-abusive relationships. Women's Aid provides refuge, advice and emotional support to women and children who are experiencing domestic violence. We have 14 refuges and 10 resource centres throughout N.Ireland, as well as the 24-hour Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 917 1414.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Forum Northern Ireland

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Purpose: Women's Forum is an anti-sectarian, non political, voluntary "umbrella" groups for women run entirely by volunteers, with no funding except membership subscriptions and no paid staff or premises. It aims to increase the contribution of women to public life, to promote equality of opportunity and treatment for women, to scrutinise and respond to proposed changes in legislation and consultation documents, to provide a frank, pen forum for discussion/debate and advise government as appropriate.

Founded: Late 1970's

Membership profile: Over 100,000 women, 30 organisations, 8 individual members

Women's Resource and Development Agency

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Website: www.wrda.net

Purpose: It is part of the Women's Sector Regional Partnership, providing leadership and advocacy and supporting women's centres across Northern Ireland.

Aims and objectives:

- Training and capacity building to develop the capacity of women from disadvantaged communities to tackle inequalities affecting them;
- To promote and advocate for women's equality in policy and decision making;
- To tackle health inequalities affecting women, developing, sustaining and supporting health programmes based on social models of health and well being.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Support Network

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Website: www.womenssupportnetwork.org

Purpose: An umbrella organisations for women's groups, centres and projects, which are community-based or adopt a community development approach, It is charitable and feminist organisation, which mainly operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining contact with national and international women's organisations. It plays a unique role in coordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequality and promote positive policy change.

Founded: .

Membership profile: Floor 2, 109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast

NORTH EAST

British Housewives' League

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Purpose: • To provide British housewives with an effective voice in all matters concerning the welfare of themselves and their families.

- To give information and advice so that housewives may take appropriate action.
- To show that over-control by the state is not in the interest of a free and happy home life and the development of personality in accordance with Christian tradition.
- Produce a quarterly publication - The Lantern.

Founded: 1945

Membership profile:

National Assembly of Women

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Website: www.sisters.org.uk

Purpose: We work for full social, economic, legal and cultural equality for women irrespective of age, race, religion, philosophical belief, sexual orientation or nationality. We campaign for peace, an end to the arms trade, the removal of nuclear weapons from this country and against racism, fascism and imperialism.

Founded: 1952

Membership profile: 299 individual members, 25 affiliated organisations

National Board of Catholic Women of England and Wales

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Website: www.nbcw.org

Purpose: NBCW aims to provide a forum in which the Catholic women of England and Wales express their hopes and concerns and convey these to the Catholic Church, the Government and to ecumenical, secular and inter-faith organisations. It disseminates information to its members about members' activities and the other bodies on which NBCW is represented. It is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Founded: 1938

Membership profile:

National Council of Women of Great Britain

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Website: www.ncwgb.org

Purpose: NCW's Vision: A world where it is no disadvantage to be born a girl. Our Mission: To interest and educate women in this country in local, regional and national affairs; To represent their views at the highest possible level; To encourage women to take an active part in public life.

Founded: 1895

Membership profile: Affiliated organisations, 48 branches, individual members

North East Asian Women's Network

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Website:

Purpose: • To celebrate the achievement of Asian women in the North East

- To support and skill Asian women to achieve their full potential
- To raise awareness of issues facing Asian women in the North East
- To contribute to the national and international debate

Founded:

Membership profile:

North East Ecumenical Women's Group

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Website:

Purpose: Members represent all the mainstream churches in North East England. We encourage women to take full part in decision-making in the churches and to change practices which prevent this from happening. We raise awareness in our churches of the issues which affect women's lives. We are active members of the Women's Forum of the North East Constitutional Convention, working for proper representation of women in democratically elected regional bodies.

Founded: 1987

Membership profile:

South Bank Women's Centre

Contact: Sue Anderson

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Purpose: We specialise in access to training and employment with a clear women's empowerment focus. Activities include IT training; sewing, craft and holistic therapies, a creche, and employment and rights advice. We also provide services for black and minority ethnic women in the area. We also have an outreach programme working in the wider area Redcar and Cleveland Area. Activities include: Training, Advocacy / campaigning, Service delivery, Local community renewal

Founded:

Membership profile:

NORTH WEST

Campaign to End Rape and Truth About Rape

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Website:

Purpose: These two sister campaigns exist to challenge stereotypes of rape which suggest that men can't help themselves and that women provoke rape. CER is a lobbying group, involved in campaigning at government level. TAR is a grass-roots campaign which provides innovative materials designed to uncover the truth about rape.

Founded: 1997

Membership profile:

Community Transport Association Ltd

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E-mail: info@ctauk.org

Website: www.communitytransport.com

Purpose: Our mission is delivering social change through leadership, learning and enterprise. Charity, based in London, Hyde, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Cumbria Women First

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Carlisle
Cumbria

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Website:

Purpose: Cumbria Women First aims to advocate on behalf of people with learning difficulties. They network and help women with learning difficulties access support throughout the country.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Muslim Women's Network UK

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Website: www.mw nuk.co.uk

Purpose: The Muslim Women's Network (MWN-UK) is an independent national network of individual national network of individual Muslim women and Muslim women's organisation across the UK. Our aims are:

- 1.To provide a two way channel between Muslim women and the Government through which MWN-UK will bring the diverse views of Muslim women to Government on issues of importance to them, and ensure Muslim women are involved in national policy and decision-making processes relevant to their lives.
- 2.To provide a platform for Muslim women to network and share knowledge, skills and experiences on a wide range of issues and by working together to bring about positive change in their lives and in their communities.
- 3.To raise the profile of Muslim women's groups and Muslim women role models.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Probus Women's Housing Society Ltd

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Website:

Purpose: The object of the Society is to provide quality accommodation for women in the UK. The 44 housing units, in eight properties mainly in southern England, are designed to accommodate one woman only (single, divorced or widowed).

Founded: 1948

Membership profile: 250 members

TULIP GROUP

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Website:

Purpose: To support parents/carers experiencing any type of abuse from their school age children; to promote a safer environment within the home; to encourage families to be Together United Living In Peace; to provide training for professionals.

Founded: 2001

Membership profile:

Union of Catholic Mothers (The)

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Website: www.theucm.org.uk/

Purpose: • To help Catholic married women to appreciate the sacramental character, responsibilities and permanence of marriage to help them bring up their children as public - spirited citizens,

- To teach and defend Christian values in family life,
- To offer love, sympathy and practical help to families in difficulty,
- To support and ensure Catholic education for all Catholic children,
- To encourage and foster vocations in life especially in Christian marriage and family life and to the priesthood and religious life.

Founded: 1913

Membership profile: 7,733 members

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Purpose: We provide evidential and research based consultancy support to the public and private sector, seeking to develop best practice with our clients through a user and needs led focus. Our services range from in-depth qualitative research to policy formulation, development of strategy and change, evaluation of projects and initiatives, facilitation, training as well as advice and support on communication and PR strategies. Working with public and private sector clients, specialise in developing policies and strategies that relate to Black and Minority Ethnic communities, faith-based communities and other groups vulnerable to exclusion.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Business Network (North West)

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E-mail: info@wbn.org.uk

Website: www.wbn.org.uk

Purpose: To support the creation of new networks for women running their own business and to link these networks together across the North West, as a regional membership organisation. WBN offers advice, support and encouragement to network co-ordinators, helping to ensure they maintain their personal levels of motivation and enthusiasm.

