

Glencree Women's Leadership Programme

Supporting and empowering women through the All-Island Women's Peacebuilding Network



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Empowering Women in Peacebuilding

The Glencree Women's Leadership Programme aims to support and empower women on the island of Ireland who have experience of political conflict/violence to become active leaders in the political processes that promote peacebuilding.

Funded by the Reconciliation Fund of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the programme is designed to help women who have been impacted by political conflict to become more confident and effective members of civil society, expand their influence in the peacebuilding process and gain more equal access within the political decision-making arena.

Integral to the programme is the Glencree All-Island Women's Peacebuilding Network that was launched in 2020. Glencree is uniquely positioned to facilitate this Network and its activities as a result of our established, trusted relationships with women across diverse and marginalised communities, together with our expertise and network in critical areas of policy, influence, conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Engaging women across the generations in the political processes that support peacebuilding



Glencree All-Island Women's Peacebuilding Network

The Glencree All-Island Women's Peacebuilding Network builds networks and relationships with, and between, women who have been impacted by political conflict/violence in Ireland, Northern Ireland or their conflict-affected country of origin.



Learning from Women with experience of political conflict/violence

The Network was born out of learnings from our engagement with women who took part in activities of the Women's Leadership Programme. Glencree also drew on findings of an independent scoping exercise that engaged with women in conflict and post-conflict communities internationally, in Northern Ireland and in the asylum process having fled conflict zones.

Connecting Women across generations, communities, cultures & ethnicities

Reaching across traditional divides, the Network engages women, as community leaders, across the generations from cross-community backgrounds in Northern Ireland, cross-border rural regions and migrant, refugee and marginalised minority communities living in Ireland. It provides a safe space to build relationships of trust and collaboration on issues of relevance to women in peacebuilding and conflict transformation.

Supporting Women as actors in peacebuilding and post-conflict transformation

Drawing on available resources and reflecting the needs and interests of the women involved in the network, Glencree facilitates events and activities designed to support women in having their voices heard in the political decision-making arena.

These range from residential dialogues, thematic workshops and webinars, to training courses and learning exchanges. Participants also have opportunities to engage in dialogue with experienced influencers in political and civil society at local, national and international level. Further collaboration and ownership by network participants is also encouraged through self-led projects and activities.

A safe-space network for women to build reciprocal relationships based on common concerns, interests and experiences in peacebuilding and conflict transformation

Giving Women a Voice in peacebuilding policies and decision-making

The Glencree Women's Peacebuilding Network is aligned to the policy framework of UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security which acknowledges the disproportionate and unique impact of armed conflict on women and girls, and calls for greater participation by women and the need to incorporate a gender perspective in the peace and security effort. It also works in support of the Third National Action Plan.



Glencree All-Island Women's Peacebuilding Network **Aims**



Promote dialogue, reconciliation, tolerance and respect across and between communities, identities and cultures.



Support women to identify, engage in and influence political processes that support peacebuilding and conflict transformation in Ireland or in their conflict affected countries.



Support women to engage in policy conversations related to women's needs and rights in the context of peacebuilding and post-conflict transformation.



Facilitate women engaged in the Network to collaborate with each other and with their existing Networks.



Strengthen awareness of UN Resolution 1325 and the Irish National Action Plan and support initiatives for their greater application in peacebuilding processes relevant to women.



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