Founded: 2001

Membership profile:

Women's Technology and Education Centre

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Website: www.blackburnehouse.co.uk

Purpose: Blackburne House Education, (WTEC), is a unique education centre in Liverpool, which over the past 20 years has pioneered training for women in non traditional areas of work. Awarded Learning and Skills Council Beacon Status, Blackburne House Education is one of the leading providers of adult and community education in the country. Their aim is to provide women with paths into lucrative, enjoyable employment and as a result have changed the lives of thousands of women across Merseyside. They now have an extensive range of courses available from the Foundation Degree in IT to Construction, teaching, ICT, Housing and Management. There are also courses designed especially for young women aged 16 to 18 in Media, Design and Construction and Business and Enterprise. With a variety of onsite facilities including a Nursery, women only Health Place and an award winning Café Bar, Blackburne House Education provides a holistic approach to learning.

Founded: 1983

Membership profile:

Salford Women's Aid

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Website:

Purpose: To support women and their children by providing a range of services. Emergency accommodation, Outreach service and Independent Advocacy advice service. To act as a voice for women locally and lobby the local authority to provide funding for services for women and their children.

Founded:

Membership profile: 60,000

SCOTLAND

Active Learning Centre

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Website: www.activelearningcentre.org

Purpose: The Active Learning Centre works for human rights through education, training, consultancy, research and evaluation in: gender and gender mainstreaming; equality issues and the rights of women and children; democracy, election training and women's participation; poverty, anti-poverty strategies and rights based approaches to poverty reduction; building civil society organisations and their input to policy making; good governance and anti-corruption.

Founded:

Membership profile:

African and Caribbean Women's Association (ACWA)

Contact: Harriette Campbell

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E-mail:

Website:

Purpose: To bring together women of African and Caribbean or of similar origin living in Glasgow for better understanding and cooperation. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare recreation and leisure time occupations, with the object of improving the condition of life of members and their children. To advance the education of members and their children about good citizenship in a multi-cultural and to create social and political awareness among members and to encourage members to participate fully in activities and decision making processes in the communities. To promote our cultural values and encourage the use of first languages.

Founded: 1988

Membership profile: 40-50 members

Age Concern Scotland

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Website: www.ageconcernscotland.org.uk

Purpose: To improve the quality of life for older people in Scotland by ensuring that all older people have their rights upheld, their voices heard and have choice and control over all aspects of their lives.

Founded: **Membership profile:** Approx. 500 local member groups

Amina the Muslim Women's Resource Centre

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Website: www.mwrc.org.uk

Purpose: Amina works with mainstream agencies and policy makers to enhance their understanding of the Muslim community, and of barriers preventing Muslim women accessing services and participating in society. To meet current unmet need we provide direct helping services and community development to Muslim women.

Founded: **Membership profile:**

British Association of Women Entrepreneurs

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Website: www.bawe-uk.com

Purpose: The mandate of the organisation is to provide an environment for women to grow and develop in their business and professions. The organisation encourages women to support each other and also aims to enhance recognition of the achievements of women in business and their professions.

Founded: 1954

Membership profile: 800 members

Children in Scotland

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Website: www.childreninScotland.org.uk

Purpose: Children in Scotland is the national agency for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals working with children and their families in Scotland. It exists to identify and promote the interests of children and their families in Scotland and to ensure that relevant policies, services and provisions are of the best quality and able to meet the needs of a diverse society.

Founded:

Membership profile: Over 300 members

Church of Scotland Guild

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Website: www.cos-guild.org.uk

Purpose: The Guild aims to encourage members "to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and to express their faith in worship prayer and action". This involves the provision of resources for study and exploration based on annual themes and discussion topics, the support of a series of projects locally and internationally related to these themes and engagement with secular society and government on issues relating to justice, equality and ethics in public life.

Founded: 1887

Membership profile: 36,991 members

Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)

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Website: www.eis.org.uk

Purpose: The EIS, as the biggest Scottish teaching union, has a firm commitment to quality education provision for all young people. Through a century and a half of existence the EIS has developed a central role as one of the most respected voices in education in Scotland. The EIS has strong policies for all stages of education- from nursery, primary, secondary and special through to further and higher education

Founded:

Membership profile: 55,000 members of which 2/3 are women

ENGENDER

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Website: www.engender.org.uk

Purpose: A research, information and networking organisation for women in Scotland. Works for equal representation of women and women's concerns in politics and public life. Has produced an annual Gender Audit of women's position in Scotland, a quarterly newsletter for members and other publications. Draws on international experiences on equality, e.g. in relation to women's budgets.

Founded: 1993

Membership profile: 200 members

European Women's Lobby

Contact: Marsha Scott

Job title: Chair

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Website: www.womenlobby.org

Purpose: Founded in 1990, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) is a non-governmental organisation that brings together over 4000 women's organisations across Europe. Our mission is to work together to achieve equality between women and men, to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, to ensure that women's human rights are respected and to eradicate violence against women and finally, to make sure that gender equality is taken into consideration in all European Union policies.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Family Mediation Scotland

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Purpose: Family Mediation Scotland (FMS) is the umbrella body supporting a network of mediation services throughout the mainland and the islands. The aim of family mediation is to reduce acrimony and bitterness, helping parents focus on their children, rather than the differences between them. Also provided is training, child contact centres, publications and groups for parents and young people.

Founded: 1987

Membership profile: 12 affiliated local mediation services

GMB Scotland Regional Rights Committee

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Website:

Purpose: Equal Rights Committee – is responsible for advancing the work of equal rights within the mainstream of GMB Scotland activities the committee acts as an advisory body to the governing regional committee of the GMB.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Scottish Baptist Women's Fellowship

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Website: www.scottishbaptist.org.uk/sbwf

Purpose: Serving God in everything. Throughout our 95 years existence this is a motto the ladies have faithfully tried to fulfil by supporting and encouraging each other and the communities in which they live and also ladies in other countries worldwide.

Founded: 1909

Membership profile: All ladies connected to Scottish Baptist Churches

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

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Website: www.scvo.org.uk

Purpose: SCVO works to promote the interests of voluntary organisations and charities in Scotland: to provide them with information and assistance, to improve their effectiveness and efficiency, and to represent their views to Government and other public bodies.

Founded: 1943

Membership profile: 1,100 members

Scottish National Party - Women's Forum

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Purpose: • To consider Scottish National Party policy as it relates to women.
• To assist in the promotion of the Scottish National Party to women in Scotland.
• To monitor equal opportunities within the Party.

Founded: 1987

Membership profile:

Scottish Women's Aid

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Purpose: SWA is a feminist umbrella organisation for Women's Aid in Scotland. We provide information, support and refuge (safe temporary accommodation) for women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. We also inform, train and lobby for change. as well as support established and new Women's Aid groups in order to maintain and develop refuge provision in Scotland.

Founded: 1976

Membership profile: 39 member groups

Scottish Women's Convention

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Website: www.scottishwomensconvention.org

Purpose: It enables women's organisations to discuss issues and provides them with the opportunities to engage with the Executive, Scottish Parliament and other institutions. The Convention will provide a strategic input into policy development by taking the views of women on issues such as equal pay, violence against women and decision-making in public to policy makers.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Scottish Women's Rural Institutes

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Purpose: SWRI is a non political, non sectarian, women's organisation which is committed, to the advancement of education and training of those who live and work in the country life. To promote the preservation of Scotland's traditions and its rural heritage. To promote the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational and leisure time occupation for its members.

Founded: 1917

Membership profile: Approx. 24,000 members

Stonewall Scotland

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Purpose: Stonewall supporters in Scotland campaigns for equality and justice for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people living in Scotland. We work with businesses, the public sector, the Scottish Executive, the Scottish Parliament and a range of partners to improve the 'lived experience' of LGBT people in Scotland. The work we do involves campaigning on, and raising the profile of, LGBT issues; helping to explain new policies and legislation practically to stakeholders; developing public services to involve LGBT people in Scotland; and working with employers in the private, public and voluntary sector to tackle homophobic discrimination in the workplace.

Founded:

Membership profile:

STUC Women's Committee

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Purpose: The Scottish Trades Union Congress, is Scotland's trade union centre, representing over 633,000 working people and their families. Its purpose is to co-ordinate, develop and articulate the views and policies of the trade union movement in Scotland, representing the aspirations of trade unionists as workers and citizens. The STUC Women's Committee is elected annually at STUC Women's Conference. It carries out a wide range of campaigning, educational and practical work, to promote the women's agenda, tackle gender discrimination and advance gender equality. Key work currently being pursued by the committee include closing the gender pay gap, combating abuse of women, and promoting women in public and political life.

Founded:

Membership profile:

SOUTH EAST

A Brave New World Ltd

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Purpose: A Brave New World Ltd is an innovative career advice company and our mission statement is: To deliver bespoke career development programmes based on the knowledge that each individual should take control and reflect on their own 'intelligent career'. At the heart of A Brave New World's values is a single minded desire to see each individual realise and sustain their full potential. We help individuals identify with what they want out of their careers and empower them to find enjoyment through their work and within their personal life. We bring a unique and valuable dimension to organisations future business strategies through our pioneering training, career development and career exploration programmes.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services (AIMS)

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Purpose: AIMS offers information, support and advice to parents about all aspects of maternity care, including parents' rights, the choices available, technological interventions, natural childbirth and complaints procedures. AIMS produces a series of information leaflets and a quarterly Journal which contains information about obstetric and midwifery practices, research and accounts of individual experiences.

Founded: 1960

Membership profile: 1000 people

Association of Radical Midwives

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Website: www.midwifery.org.uk

Purpose: ARM offers information and help to those having difficulty in getting or giving sympathetic, individualised NHS maternity care. Over 50 local contacts around UK. Free information leaflets "What is a Midwife?" and "Choices in Childbirth". Annual membership £25, (students and unwaged half-price). Membership open to midwives, students and non-midwives.

Founded: 1976

Membership profile: 1,500 members

Association of Teachers' Widows

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Website:

Purpose: To create awareness (UNED/CEDAW) of a case for socio-economical dialogue. To give equity in the home and place of employment. To promote "work ethic" valuation of unpaid work in the home and community.

Founded: 1982

Membership profile:

Balliol Women's Society

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Website: www.ballioljcr.org

Purpose: To create community of women within Balliol college of existing undergraduates and graduates. Represent views of Balliol women at JCR committee meetings and at Oxford University student union council.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Bedford Centre for the History of Women

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Website: www.rhbnc.ac.uk

Purpose: The Bedford Centre is the focal point for women's history in Britain. As a centre of excellence for research into the history of women, it aims to promote interdisciplinary research into gender and gender history and to develop international research links. The centre offers an MA in Women's History (the first established in the UK in 1990) and has a number of associated research students, fellows and projects.

Founded: 1999

Membership profile: 25 institutional partners/associates

British Association for Women in Policing

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Website:

Purpose: BAWP aims to raise awareness and understanding about issues which affect women in the police service; provide a women's perspective on matters which affect police personnel; help share information on developments in policing, and in particular those affecting women; develop a national and international network of professional and social contacts between members; contribute to the continuous professional development of members.

Founded: 1987

Membership profile: Police officers (male and female) of all ranks, and support staff

British Federation of Women Graduates

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Website: www.bfwg.org.uk

Purpose: BFWG was founded in 1907 and promotes women's opportunities in education and public life; works as part of an international organisation to improve the lives of women and girls; fosters local, national and international friendship.

Founded: 1907

Membership profile: 1,500 national, 180,000 world wide

British Women Pilots' Association

Contact: Tricia Nelmes
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E-mail: tricia.nelmes@ukgateway.net
Website: www.bwpa.co.uk

Purpose: The British Women Pilots' Association has just celebrated 50 years of furthering the participation of women in all levels of aviation. It is a dynamic, responsive organisation of like-minded people. We encourage women to fly, both professionally and for pleasure. We provide assistance and support through scholarships, bursaries, advice and training courses to women wanting to pursue careers in aviation. We also act as a voice for the opinions of women in aviation. There are our national awards presented on an annual basis which recognise the significant achievements of women in aviation. And finally we encourage aviation as fun, arranging flying weekends in the UK and abroad, group visits to places of interest, meetings at a local regional group level as well as participation in other national events.

Founded: 1955

Membership profile: 400+

BTCV

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Purpose: BTCV was set up in 1959, and has a successful history of environmental conservation volunteering throughout the UK and around the world. Our vision is for a better environment where people are valued, included and involved and our mission is to create a more sustainable future by inspiring people and improving places.

Founded: 1959

Membership profile:

Business and Professional Women UK

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Purpose: To encourage Business and Professional Women to achieve their full potential by:

- To encourage and train women to take an active part in public life and decision making at all levels.
- To evaluate change working patterns and press for developments in education and training to meet them.
- To strive to ensure that the same opportunities and facilities are available to both men and women.
- To undertake studies of problems common to Business and Professional Women in Europe and throughout the World.

Founded: 1938

Membership profile: 1500+ (UK)

CIS'ters (Childhood Incest Survivors)

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Website:

Purpose: We support adult females who were sexually abused as children by a member of their immediate or extended family. Newsletter quarterly Training for people working with survivors. Usually £1 per meeting. Other rates for workshops. The service is only available to adult females 18+. The helpline is open Saturdays 10am-Noon.

Founded:

Membership profile:

City Women's Network

Contact: President Morris

Job title:

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Uxbridge
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Phone: 0189 527 2178

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E-mail: cwn@byword.org

Website: www.citywomen.org

Purpose: CWN arranges events, fostering friendships among peers and providing mutual support and stimulation to members. Our network addresses the issues facing today's highly-educated and experienced career women. Our aims include encouraging more women to become directors, to take on public appointments and to become trustees. CWN works closely with corporate' internal women's networks. We also play an active part in international networks.

Founded: 1978

Membership profile: 160 members

Cruse Bereavement Care

Contact: Anne Viney

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Richmond
Surrey
TW9 1RG

Phone: 0208 939 9530

Fax: 0208 940 7638

E-mail: info@crusebereavementcare.org.uk

Website:

Purpose: Offers advice and counselling to anyone bereaved by death. This help includes advice on practical matters and opportunities to join support groups and a wide range of leaflets and publications. For a free leaflet or mail order catalogue please send SAE.

Founded: 1959

Membership profile: 150 UK branches with nearly 7000 volunteers

Farm Women's Club - Farmers Weekly (FWC)

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The Quadrant
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Website: www.fwi.co.uk

Purpose: A social club for women living in rural areas throughout the UK, originally started for farmers' wives.

Founded: 1948

Membership profile: 62 clubs

Gender in Education

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Website:

Purpose: To monitor educational developments and policies and their effects in all sectors of education with particular reference to equal opportunities / gender in respect of employees of the service, users of the service and those who exercise power within the service. Also aims to identify "evidence based" need for change/ reform and to lobby and comment as appropriate.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Girl's Brigade England and Wales

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Website:

Purpose: The Girls' Brigade is a Christian organisation and works towards the spiritual and personal development of girls and young women.

Founded: 1965

Membership profile: 31,782 members

Hillcroft College

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Website: www.hillcroft.ac.uk

Purpose: Hillcroft's aims are: to help women who may previously have faced educational or social disadvantages to progress into higher education, vocational training or employment; to contribute to the national development of women's education

Founded:

Membership profile:

Infertility Network UK

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TN40 1JA

Phone: 0870 118 8088
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E-mail: admin@infertilitynetworkuk.com
Website: www.infertilitynetworkuk.com

Purpose: We provide practical and emotional support to those experiencing difficulties in conceiving and those facing a future without children through our More to Life Programme. Practical support includes fact sheets, publications, quarterly magazine and advice line. Emotional support includes helplines and local groups. We also have an inter-active website.

Founded: 2003

Membership profile:

International Alliance of Women

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Website: www.womenalliance.com

Purpose: To fight for equal rights and equal responsibilities between women and men.

Founded:

Membership profile:

International Federation for Home Economics (UK Section)

Contact: Jean Edwardes

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Chandler's Ford
Eastleigh
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SO53 5BX

Phone: 0238 025 3847

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E-mail: jean.edwardes@which.net

Website: www.ifhe.org

Purpose: The International Federation for Home Economics is the only worldwide organisation concerned with Home Economics and Consumer Studies. It was founded in 1908 to serve as a platform for international exchange within the field of Home Economics. IFHE is an International Non Governmental Organisation (INGO), having consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC, FAO, UNESCO, UNICEF) and with the Council of Europe. Our aims are to: Provide opportunities for Global networking among professionals; Promote the recognition of Home Economics in the everyday lives of individuals and families; Promote continuing education in Home Economics; Provide opportunities through practice, research and professional sharing that lead to improving the quality of everyday life for individuals, families and households worldwide.

Founded:

Membership profile:

International Federation of University Women

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Job title: President

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Brasted
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TN16 1JX

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Fax:

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Website: www.ifuw.org

Purpose: IFUW is an international, non-profit organization of women graduates working to promote lifelong education, to improve the status of women and girls, and to enable women to effect positive change for a peaceful, sustainable future.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Josephine Butler Society

Contact: Jenny Paterson

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Penenden Heath
Maidstone
ME14 2JW

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Fax:

E-mail:

Website:

Purpose: We are a pressure group concerned with laws relating to prostitution.

Founded: 1869

Membership profile: Approx. 100 members

Milton Keynes Women & Work Group

Contact: Ms Owen

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Central Milton Keynes
Bucks
MK9 3HP

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Fax: 0190 823 6872

E-mail: rachel.owen@womenandwork.co.uk

Website: www.womenandwork.co.uk

Purpose: To provide information, advice, guidance, training and support to women in the Milton Keynes area to give them the skills, confidence, qualifications and motivation to enter paid employment, voluntary work and/or further training.

Founded: 1978

Membership profile:

National Association of Head Teachers

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RH16 1BL

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Website: www.naht.org.uk

Purpose: The purpose of NAHT is to:

- Provide a ready means of communication for all members to ascertain and give expression to their opinions and to take action when necessary on their behalf.
- Render help to all members in cases of professional difficulty.
- Further the cause of education generally.
- Uphold a high standard of professional conduct among members including equal opportunities for all.
- Regulate relations between members and their employers.

Founded: 1897

Membership profile: 32,000 members

National Association of Women Pharmacists

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Winslow
Bucks
MK18 3BL

Phone: 0129 671 2568
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E-mail: enquiries@nawp.org.uk
Website: www.nawp.org.uk

Purpose: NAWP wants to enable all women to realise their full potential by being educationally and politically active on behalf of our members.

Founded:

Membership profile:

National Childminding Association

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BR1 1TG

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Website: www.ncma.org.uk

Purpose: The NCMA promotes quality home-based childcare in England and Wales so that children, families and communities can benefit from the best in childcare and education. Working in partnership with the Government, local authorities and other childcare organisations, we aim to ensure that every home-based childcarer has access to services, training, information and support to enable them to do a professional job.

Founded: 1977

Membership profile: 48,000 members

NETWORK

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Purpose: Network is a national forum for senior women to make professional and social contacts. We were founded on the precept that everyone needs a support network, that no one gets ahead entirely on their own. Members come from all walks of life. We have no political or religious allegiance. Our only criterion for membership is that the candidate has a record of success in her chosen field.

Founded: 1981

Membership profile: Approx. 400 members, 7 regional branches

Overseas Women's Club

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Bucks
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Fax:

E-mail: loline_reed@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.overseaswomensclub.org

Purpose: The Overseas Women's Club was formed to bring together the women of many nationalities who were living in the UK. The objectives are: To welcome women without distinction of nationality, creed, race or colour. To provide voluntary service in civic, charity and community work when needed. To share and use the expertise of the women coming from various professions and countries represented within the Club.

Founded: 1959

Membership profile: 599 members

Oxfam GB

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Website: www.oxfam.org.uk

Purpose: Oxfam works with others to overcome poverty and suffering. It is a development, relief and campaigning organisation dedicated to finding lasting solutions to poverty and suffering around the world. The UK Poverty Programme works in partnership with local organisations, providing advice, training and support as well as small grants.

Founded:

Membership profile: Not a membership organisation as such but works with many partners and organisation.

Society of Women Writers and Journalists

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Website: www.swwj.co.uk

Purpose: The Society of Women Writers & Journalists is the UK's longest established society for professional women writers. Membership includes many benefits, including a Press Card issued yearly. Please see our website for further details.

Founded:

Membership profile:

WATCH (What About the Children)

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E-mail: chair@whataboutthechildren.org.uk

Website: www.whataboutthechildren.org.uk

Purpose: We provide information from research to parents, professionals and politicians about the critical importance of secure primary attachment for the healthy emotional development of infants. We campaign for employers and financial institutions, government and the health service to institute or improve policies and practises that give practical support to families with young children.

Founded: 1993

Membership profile: 400+ members

Women in Banking and Finance

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Website: www.wibf.org.uk

Purpose: As a leading and non-profit making professional organisations we are committed to empowering our membership to realise their full potential in their personal and professional lives.

Founded: 1980

Membership profile: 800 members

Women in Journalism

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E-mail: wijuk@aol.com
Website: www.womeninjournalism.co.uk

Purpose: Women in Journalism is a networking, campaigning, training and social organisation for women journalists who work across all the written media, from newspapers and magazines to the new media.

Founded: 1995

Membership profile: 500 members

Women Into Business

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Website: www.smallbusinessbureau.org.uk

Purpose: To lobby in parliament for women in business and small business. Activities include an annual women's conference and awards.

Founded: 1976

Membership profile: 6,000 members

Women Welcome Women World Wide

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E-mail:
Website: www.womenwelcomewomen.org.uk

Purpose: Women's International friendship and travel network. Promotes friendship and understanding between women around the world and encourages them to visit one another in their own homes.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile: 3,000 members

Women's Interfaith Network (WIN)

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CR8 3EJ

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Purpose: To foster dialogue and understanding between women of different faiths.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS)

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Website: www.wrvs.org.uk

Purpose: 60,000 women and men volunteer with WRVS. We help older people who are isolated in their homes, communities or in hospital to retain their independence and get more out of life. And our volunteers continue to help people affected by emergencies and disasters throughout the UK.

Founded: 1938

Membership profile: Approx. 100,000 members

YWCA England & Wales

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Website: www.ywca.org.uk

Purpose: YWCA is the leading charity working with the most disadvantaged young women in England and Wales. Young women face unique problems in today's society; they are largely unheard and lack influence. We want a future where they can overcome prejudice and take charge of their own lives. We run services to support them and campaign with them to combat the discrimination they face.

Founded: 1855

Membership profile:

SOUTH WEST

Adele Baumgardt Consulting

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BS32 OHA

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Website:

Purpose: Providing equality and diversity consultancy services

Founded:

Membership profile:

Army Families Federation

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Trenchard Lines

Upavon

Pewsey

Wiltshire

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E-mail: us@aff.org.uk

Website: www.aff.org.uk

Purpose: AFF acts as the independent voice of Army families, raising their concerns and highlighting issues with the Army, the Ministry of Defence and Government, aiming to change attitudes and win a fair deal for Army families worldwide.

Founded:

Membership profile: Approx. 54,000 Army spouses plus their family members

Bristol Women's Forum

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Website: www.bristolwomensforum.org

Purpose: To promote women's equality by lobbying Bristol City Council, and to represent the women of Bristol.

Founded:

Membership profile:

British Computer Society

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Website: www.bcs.org.uk/bcswomen

Purpose: BCSWomen is an e-group formed to provide networking opportunities and support for all women working in IT around the world. It aims to publicise and to celebrate the achievements of Women in Computing. Its activities include mentoring and outreach work to encourage girls and women to enter IT as a career, and women to remain within Computing and to return to Computing after career breaks.

To facilitate widespread and inclusive participation by women throughout the world the group is web-based with a closed Yahoo (groups.yahoo.com/group/bcswomen/) and an open Face Book presence: <http://uniwestminster.facebook.com/group.php?gid=3119665382> as well as its official BCS website.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Business Ethics Ltd

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Website:

Purpose: We aim to help organisations with their ethical stance, we provide training mainly for equality and diversity and also in management, professional mentoring and research on social issues such as unemployment in young people, educational needs of travellers and gypsies

Founded:

Membership profile:

Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse

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Website: www.caada.org.uk

Purpose: It is our mission to help create a consistent, professional and effective response to all survivors of domestic violence in the UK, and in particular those at high risk of harm. We aim to achieve this through the creation of a strong infrastructure for the advocacy sector in particular and other domestic violence professionals in general. We aim to use the evidence of improved safety outcomes for survivors and their children from this approach to shape the attitudes and skills of those working in the sector, those funding the work and those developing policy in the area to encourage the allocation of resources to this work.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Cornwall Council

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Purpose: To ensure that all people living, working, or visiting Cornwall have equal access to services and can participate in public life.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Single Parent Action Network

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E-mail: info@spanuk.org.uk

Website: www.singleparents.org.uk

Purpose: SPAN is a uniquely diverse organisation supporting single parents to empower themselves throughout the UK. SPAN aims to give a voice to one-parents families living in poverty and isolation and support the setting up and development of self-help groups. SPAN develops partnerships with organisations and agencies to improve policies for one-parent families.

Founded: 1990

Membership profile: 1,400 members

University of Bristol

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Purpose: To conduct local, national, and international research studies on violence against women in the context of policy and practice and to make these available to policy makers and practitioners.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Aid Federation England

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k.hogarth@womensaid.org.uk
Website: www.womensaid.org.uk

Purpose: A national co-ordinating office for over 500 domestic violence services across England which provide temporary refuge to women and their children who have experienced violence, both physical and mental, in their home. Campaigns to improve services for such women, funding for refuge & to increase public awareness of the problem of domestic violence. A Freephone 24 hour national domestic violence helpline - 0808 2000 247 - run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.

Founded: 1975

Membership profile: 112 full members WA groups

Women's Farm and Garden Association

Contact: Patricia McHugh

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Gloucestershire

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Phone: 0128 565 8339

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Website: www.wfga.org.uk

Purpose: The Women's Farm and Garden Association is an organisation for today's gardeners and farmers having, for over one hundred years, provided training, support and a voice for women involved in farming and gardening. The Association was founded in 1899 by a small group of women who were concerned about the lack of opportunities for training, employment and advancement for women working on the land. Since then it has worked hard to provide the training and opportunities needed, with career advice and practical help to a large number of women. More recently, the Association set up its very successful Women Returners to Amenity Gardening Scheme (WRAGS), providing practical training that enables its trainees to take up careers in horticulture. Members are also offered a large number of practical training courses, workdays and gardening tours.

Founded:

Membership profile:

WALES

AMICUS

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Website: www.amicustheunion.org

Purpose: Unite the Union is the 'Union for Life,' throughout members' working lives - whatever their job and whoever their employer. Based on the principles of individual and collective responsibility, Unite the Union is dedicated to improving its members' standard of living and quality of life in both the public and private sectors reflecting the changing world of work, supporting workers through a programme of campaigning and organising.

Founded:

Membership profile:

AMICUS Wales

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Website: www.amicustheunion.org

Purpose: To get the best terms and conditions for members. To influence Government policy.

Founded:

Membership profile:

BAWSO Ltd

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Website: <http://www.bawso.org.uk>

Purpose: We are a registered charity who support BME women and children feeling domestic violence throughout Wales. We supply refuges, outreach for tenants in supported housing and mentoring for boys.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Cardiff Women's Safety Unit

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Cardiff
CF10 3AE

Phone: 0292 022 2022
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Website: www.safercardiff.com

Purpose: The focus of the Women's Safety Unit is to direct women and children to safety and to achieve justice. We are a professional and open organisation offering creative solutions to domestic abuse. We work with women to overcome fear and take back control through a range of services which include: Advocacy; Specialist counselling services; Legal services and Refuge provision. To target hardening services which increase safety of the home and the unit provides a "one-stop-shop" thus easing the experience of accessing information and support whilst maximising a woman's safety.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Chwarae Teg

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Purpose: Chwarae Teg leads on promoting, developing and expanding the role of women in the Welsh economy. Key areas of work include; research; evidence based policy development; expert practitioner in delivery of innovative projects. Chwarae Teg works collaboratively across all sectors in Wales to deliver outcomes.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Colwyn Girl Guiding

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Website:

Purpose: Girl guiding is about women assisting young women in their self development through a girl led program.

Founded:

Membership profile: 20

Cunliffe Centre

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Purpose: Centre for people with disabilities

Founded:

Membership profile:

Home-Start Conwy

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Conwy
LL30 2TX

Phone: 0149 286 0842
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Purpose: Home-Start Conwy supports families where at least one child is under five and experiencing stress.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Making Tracks

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Purpose: Making Tracks delivers work in the community through volunteers, it uses social and therapeutic horticulture and in doing so touches the lives of many different people.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Merched Y Wawr

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Website: www.merchedywawr.com

Purpose: To advance society's knowledge of women's achievements and potential in all areas of life. To educate and inform society about the opportunities available to women in public life. To highlight the means of preparing girls for leading roles in all areas of responsibility and decision-making.

Founded: 1967

Membership profile: 7,500 members

National Federation of Women's Institutes Wales

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Website: www.thewi.org.uk

Purpose: The purpose of the WI is to encourage and enable women: to enhance their lives and play their part in the community through education and public debate; to improve their lives and the lives of those around them; to lead fulfilling lives and to be of value in the community and nationally by influencing policy/decision makers; to provide a friendly atmosphere where women can be inspired and enlightened.

Founded: 1915

Membership profile: 17,000 members in Wales

RASASC (Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre)

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Website:

Purpose: RASASC we offer support service to anyone aged 14 and over who have suffered any kind of sexual assault whether recently or in the past. We offer a telephone helpline, face to face counselling, support sessions, accompanying service and awareness raising. Helpline number is 01286 669266.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland

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South Wales

SA11

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Fax:

E-mail: moy.r@tiscali.co.uk

Website: www.soroptimist-ukpac.org

Purpose: Soroptimist International is a worldwide organisation for women in management & the professions which works through services projects to advance human rights & the status of women. It is an association of four international federations, each of which is divided into regions. These regions are composed of local clubs for professional and business women.

Founded: 1923

Membership profile: 325 clubs within Great Britain & Ireland

South Wales Police

Contact: Superintendent James

Job title: Chair- South Wales Female

Police Association

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South Wales Police Headquarters

Cowbridge Road

Bridgend

CF31 3SU

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Website:

Purpose: The Female Police Association is 'working to provide a positive working environment for female members of staff and to raise the profile of female staff within the South Wales Police, thereby improving the quality of service to the public of South Wales'. This aim is supported by the following objectives:-

- To provide a support network for women employees,
- To identify areas of discrimination specific to women and help to eliminate and address it in a positive manner,
- To make a positive contribution to increasing the representation of women in specialist departments and in the management structure,
- Assist in the development of new and existing staff where necessary and,
- Assist in activating a policy of reconciling family life and professional life for women and men.

Founded:

Membership profile:

South Wales Police Minority Support

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CF31 3SU

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wales.pnn.police.uk
Website: www.south-wales.police.uk

Purpose: We liaise with local support groups and agencies to assist with any incident which concerns any minority issues as well as statutory bodies. This can include issues surround FM, HBV, disability, asylum, travellers, refugee, FGM, homophobia and transphobia.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Standing Conference of Women's Organisations

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CF24 IRP

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Website:

Purpose: It is an umbrella organisation which brings together representative of local units of all kinds of national women's organisations and family groups. It is non-political and non-sectarian. No organisation need take part in any activity which is not consistent with the declared policy of its own national body.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Stonewall Cymru

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Website: www.stonewallcymru.org.uk

Purpose: Stonewall Cymru aims to achieve legal equality and social justice for lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Wales. We aim to provide an all Wales organisation that will work individually and in partnership with agencies, organisations, statutory bodies and individuals inside and outside the LGB sector to:

- Promote the human rights and equal treatment of LGB people; Challenge discrimination against LGB people;
- Articulate the needs and interests of LGB people and represent these to the National Assembly for Wales and other appropriate bodies;
- Consolidate and develop the infrastructure with LGB communities across Wales to enable them to contribute to and have representation in policy developments.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Swansea Chinese Community Co-op

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37-38 The Kingsway
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SA1 5LF

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Website:

Purpose: To assist the Chinese people to obtain their entitled welfare and benefits; to provide leisure activities; to promote Chinese traditions and culture; to advocate social harmony and to advance peaceful and friendly relationship between Chinese and other ethnic groups and to organise educational and cultural events.

Founded: 1996

Membership profile:

UNISON Wales

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Website: www.unison.org.uk

Purpose: A trade union representing people in the public services, utilities and voluntary sector. With 73% female membership, the achievement of equal pay and challenging sex discrimination are central to UNISON's efforts to protect and improve the terms and conditions of work for members. UNISON has structures for women at local, regional and national level and ensures proportional representation for women on its decision making bodies.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Unite the Union T and G section Welsh Officer

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Website:

Purpose: Unite the Union is the 'Union for Life,' throughout members' working lives - whatever their job and whoever their employer. Based on the principles of individual and collective responsibility, Unite the Union is dedicated to improving its members' standard of living and quality of life in both the public and private sectors reflecting the changing world of work, supporting workers through a programme of campaigning and organising

Founded:

Membership profile:

Wales Assembly of Women

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Website:

Purpose: To provide a platform for women in Wales ensuring participation in dialogue with decision-making bodies at local, national & international levels. We respond to government consultation documents, pressing for measures to improve life in the rural & urban environment especially through the National Assembly for Wales. In the United Nations procedures we work in association with the Women's National Commission for equality, development & peace.

Founded: 1984

Membership profile: 450 including 26 organisations = 17,000 members

Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline

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Website: www.wdah.org

Purpose: The Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline is the national free support and information service for women, children and men in Wales who are experiencing or who have experienced abuse at the hands of someone close to them. It is also an information service for people who are concerned about someone they know, and for agencies that need information on the support available in Wales for adults and children.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Wales TUC Women's Committee

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Website: www.wtuc.org.uk

Purpose: • To campaign for a fair deal at work and to promote social justice.
• To promote the value of trade unions.
• To support our member unions.

Founded: .

Membership profile:

Wales Women's National Coalition (Women's Voice)

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Fax:

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Website: www.womensvoice.org.uk

Purpose: Wales Women's National Coalition (also known as Women's Voice) is an umbrella group for women's voluntary organisations in Wales. It represents over 75,000 women and over 33 member organisations. These organisations are predominantly national and have a membership consisting mainly of women. Women's Voice works with a wide variety of voluntary sector organisations and represents women from many different backgrounds, from a wide range of ethnic minorities to women graduates. Women's Voice provides its members with support, capacity building, information and consultation on key gender issues at a local, national and international level.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Welsh Labour Women's Committee

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Website: www.welshlabour.org.uk

Purpose: To campaign and promote women's issues both within the Labour Party by working with party members, AM's, MP's, councillors and MEP's and with voters by campaigning on issues important to women.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Welsh Women's Aid

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Website: www.welshwomensaid.org

Purpose: Welsh Women's Aid is a national umbrella organisation representing local Women's Aid groups in Wales. Our 34 member groups provide direct women-centred support in the community and in refuge to thousands of Welsh women and children who have or who are experiencing Domestic Violence. Welsh Women's Aid provides specialist training and support to member groups on housing, legal and children's issues and lobbies and campaigns on their behalf at a national level.

Founded: 1978

Membership profile: 33 member groups - women aid stamps

West Rhyl Young People's Project

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Purpose: West Rhyl Young People's Project (WRYPP) is a Charity for young people aged 14 to 25, based in the most disadvantaged ward in Denbighshire. It provides an accessible centre with information, support and a range of informal learning opportunities intended to improve skills, awareness and individual capacity to undergo positive transition into adulthood. WRYPP takes a holistic approach to working with young people; facilitating the acquisition of knowledge and skills that will enable them to make informed life choices. In a safe and non-judgemental environment young people are encouraged and supported to break the cycle of poverty and poor health. WRYPP delivers three separate services: an open access Drop-in and Sexual Health Clinic, and targeted groupwork through Pixel - alternative education programme; and Viva - lesbian, gay and bisexual young people's service.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women in Jazz Charitable Trust

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Website: www.womeninjazzswansea.org.uk

Purpose: Empowering women through PARE: Performance, Archive, Research and Education

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Art Association

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Wales
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Website: www.womensarts.co.uk

Purpose: To develop and support the provision of creative opportunities for women in the arts, to develop for women in South East Wales to enjoy and practise the arts, to increase recognition of the contribution made by women in the arts and develop opportunities for mutual support amongst women in the arts.

Founded:

Membership profile: 700

Womens Group (The)

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Worker

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Anglesey
LL65 2EG

Phone: 0140 776 5800

Fax:

E-mail: Mary@morlo.co.uk

Website:

Purpose: The aims of the Women's Group are to alleviate the effects of poverty in the community of Morawelon and London Road in Holyhead. They have particular concerns in terms of drug abuse, teenage pregnancies, debt and domestic violence.

Founded:

Membership profile:

WEST MIDLANDS

AAINA Asian Women's Group

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Website: www.aainawomenscentre.co.uk

Purpose: We are a registered charity offering culturally sensitive and gender appropriate services tailored to meet the needs of minority ethnic women and children from disadvantaged communities in Walsall and across the Black Country. Our services include education and training courses, support groups, volunteering and training opportunities, recreational activities, forums and focus groups, and comprehensive activities for all ages. We also organise regular social events and holidays activities locally.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Adept Community Development Agency

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Website: www.adept.org.uk

Purpose: ADEPT is a ground-breaking community development and capacity building agency delivering project work, training and consultancy at local and national levels. It is a not-for-profit social enterprise, registered both as a charity and as a company limited by guarantee. ADEPT offers services to local partnerships, local authorities, voluntary organisations, community development agencies, community groups, community empowerment networks, and others.

Founded:

Membership profile:

BETI (Birmingham Empowerment Training Initiative)

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Purpose: BETI (which means "cherished daughter" in South Asian languages) was set up by women from diverse backgrounds with the aim of nurturing, supporting and inspiring each other and the women we work with, in order to fulfil potential and improve the quality of life, both in terms of physical and of mental health. We work mainly with women from marginalised communities to help build confidence and to support independence and empowerment, so that they can access mainstream services, contribute to social cohesion and play an active role in society.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Birmingham Women's Advice and Information Centre

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Website: www.birminghamwomensadvice.co.uk

Purpose: To raise awareness and address the unequal position of women in today's society. To facilitate the personal development of women, and to enable women to identify and articulate their individual and collective needs. We offer a free and confidential information support counselling referral and signposting service, for women and those who work with women. We are also a drop in centre open Monday to Thursday. 9.30-4pm

Founded: 1983

Membership profile: 60+ women

Catholic Women's League

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Website: www.catholicwomensleague.org

Purpose: To promote religious and intellectual interests and social work. To ensure the representation of Catholic interests on important bodies and to form and give collective expression to Catholic public opinion.

Founded: 1906

Membership profile: 7,000 members

CONNECT

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Purpose: Connect is a campaigning union representing 20,000 managers and professionals in the communications industry and affiliated to the TUC and UNISON.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Gender Statistics Users Group

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Website: www.eoc.org.uk

Purpose: The group was formed in 1998 and consists of academics and members of civil society. The purpose is to improve the production and reporting of statistics contributing both to the understanding of gender difference and inequalities in the UK and to the development of policies related to those differences and inequalities.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Hindu Women's Network

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Website:

Purpose: To bring about an awareness of the changes that are reshaping the culture of our community and the impact on our traditional values and beliefs. We feel that it is important to take our children into the future with positive values and beliefs regarding identity and culture. We want to help women use their knowledge and skills efficiently.

Founded: 1996

Membership profile: 53

Minerva - The Independent West Midlands Women's Alliance

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Website:

Purpose: Regional women organisation in the west midlands for groups and individual activists and lobbyists

Founded: **Membership profile:** 7 member organisations and growing

Muslim Voice UK

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Birmingham
B28 0DY

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Website: www.mvuk.co.uk/index.asp

Purpose: Muslim Voice UK (MVUK) will bring the opinions of ordinary Muslims to the fore by carrying out surveys on issues that are of concern to them. Statistics and results will be sent to appropriate organisations (media, Government etc). MVUK will also help organisations to understand the Muslim consumer better by carrying out market research on products and services used by the Muslim community.

Founded: **Membership profile:**

National Association of Widows

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Website: www.nawidows.org.uk

Purpose: Aims:

- To provide help, advice and comfort to widows and widowers and others whose partners have died,
- To help in whatever way possible to ensure that a widow and widowers maintains their spirit, and independence and takes their rightful place in society,
- To offer social interaction and personal development opportunities to widows and widowers.
- To ensure that the needs of the widow and widower are not forgotten.

Founded: 1971

Membership profile: than 2,000 members

Relate

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Website: www.relate.org.uk

Purpose: Relate is a national registered charity with over 50 years' experience in helping people with their relationships. We offer counselling, sexual therapy and other services to help with difficulties in marriage or in any adult couple relationship.

Founded: 1938

Membership profile: 108 Relate Centres

Savana

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Phone:

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Website:

Purpose: To provide a counselling, support and information service for women and girls who have experienced sexual violence/abuse, recent or historic. To provide other services to support our aims e.g. training, awareness raising and outreach. To work in partnership to ensure the needs of sexually abused women are recognised in other service provision.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Townswomen's Guilds

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Website: www.townswomen.org.uk

Purpose: Townswomen's guilds are groups of women who meet together regardless of politics, race, age, religion, or circumstance, to exchange ideas, develop new skills and interests, and to campaign on various issues. Mandated by company members, current campaigns include the legalisation of cannabis for medical purposes, human and productive technologies and the genetic modification of food.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Training Opportunities

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Purpose: We are a Wolverhampton based learning provider established in 1994, offering a wide range of high quality learning (see Programmes for details). We have a proven record of learner success well above the national average for work-based learning. We also offer careers advice and guidance by professionally qualified staff. Our training is flexible and fits around your work commitments. Our Trainers and Assessors are friendly and always happy to help. Training Opportunities is committed to a policy of equality, diversity, inclusion and accessibility in the delivery of services to learners, staff, volunteers and associates.

Founded:

Membership profile:

WAITS (Women Acting in Today's Society)

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Website: www.waitsaction.org

Purpose: WAITS supports women to develop community based groups around issues that effect women, their families or community. WAITS also provides holistic support for women who have been through domestic abuse. Which includes support, advocacy, befriending, survivors groups specifically for Black and Minority Ethnic women and a Chinese project too. WAITS works at a grassroots level bringing women together with policy makers.

Founded: 1992

Membership profile: Women

Warwick Anti-Sexism Society (WASS)

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Students' Union

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Coventry

CV5 6GP

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Website: www.antisexism.org

Purpose: WASS was founded in 2005 and has gone from strength to strength. Our aim is to bring women and men together to combat sexist attitudes and practices in our society, tackling the inequalities that exist inside and outside of university. We endeavour to raise awareness and campaign on issues around sexism.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women's Food Farming Union

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Website: www.wfu.org.uk

Purpose: Founded in 1979, this voluntary organisation is committed to promoting an understanding of and confidence in all aspects of quality British produce. WFU acts as a catalyst promoting the exchange of ideas between the producer, the food industry and the consumer; Understands and addresses the concerns of consumers; Informs young consumers about the production of good British food and farming. (Farming in the Classroom for Primary Schools); Encourages co-operation between the many industries related to food and farming; Monitors production methods, scientific developments, retail products and the presentation of food in the marketplace and lobbies opinion formers and government, and presses for responsible balanced reporting in the media on food topics.

Founded: 1979

Membership profile:

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

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Website:

www.methodistandunitingchurchwomen.org

Purpose: To know Christ and make him known. In over 60 countries around the world the WFMUCW is a symbol of spiritual ties, unity, sisterhood and opportunity for the development of international understanding. Our agenda is set by the UN Millennium development goals and all our work, through conference, publications, exchanging stories and encouraging one another is aimed at putting these into practise.

Founded: 1939

Membership profile: 220,000 members in British unit

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

Agency for Culture and Change Management

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Purpose: • Campaign against harmful traditional cultures, in particular female genital mutilation (FGM) that violates girls and women's human rights.
• To develop improved access to appropriate services for victims of violent traditional cultures.
• To lobby government officials, politicians and local authorities to improve the law to protect vulnerable girls and women and ensure that funding is available to enforce the law and develop services.
• We also undertake awareness raising, training and producing culturally relevant information for professionals and communities.

Founded:

Membership profile:

ATL (Yorkshire) Ltd

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Purpose: ATL is committed to representing and promoting the BME sector in Yorkshire, delivering services to a diverse, innovative and dynamic business and community sector. ATL aims to provide accessible and inclusive quality services to socially excluded communities. ATL works actively for the economic regeneration and development of the region by actively engaging with a wide range of private and public sector partners. ATL is connecting enterprise and diversity.

Founded:

Membership profile:

BME Women's Forum

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Job title: Management Committee

Member

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shazia@offer.org.uk

Website:

- Purpose:**
- Empower BME women to contribute to strategic decision making
 - Provide a voice for BME women and have their opinions fed into strategic planning processes; promote positive equality and diversity
 - Support and develop role of BME women in the region.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Centre for Women & Democracy

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Purpose: The Centre for Women and Democracy is an independent, not-for-profit, non-partisan organisation based in the North of England working to increase the representation of women in public life, politics and the democratic process. It carries out and publishes research, organises events, campaigns to raise awareness, builds networks and is working to provide access to training.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Fair Play Partnership

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Purpose: Fair Play Partnership is a not for profit organisation which promotes equality and diversity in employment, public and community life across Yorkshire and the Humber region.

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: Leeds-based, legal advice, support and advocacy for women who have experience domestic or sexual violence or abuse.

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: We aim to give women a voice by providing information, services and activities to enable all women to take control of their lives. It is run by women for women and offers a range of services including creche, courses, information service, outreach and advocacy, volunteering opportunities, counselling, and a meeting place for other women's groups. Services are free.

Founded: 1979

Membership profile:

Justice for Women Leeds

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Purpose: Justice for Women is a feminist campaign group. We support and campaign on behalf of battered women who kill, who have been unfairly treated by the courts. We campaign for changes in the law so that it recognises women's experience of male violence and challenge a system that fails to deal effectively and adequately with violent and abusive men.

Founded: .

Membership profile: 250

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Purpose: The Miscarriage Association provide support and information on miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy. We co-ordinate a UK-wide network of telephone contacts and support groups, publish leaflets and fact sheets on pregnancy loss, and aim to raise public awareness and sensitivity. Helpline: 01924 200799

Founded: 1981

Membership profile: 1,500 members

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Purpose: A friendship and service organisation working in great Britain and Ireland

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: NGH is the only National Non-Government Organisation working solely on homeworking issues. We work at a national, regional and local level with organisations and individuals who wish to address the concerns of homeworkers. It is because of our regular contact with homeworkers that we have the authority to claim to be the national voice on homeworking. We are based at the Dock Street Buildings near Leeds City Centre, West Yorkshire in the UK. Aims: to improve the working terms and conditions of all homeworkers in the UK so that homeworking becomes a real employment option for those who wish to work at home. NGH is committed to ensuring that the contributions made by homeworkers to the economy are recognised.

Founded: .

Membership profile:

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Purpose: To promote the interests, equality and well being of women regardless of class, age, disability, race, sexuality, political and religious persuasion.

Founded:

Membership profile:

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Purpose: The mission of the UKRC is to improve significantly the participation and position of women in SET occupations in industry, research, academia and the public services, to benefit the future productivity of the UK and the lifetime earnings and career aspirations of women

To deliver on this, we aim to:

- provide a centre of excellence, accessible to the whole of the UK, for government, employers, research councils, educators, careers professionals, the media and women seeking information, data, advice and best practice solutions regarding entry, retention and advancement practices for women in science, engineering and technology
- promote science, engineering and technology as viable and attractive career options for women
- influence, advise and embed equality practices into organisations to enhance the career opportunities for women in the science, engineering and technology professions and routes into these careers
- deliver and promote services to support women's entry, return and progression in SET learning and employment and foster women's engagement and participation – focussing on key life and career transition stages.
- reduce fragmentation and reinvention of UK gender and SET activities and support women in SET organisations and networks.

Founded: 2004

Membership profile:

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Purpose: Voice UK aims to promote equality and inclusion in the criminal justice system. In particular we aim to assist vulnerable victims of crime and abuse, especially victims with learning disabilities, to obtain justice. Voice UK aims to ensure that victims, their families their carers and supporters were aware of their rights and how to assert them. Also, to raise awareness throughout the criminal justice system and the public of the needs of vulnerable victims. Voice UK's Equal Access to Justice Project is about helping people with learning disabilities to get equal access to justice in the criminal justice system. The project involves providing Training to advocacy groups and people who work in the criminal justice system and informs people about crime and abuse issues.

Founded: .

Membership profile:

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Purpose: WiTEC was formed as a network in 1988 and after more than ten years of networking and project activities related to women and SET, established itself as a non-profit European association in May 2001.

WiTEC has the following aims at European level:

- To increase the number of girls and women studying SET subjects and to help them progress to related careers;
- To develop women's technical and entrepreneurial skills through training initiatives and projects;
- To create information exchanges and networking opportunities for women in SET;
- To promote and support research into areas relating to women in SET;
- To support initiatives to promote the Gender Mainstreaming Policy;
- To promote regional, national and international awareness and interest in this field.

Founded:

Membership profile:

Women Into Work - Building Futures

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Purpose: Women into Work: Building Futures is an initiative working to promote opportunities for disadvantaged women in traditionally male dominated roles and sectors. We have several initiatives:

- Clean Break are promoting opportunities for women from black and minority ethnic groups in the traditionally white and male dominated sector of technical theatre, and the white dominated sector of stage management;
 - Stonham are offering women the opportunity to take part in traineeships in male dominated departments;
 - A local construction company is planning to work in collaboration with the programme;
- Connexions are also working with Women into Work: Building Futures to influence the way in which careers advice is presented to girls and Sheffield Hallam University are running workshops with women to raise awareness around non-traditional occupations.

Founded: WIW 2002, SOVA 1975

Membership profile:

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Purpose: UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programmes and strategies to foster women's empowerment and gender equality. Placing the advancement of women's human rights at the centre of all of its efforts, UNIFEM focuses its activities on four strategic areas:

- (1) reducing feminized poverty,
- (2) ending violence against women,
- (3) reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls, and
- (4) achieving gender equality in democratic governance in times of peace as well as war.

Founded:

Membership profile:



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